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## THE WHITE ROSE OF YORK.

It is not every lodge that is ushered into existence under such a favourable combination of circumstances as that which, a short while since, was added to the roll of West Yorkshire, and now meets in the busy town of Sheffield. We allude, of course, to the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, which was constituted by the newly installed Prov. G. Master, on the 27th ult. What particular reason the founders may have had for selecting this title is a riddle we shall not attempt to solve. We are not aware of any particular sympathy—to our mind, indeed there would be a natural antipathy—existing between the beautiful emblem of the Yorkist line of the Plantagenets, and the soot and grime of a citylike Sheffield, where men toil the day and night through in the manufacture of cutlery and those large and massive plates which are made for the protection of our battle-ships. But as Bro. JACKSON remarked, in the course of his address on the occasion, the reason why that name has been chosen for the youngest of the Sheffield lodges is immaterial. What it concerns us chiefly to realise is that the White Rose of York Lodge was, as we have said, consecrated amid a combination of favourable circumstances which are not often to be met with. There was a large attendance, larger even than might have been expected; a spirit of earnest enthusiasm pervaded the whole of the proceedings; the founders, to whose zeal we are indebted for this addition to the roll of lodges, are known to be good and true, who may be trusted to carry out the difficult task they have undertaken thoroughly and well; the oration which it is customary to deliver at the birth of a new lodge, was, of its kind, a model of excellence; while the short address which the Provincial Grand Master was prompted to deliver at the close of the consecration was in all respects admirable, and if the founders and members hereafter to be elected will only respond—as we have no doubt they will respond—with alacrity to the wholesome advice which their Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master so kindly tendered, the success of the White Rose of York is assured beyond the possibility of question.

We have said that the oration delivered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain and the address of the Provincial Grand Master were in all respects admirable. We recognise that, as regards a long series of orations on the same subject, there must always be a strong family likeness pervading them. It is hardly possible for any one, or for any body of men, to be always harping upon a single string, without repeatedly producing the same note; but, though our Rev. Bro. DUNBAR traversed no new ground, he must have contrived to infuse into the minds of his audience the idea that they were listening to remarks which had about them the appearance of being new. Freemasonry, he truly pointed out, is an institution "whose principles must stand till the end of time, consisting as they do of all that is good, all that is true, and all that is elevating." Equally true is it that however much we may be condemned by the "ignorant and prejudiced, maligned by lunatics, or ridiculed by the envious, so long as we maintain and uphold in our characters and conduct the principles so carefully inculcated in our lodges, we may—nay, we shall—defy the world." Again, "we are not propagandists," but are content "to let the leaven of Masonic influence work its way silently and steadily," yet the influence we now exercise is far greater than it was 50 years ago, just as it was far greater then than it had been 50 years previously. It is, indeed, this very extension of the influence of Masonic principles that so infuriates the bigot, the ignorant, and the envious against our Order. We do not concern ourselves to attract or inveigle men into our ranks, they come of their own will and accord, freely and voluntarily offering themselves as candidates for the mysteries and privileges of our Order, of which they know nothing but what the brethren themselves permit to be made known to the uninstructed and popular world who are not Masons. Herein is the reason why Freemasonry is so hateful to the Papacy. But the more violently the latter thunders forth its excommunication of everything that is even in the remotest degree connected with our Society, the more abundantly does the Craft go on prospering. Were Popes and Cardinals wise in their generation, they would cease to attack us, for being what we are, it is—humanly speaking—impossible for them to prevail against us. Then as regards the Prov. G. Master's address with which the ceremony of consecration may be said to have concluded, it contained one or two injunctions which have been uttered before on similar occasions, but they were none the less appropriate, nor are they less likely on that account to exercise the desired influence on the minds of those to whom they were more immediately addressed. Freemasonry, as Bro. JACKSON was careful to point out, has increased of late years, and "we may congratulate ourselves most heartily that this is so, if only we are assured that

worthy men and true have thereby been added to our ranks." Those who take part in the foundation of a lodge lay themselves under a very grave responsibility. "They must not found a new lodge with a view to, or even the possibility of, weakening an existing one, and they must exercise the closest and strictest attention to the merits or otherwise of candidates for admission." Having expressed his entire confidence in Bro. HUNT, the W.M. designate, and the brethren associated with him, that they would spare no effort to fulfil their duties manfully, the address concluded with the following admonition; which, considering the quarter it came from and the earnest, kindly manner in which it was impressed upon his attention, we have no doubt he will do his utmost to observe: "I entreat then, nay, I solemnly charge you, Bro. HUNT, under the sacred obligation which you will shortly be called upon to take, that you see that, like the rose, your lodge may be pure in its Masonic teaching, beautiful in its practice of Charity and Mercy, fragrant in its exemplification of brotherly love and harmony, and spotless in its honour, its reputation, and its character." Let us hope the "White Rose of York" will flourish in its new rôle as the title of a Lodge of Freemasons, whose principles—however it may in some few cases fare with their practice—consist of all that is good, and true, and beautiful.

## ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.—VOL. VI.

The concluding part to Volume VI. is of a thoroughly Masonic character, full of interest, entertaining from first to last, and abundantly illustrated. I think it will "hold its own" with most of its predecessors, and is certainly superior in attractiveness to several of the past issues. It is marvellous to me that Bro. Speth, our esteemed Secretary and able Editor, has contrived to maintain the excellence, originality, and value of these important Transactions for so long. So far as we can see, however, and judging from the eloquent testimony of the previous volumes, there is every reason to anticipate that with Bro. Speth in the editorial chair, and a continuance of the enthusiasm which has never failed to this day, but really appears to be on the increase, we shall have a succession of volumes quite as valuable and important as the grand collection of Proceedings so far published.

A really good portrait of the Immediate Past Master, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., forms the appropriate frontispiece, and will be warmly welcomed by the members of our Lodge No. 2076, by whom that Masonic worthy is much appreciated. We all trust his health will soon be better, and enable him to attend to lodge duties as of yore.

To begin with, for we can but glance at the contents of this part, there are some really good illustrations of Canterbury—fourteen in all,—which serve to give point to the "Summer Outing" of the lodge in that city on the 24th June last. The excursion was a most enjoyable one, thanks especially to Bro. Ward, who did his best to make the brethren comfortable, and, what is more, succeeded, as he always does on such occasions. His "Fountain" is a "home from home," and what with abundant food for the body and the mind, the members—as the Americans would say—had an "elegant time" of it. Bro. Bywater has written a readable sketch of St. Gabriel's Chapel, and thus has added much to the value of the happy account given by the Secretary.

The article by Bro. Crowe on "Masonic Clothing," with several plates of aprons and jewels—some being of a very curious and extraordinary character—forms a capital supplement to his previous paper. Several of the illustrations are valuable, as well as most interesting, and his remarks thereon enable the ordinary reader to better appreciate the rare specimens he has been enabled to secure. Bro. Crowe is always ready, and waiting in fact, to receive still more curios in the department, which he has thoroughly mastered, and as all his great collection will be donated to the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, brethren having aprons that are either old or singular in style, and who have certificates, &c., they do not particularly need, should forward them to him at his residence, "Marsden," Torquay.

The "Consecration of a Parsee Priest," by Bro. Simpson, reprinted from the *Illustrated London News* (by permission), with the suggestive illustrations by that talented brother, will be read with much pleasure, even if it has been perused before in the famous weekly.

Bro. Gould contributes a sketch of our lamented friend, Major Irwin, one of the members of the lodge, and a fair portrait of that enthusiastic Craftsman is also given. Dr. Begemann sends a learned disquisition on "The Assembly," in relation to Bro. Gould's able paper on the subject; so does Bro. Speth, who read his communication at the lodge held on 6th October last, and these two valuable papers are followed with another by Bro. Rylands, one by Mr. Papworth, and Bros. Gould and Speth have also

said "final" words on the question as respects this part, but the matter is not finished with. Bro. Gould has done good service in thus introducing this important discussion, and I hope several of us will have an opportunity to "air our views" on the subject.

The obituary is sad reading, but the "Notes and Queries," which follow, are beyond the ordinary in variety and value, and together make up one of the most interesting collections of curious particulars and illustrations in any of the parts from the beginning to now.

My contribution this time is a List of the Old Charges of British Freemasons, arranged under a system, in families (which has Dr. Bergemann's approval), which enables us to add to each class any MSS. subsequently discovered. The families, or groups, are lettered A to H, and the members of each class are numbered consecutively. The missing versions are placed under the letter X. It has taken some time to compile, as there have been many changes since Bro. Gould had his calendar printed, both as respects ownership and publication, as well as many more Rolls discovered.

At the festival on November 8th, Bro. Dore gave a lecture, mainly esoteric in relation to *Old Bibles and the Craft*, and Bro. Gould delivered an able address on the Masonic career of our new Master, the esteemed Bro. Dr. Westcott, P.M., &c. The W.M. also delivered a suggestive and most happy address on the eventful past of Freemasonry and what is being done by the members of our lodge to elucidate its history.

The racy chronicle concludes this capital part, which will, I feel assured, be much appreciated by the 1600 members of our Inner and Outer Circles. This Part will be circulated within a few days.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at New Swindon, on the 23rd ult., when the P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Radnor, was well supported by the members of the Craft in the province. The meeting took place in the New Public Offices, and the room in which the Provincial Grand Lodge was held was very nicely arranged by Bro. John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of C., with the assistance of Bro. Hamp, Secretary of the Gooch Lodge.

The musical part of the ceremony was under the able direction of Bro. Bambridge.

The province determined to send up Bro. Bambridge as its representative at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and also to place £10 10s. on the list of Bro. Macdonald, G. Chap., who is the Steward for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wilts at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The Provincial Grand Master's address dealt with the various points raised by the reports of the Prov. G. Registrar and of the Charity Committee, and alluded to the satisfactory financial condition of the province. He also spoke of the obligation which the Craft was under to the late Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, P.G.W. Eng., for his untiring exertions to promote the best interests of Masonry during his long tenure of office.

The Provincial Grand Master then installed Bro. Charles N. P. Phipps as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he was accorded a very hearty reception.

Bro. Sparks was presented with the Charity jewel for his Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School.

The PROV. G. MASTER spoke of the loss sustained by the Craft by the death of Bro. Henry Kemble, the W.M. of the receiving lodge, and of the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. Eng., having been unanimously elected Treasurer, the following officers were invested :

Bro. H. Bevis, 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. S. Bambridge, 1533	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. Anderson, 335	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. C. Hopkins, 663	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Sparks, 1271, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Pinniger, 2227	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. Leaf, 1533	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. E. Taylor, 1271	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Chandler, 1295, 335, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. J. Barr, 1295	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Price, 1478	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Millington, 632	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Snell, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. D. Evans, 1295	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" G. Fullford, 386	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Williams, 1295	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Isaac James, 626	...	...	
" W. Dean	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Upwards of 70 brethren dined in the evening under the genial presidency of Lord Radnor at the Queen's Royal Hotel at Swindon Station.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held by command of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., in the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The Grand Superintendent presided, and of the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter, the following attended, viz.:

Comps. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82 and 839, A.G. Soj., Prov. G.H.; A. V. Hatton, P.Z. 493, Prov. G.J.; Jas. B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Bryan, P.Z. 839, Prov. G. Treas.; A. R. Grieve, P.Z. 493, Prov. G. Reg.; H. S. Stephens, P.Z. 839, Prov. G. Soj.; W. C. Ferris, P.Z. 439, Prov. A.G. Soj.; Dr. J. Campbell, P.Z. 839, Prov. A.G. Soj.; A. S. Helps, 839, Prov. G.S.B.; H. T. Jew, H. 493, Prov. G. Std. Br.; R. P. Summer, Z. 439, Prov. G.D.C.; J. A. Matthews, 82, Prov. G. Org.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.Z. 82, G. Supt. of Suffolk; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.Z., P. Prin. G. Soj.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.Z., P. Prov. G.J., P.A.G. Soj.; and a large attendance of companions of the province.

Prov. G. Chapter was opened in due form. The report of the Prov. G. Treasurer was read. Owing to recent Charity votes, and especially to the effort made in the province in connection with the 1892 Festival of the Boys' School, there was a considerable deficit, which the Baron de Ferrieres now volunteered to make good.

Comp. Bryan was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The roll of the province was called, and then the Prov. Grand Superintendent proceeded to the appointment and investment of the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter as follows:

Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82 and 839, Asst.

G. Soj.	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" George Norman, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" James B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. J. Campbell, P.Z. 839	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Bryan, P.Z. 839	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" James David, P.Z. 839	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Renwick, M.E.Z. 493	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. P. Sumner, M.E.Z. 839	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, H. 82	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" E. L. Baylis, J. 82	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. G. Clark, J. 493	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. N. Witchell, J. 839	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. A. Matthews, 82	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Llewellyn Evans, 82	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Sergt.-Major Carroll, 82	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A handsome ceremonial sword and case, presented by Comps. Renwick and Matthews (Mayor of Gloucester), were used for the first time, and Comp. Dr. Campbell likewise presented a handsomely emblazoned heraldic banner for the use of Prov. Grand Chapter.

It was stated by the Grand Superintendent that the opening of a new chapter at Stroud was in contemplation.

Prov. Grand Chapter having been duly closed, the companions dined together, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, in the banqueting room of the hall.

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

#### ANNUAL ELECTION AND FESTIVAL.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, when the office-bearers for next year were elected and installed. Thereafter the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew.

At the business meeting there was a large attendance of members of Grand Lodge, and the throne was occupied by the Grand Master, Bro. Lord Haddington. The Grand Master at once declared the elective offices vacant, and proposed the election of Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., to be Grand Master of Scotland. This was unanimously adopted, and a deputation was sent to intimate this election to Sir Charles. On the return of the deputation escorting the Grand Master elect, their approach was announced by trumpeters, and a very hearty greeting was given the new Grand Master.

The retiring GRAND MASTER intimated the election, and congratulated Sir Charles Dalrymple on his unanimous election, and said he did not anticipate he would have the difficulties which their predecessors had to face, for the Grand Lodge was now in a peaceful condition, and Scottish Masonry was in a flourishing state, and he would have the sympathy and support of the office-bearers and of all Scottish Masons.

The ceremony of installation was then performed, and thereafter the Grand Master announced that he appointed Lord Saltoun to be Grand Master Depute, and Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow, Substitute Grand Master.

These Grand Officers were then installed, and thereafter the other office-bearers were elected and installed.

On the motion of the GRAND MASTER, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland desire to express and place on record their high appreciation of the faithful, zealous, and efficient manner in which the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington has discharged the duties of Grand Master Mason during his two years' tenure of office; their cordial and heartfelt thanks for the great interest his lordship has taken in Grand Lodge affairs, more particularly in visiting so many provinces; their deep regret that his state of health necessitated his declining to accept re-election; their assurance that Lord Haddington leaves the Masonic throne carrying with him the profound respect and warm affection and gratitude of every Scottish Craftsman; and their earnest hope that, as opportunity occurs, his lordship will still favour Grand Lodge and Grand Committee with his presence and advice in their deliberations."

The brethren thereafter celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew in the Great Hall, about 126 being present, and the Grand Master in the chair. The chair was supported by Bros. the Earl of Haddington, Past G.M.; Lord Saltoun, Depute G.M.; John Graham of Broadstone, Substitute G.M.; Lord Justice-General R. F. Shaw Stewart; R. W. Macleod Fullerton, Q.C., Graham Murray, Q.C., M.P., Major Newall, D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; ex-Provost Christie Stirling, G.D. of C.; Dr. Ivison Macadam, Gen. Boswell, Col. J. A. Reid, Capt. Sneddon, the Rev. Dr. T. B. W. Niven, of Pollokshields, G. Chap.; Reid, G. Cashier; Provost Milloy, R. Rotheay, J. H. Forshaw, G. C. H. M'Naught, J. Wilson Wallace, Joseph Loxdale, the Rev. George Gunn, William Black, Colin Galletly, Thomas Halket, George Dobie, J. M'Naught Campbell, W. Munro Denholm, and R. Fitzroy Bell.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Chas. Sheppard, James Brett, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.D.; W. Fisher, Henry Mason, Chas. J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; Robt. Griggs, A. Durrant, A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; R. D. Cummings, R. A. Gowan, J. Newton, Chas. Kempster, H. M. Hobbs, A. Mullord, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Charles Lacey, J. P. Fitzgerald, John Hattersley, Wm. Vincent, W. Belchamber, T. B. Daniell, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three male and four widow annuitants, and of one widow accepted candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read. The application of the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted. The Committee then considered the petitions of eight men and three widows, with the result that all of them were successful, and the names ordered to be placed upon their respective lists for the election in May, 1894.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

## The Craft Abroad.

### CYPRUS.

**St. Paul's Chapter (No. 2277).**—The regular meeting of this chapter, which is attached to St. Paul's Lodge of Limassol, was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the 10th ult. Comps. G. R. Harriott, P.P.G.M. (S.C.), M.E.Z., F. O. Harvey, H., and Capt. Kiddle, J., occupied the Principals' chairs, and were assisted by Comps. Sanby, S.E.; Carletti, S.N.; Meyer, P.S.; Cannons, 1st A.S.; and Jones, 2nd A.S.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Albert Martin, and it being found favourable he was exalted to this superior Degree, all the various officers performing their parts of the ceremony in a most creditable manner. Comp. Surgeon Capt. Kiddle, J., who had recently returned from England, referred to the fraternal manner in which he had been received by several chapters that he had visited when on leave. He also pointed out a few differences in arrangement and working which he had noted when at home and which were much appreciated by the companions present. A vote of congratulation proposed by Comp. F. O. Harvey, H., seconded by Comp. Sanby, S.E., was passed to Comp. White, I.P.Z., upon the news that had been received that the operation upon his eye had been a perfect success. Comp. White was injured in the eye while conducting blasting operations near Mount Troodes a few months ago, and had to proceed to England for treatment, and it was with great pleasure the companions received the intelligence that everything was well with him.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the good things provided received due justice.

### MADRAS.

**Unity, Peace, and Concord Lodge (No. 316).**—The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. Capt. W. C. Fuller, W.M.; A. E. Everingham, S.W.; W. Field, J.W.; W. Duley, P.M. 1043; J. Bowers, J.D.; W. Pollock, Sec.; J. Rogers, I.G.; Capt. D. G. Wemyss, Rev. W. F. Archibald, Lieut. G. M. G. Munro, Lieut. H. McMicking, H. Bradford, H. Maule, J. Barnard, P.M. 1093; F. Newington, S.W. 1093; W. Everett, Treas. 1093; G. F. Green, 1093; G. Leech, 1093; Lieut. W. Kerr, 1068; Jackson, 1068; and Verdon, 1068.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. invested Bro. Rev. W. F. Archibald Chaplain of the lodge. Bandmaster Cawley was initiated in a most excellent manner by the W.M., and the charge was impressively given by Bro. Duley, P.M. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to Bros. Wemyss and McMicking. Bro. Maule having been passed by the W.M., Bro. G. Gunn, 618 (S.C.), was proposed as a joining member.

The Worshipful Master received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic tests.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Bro. Newington," and presented him with a pendent bearing Masonic designs. In the course of a most appropriate speech, the W.M. assured Bro. Newington how much they appreciated his services to the lodge, and what pleasure it gave him to make the presentation, and on leaving that station he carried with him the best wishes of Lodge 316 for his future happiness.

Bro. Newington, in reply, tendered his warmest thanks for the beautiful present, at the same time stating he was so completely surprised that he could not find words to express his feelings. He would always highly value the present, and never forget the hearty good fellowship that had always been extended to him.

Bro. Barnard, in a very happy speech, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which Bro. Awdry responded to, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their very warm welcome and fraternal greeting they had received.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Initiate."

Bro. Cawley responded, and expressed the very great pleasure it gave him on being admitted a member of the Order, which had long been the wish of his heart.

Bros. Leech, Green, Field, Everett, Maule, Verdon, Newington, and Kerr contributed songs to the harmony of the evening, especially the last-named with his very amusing songs.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Windsor, W.M.; T. Holbrow, S.W.; Lavington, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; Cochrane, Grand Treas., Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Phillips, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Betts, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Janau, J. Mitchell, Cowland, and Cheese.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Mitchell being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mitchell ably passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Windsor vacated the chair to allow Bro. Lavington to work the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Mitchell as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Holbrow was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the "Frascati" Restaurant, 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. M. Taylor, W.M.; L. Henson, S.W.; A. Bilby, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; C. D. Lindsay, S.D.; L. Conradi, J.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Mason, P.M.; H. Matthews, C. B. Lumley, M. Goldstein, H. Isaacs, W. Truman, and C. Cope. Bro. Gibbs, 109, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Marx answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Marx being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. Braun and Watts were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Gibbs was proposed and seconded as a joining member. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. A. Holmes, W.M.; G. Copley, S.W.; T. Kingston, J.W.; G. E. Higginson, Preceptor; G. Cockrell, Treas.; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; T. Rayner, S.D.; R. N. Larter, J.D.; R. H. Catling, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M.; and G. Kirkham. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After which the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Catling acting as the candidate. The W.M. then gave the charge. Bro. Copley was elected to take the chair at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, after which the lodge was closed.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Ridout, W.M.; Smale, S.W.; Griffith, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Sandland, S.D.; S. Hill, J.D.; Boehm, I.G.; G. Hill, Treas.; and E. Wilby, Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor, and the 2nd Section by Bro. Sandland. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Terry being the candidate, the W.M. having previously vacated the chair to allow Bro. Hoggins to rehearse the ceremony. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Paul. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Terry and Boehm were elected joining members. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th ult., at the Earl Russell, 2, Pancras-road, N.W., when there were present Bros. Ward, W.M.; Simpson, S.W.; Mackenzie, J.W.; Edwin Styles, P.M., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; Jay, J.D.; Maurice, I.G.; Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; Swift, Curry, Renaut, Smith, and Latham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Swift answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Swift being the candidate. Bro. Davis answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davis acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first and second times, and it was proposed and seconded that the S.W., Bro. Simpson, be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwars-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. George Read, P.M., W.M.; Jesse Collings, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., J.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, I.P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; Lewis Beale, I.G.; W. B. Neville; A. Williams, W.M. 834; Robert Reid, James Grant, W. H. Dresden, P.M., and J. G. Bean.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W. Master then addressed the brethren on the subject of the Sections, after which the Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the following brethren: Bros. J.

J. Mackay, Lewis Beale, W. B. Neville, W. Hillier, Robt. Reid, and Jesse Collings, all of which were rendered in an excellent manner. Bros. Beattie and R. Reid were elected joining members, and Bro. Collings was elected an honorary member. Bro. Hatt was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. G. C. Stafford, W.M.; James Banks, S.W.; H. Scharien, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Clark, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; H. Bone, I.G.; W. Hinds, J. A. Dennis, H. Blackman, J. Davies, P.M., and R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. and the Preceptor. The 5th Section was worked by Bro. Stafford, the questions being put by Bro. Davies. It was resolved that the 15 Sections be worked as follows: the First Lecture on Friday, the 15th inst., and the Second and Third Lectures on Friday, the 22nd inst., when Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. will occupy the chair of W.M., and Bro. John Davies, P.M., that of S.W. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the subsequent meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Northampton Arms, 205 Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. T. W. Hambly, W.M.; C. Deacon, S.W.; J. W. Doubtfire, J.W.; C. Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Hunter, Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; Dr. Frye, S.D.; A. J. Blake, J.D.; E. Lenard, I.G.; and several others brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Frye being the candidate. Bro. Shanly answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and Bro. Deacon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes thanking Bro. Hambly for the able manner in which he worked the ceremonies. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Hide, W.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; Dennis, J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Reid, S.D.; Hillier, J.D.; Craggs, P.M., I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; and Gilbert, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and Bro. J. Davies the 2nd Section. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Comps. H. Hillier, M.E.Z. 834; John Davies, I.P.Z. 733, H.; J. C. Tilt, J. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, S.N. 862, S.N.; A. J. Turner, S.N. 1196, P.S.; J. R. Roberts, H. 1196, 1st A.S.; J. Davies, P.Z. 733, Treas.; J. Bailey, I.P.Z. 1602; Major E. J. Reed, 2021, 1st A.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779; J. Rae, 733; and W. R. Flack, 1642.

The chapter was declared open for the purpose of improvement. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden being the candidate. The officers for the ensuing twelve months were elected as follows: Comps. Dehane, S.E.; J. Davies, Treas.; and Committee of Preceptors, Comps. S. Cochrane, G. Treas. Eng.; Dehane and Gregory. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 24th ult. Present: Comps. Powell, M.E.Z.; Bannister, H.; Cureton, J.; Hewett, S.N.; Hill, S.E.; Montgomery, P.S.; Dobinson; Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; and Belchamber.

The chapter was declared open. The minutes of convocation, Nov. 17th, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dobinson personating candidate. Comp. W. Belchamber, Mount Lebanon Chapter was elected a joining member, and the chapter was closed.

London and the southern and south-eastern coasts were visited on Tuesday afternoon by a tremendous gale, which almost equalled in violence that of the 18th November. At Aldershot, Brighton, Devonport, Bournemouth, Dover, Hastings, Poole, Portsmouth, and Weymouth, the full force of the cyclone was felt. At Devonport three seamen and a marine, who were going ashore on leave in a waterman's wherry, were drowned, together with the waterman's son. Great damage was done to the London and South-Western line at Poole, and for a time traffic between Poole and Weymouth was suspended. At Brighton both piers and the parade were swept by the seas, while the Admiralty Pier at Dover was at times almost hidden from view.

A crowded influential meeting, called together by the London Chamber of Commerce, was held in the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, for the purpose of urging upon the Government the necessity for still further strengthening our Navy. Among those present were Sir A. Rolit, M.P., who presided, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler, Bro. Col. H. M. Hozier, Gen. Lord Chelmsford, Bros. Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., and Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P.; Col. C. W. Murray, M.P., Bros. Sir Jas. Fergusson, Bart., M.P., H. S. Foster, M.P., and Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett, Bro. Gen. Lord Roberts, who made a very effective speech, and others. Resolutions embodying the object of the meeting were passed with acclamation.

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London, December, 1893.

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To Carlisle, Dumfries, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, Greenock, Gourock, Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Montrose, Brechin, Arbroath, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Crieff, Dunblane, Stirling, &c., returning on either Tuesday, December 26th, or Saturday, December 30th.

On SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, to Londonderry, via Liverpool and Steamer direct, returning on any week day (on which a Steamer sails) up to and including Saturday, January 6th, 1894.

On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th, to Carlisle, Dumfries, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, Greenock, Gourock, Aberdeen, Stonehaven, Montrose, Brechin, Arbroath, Forfar, Dundee, Perth, Crieff, Dunblane, Stirling, &c., returning on Wednesday, January 3rd, or Friday, January 5th, 1894.

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FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

London, December, 1893.

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**TO IRELAND.**

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Derby, December, 1893.

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**To Correspondents.**

Numerous reports, &c., stand over until next week.

I.M., P.M., sends the following query: A man is made a Mason 30 years ago; for the first 10 years is a regular subscribing member; during the time he passes through the J.W. and S.W.'s chairs. The second and following 10 years he slides out, or is not a subscribing member. This brother rejoins (the same lodge) 10 years ago, and has been a regular subscribing member ever since. Query—Is this said brother eligible for the chair without having again to be a Warden?

[According to the Constitutions, Law 130—"Every lodge shall annually, on the day named in the by-laws for that purpose, proceed to elect its Master, by ballot, from among those members who have served for one year the office of Warden to a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution." Any brother, therefore, who has served as a Warden in any lodge is eligible for the W.M.'s chair in any lodge of which he is a member.—ED. F.M.]



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1893.

**Masonic Notes.**

The North London Masonic Benevolent Ball promises this year to be even more successful than its eight predecessors. Distinguished patrons, which include the Deputy Grand Master, have lent their names and influence, and better still, a strong working Committee has been formed, which includes the names of many of the active workers of North London. We trust the funds of the three Institutions will be largely benefited by the result. The Hon. Secretary is Bro. Captain Lurcott, 4, Compton-street, Canonbury.

A quarterly meeting of the Toronto Past Master's Association was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 23rd October, when a congratulatory address was presented to R.W. Bro. Kivas Tully, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the occasion of his Masonic jubilee. Bro. Tully was initiated in Union Lodge, No. 13, Limerick, on the 3rd April, 1843, and shortly after his arrival in Canada affiliated to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 10, Toronto, on the 10th December, 1844. The address was signed on behalf of the association by Bro. T. F. Blackwood, President; Bro. E. T. Malone, Vice-President; and Bro. R. B. Harcourt, Secretary, and was most gracefully acknowledged by the recipient, who, besides expressing his gratitude for the address, gave a very interesting account of the Craft in Toronto in his early days as a Mason.

At the same meeting Bro. E. T. Malone read a very able paper, entitled "Practical Hints to Worshipful Masters." The subject was, according to the *Canadian Craftsman*, very skilfully handled, and we are glad to hear that the Association have paid Bro. Malone the compliment of deciding to have the paper printed and circulated among the lodges. Bro. J. Ross Robertson also gave a very graphic account of the difficulties he had had to encounter in his endeavours to obtain a portrait of Bro. Simon McGillivray, a distinguished Prov. Grand Master of Canada under the English Constitution. However, Bro. Robertson's efforts were crowned with success, as he ultimately succeeded in finding the possessor of a portrait of that eminent brother.

## Correspondence.

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

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to call your attention to a slight mistake the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton made when he nominated Bro. W. M. Stiles for the office of Grand Treasurer. He said Bro. Stiles is Vice-President of all three Masonic Institutions. He should have said *Vice-Patron*.

If you will kindly insert this in your next issue of the *Freemason*, I shall feel obliged—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. A. SCURRAH.

December 13th.

## FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

The Managing Committee would be exceedingly obliged if you would allow them to appeal through your columns for the funds they so urgently need. Their work is not confined to any creed, district, or nationality—the deserving poor being never refused assistance of some kind. Fifteen hundred pounds before the end of the year would enable the managers to continue their labours without anxiety. During the past year 838 men and women were sheltered in the refuges; 268 children were fed, clothed, and educated in the homes; 6,402 hot dinners were given to poor children; 30,044 breakfasts were given to men and women; 20,528 portions of broken food were distributed. All the other operations of the Institution were vigorously carried on, and in addition 268 men and women were assisted to obtain employment. The distress prevailing at the present time is greater than it has been for many years. The Committee desire also to provide a Christmas dinner for 600 poor families—all personally known to our workers, and for 700 of the homeless on Christmas Day. Our treasurer, Mr. Wilfrid A. Bevan, of 54, Lombard-street, will gratefully receive contributions, or they may be sent to—Your obedient servant,

PEREGRINE PLATT, Secretary.

The Refuges, Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road.

## Reviews.

## RICHMOND MASONIC DIRECTORY FOR 1893.

This excellent annual has been compiled by Bro. C. W. Dunstan, 33, Editor of the *Rough Ashlar*, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., and it is as well printed as it is ably edited. The personnel of the Craft for the City and State are herein duly recorded, and much interesting information is given, thus rendering this "Masonic Directory" quite indispensable to brethren of that jurisdiction, and meeting a real felt want. The statistical tables are most useful and prove how popular the Degree of Knights Templar is in Virginia, for out of 1985 companions (Royal Arch) over 1200 have joined that chivalric organisation. The important "Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees for America" is a most influential body, the Grand Officers including some of the most distinguished brethren in the United States. The fee in Richmond for the Craft is \$50, and full particulars are given as to all the other Degrees, making the volume a reliable *vade mecum* for those who consult its well-filled pages.

## THE MASONIC ANNUAL FOR NORTHERN CHINA.

This carefully-edited publication is in its second year of issue, the editor being Bro. F. M. Gratton, P.M. 570, &c. The frontispiece consists of an excellent view of the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, and the tables, &c., which follow leave but little to be desired. The historical sketch of the Executive Committee, ceremony of laying the foundation-stone by Bro. R. F. Gould in 1865, and other particulars make good reading. The esteemed District Grand Master is Bro. J. I. Miller, his respected predecessor, Bro. C. Thorne, being, happily, still an active member of the local Craft. The oldest lodge (No. 501) dates from 1844, and the next in seniority is No. 570, warranted in 1849. Of this lodge Bro. R. F. Gould was the W.M. in 1864-5. The other English lodge is No. 1027, the three having 129 members. There are also a Scottish and Massachusetts lodge, together 148 members, so they outnumber the three of the Grand Lodge of England. There are several organisations connected with the additional Degrees, including the "Royal Order of Scotland," about which there are abundant particulars.

## THE MINERVA LODGE DIRECTORY, 1893.

This most useful publication is now in its 14th year of issue, and is a credit to its editor and publisher, Bro. M. C. Peck, the indefatigable Prov. G. and Secretary of North and East Yorkshire. As it is from Bro. Peck's press we need not state that the printing is good, and editorially the handy pamphlet has been well attended to from the first page throughout to the last. The list of members of No. 250 begins with Bro. William Thompson, whose membership dates from 1848; Bro. Peck joined in 1859 (the Treasurer), and the Earl of Londesborough in 1860; Bro. H. Haigh (the Lecture Master) is of the year 1864, and the list includes some 150 names. The honorary members are printed in italics and include Bros. W. D. Keyworth, J. G. Findel, Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, and W. J. Hughan. The roll of the Mark Lodge, No. 12, begins with Bro. Peck, in 1861, and contains almost as many names as the list of the Craft lodges, the roll of the Worshipful Masters from 1853 being of a very influential

character. The membership also of the Antient York Conclave of Redemption (K.T.) and that of the "Ancient York Chapter (Rose Croix) are also given, and we are very pleased to see that Bro. Peck has printed his oration delivered 13th September, 1893, in fraternal remembrance of the late W. Bro. Walter Reynolds, an esteemed Past Master of No. 250. The Directory, however, this time, is not of such general interest as some of the past issues, because the historical notes are not inserted, but to the members it must prove a veritable *vade mecum* for local Masonic purposes.

THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST. Edited by J. ROMILLY ALLEN, F.S.A. Scot. London: Chas. J. Clark, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

We are glad to welcome another number of this excellent artistic quarterly, Part 3 for December, with contents of a varied and most interesting character. Seventy-two pages are well filled with articles of more than average ability, and illustrations that add much to the value of the magazine. The subscription is half-a-guinea per annum, *post free*, or half-a-crown each per number, and those desirous of becoming subscribers should lose no time in ordering the three parts issued, so as to start from the beginning. Undoubtedly the early numbers will soon become scarce and difficult to procure, for this quarterly is bound to be a success, and has only to be seen to be appreciated. It fills its own niche admirably, and we may venture to prophecy that on the completion of Volume I. the "Illustrated Archæologist" will be an accepted authority in the department which Mr. Romilly Allen has so thoroughly made his own. The publisher has ably supported the editor, for evidently no expense has been spared to render the typography and the plates all that can possibly be desired. Part 3 begins with an article on the "Excavation of a Pictish Tower in Shetland," by Mr. Gilbert Goudie, which in many respects will come as a surprise to those who have usually looked upon Ireland as exclusively the possessor of round towers. The arguments, as respects Scotland, appear to be in favour of their Celtic or Pictish origin; certainly not Norwegian, as many have claimed. The nine figures, or plates, illustrating the paper, are most realistic, being from photographs of the various portions now remaining. As the author observes, that when one thinks about the Castle of Monsa, standing as it has for long over a thousand years, and attempts to restore and re-people the numerous similar towers, "the picture conjured up of human life, long passed away, in these far-off melancholy isles, is truly strange and bewildering." The next paper is also on towers, but at Liege, and is by Mr. Arthur Elliot. This brochure is followed by a very interesting article by the Editor on "The Celtic Brooch, and How it was Worn," which will much please all minds of an archaeological turn, especially as the information is of an "out-of-the-way" sort, and scarcely obtainable in the ordinary way. The "Notes on Flint Saws and Sickles" are of a remarkable kind. They are by Dr. Munro, and remind us of the premier paper in Part 1 on "A very Ancient Industry," by Mr. Lovett, which began with "Prehistoric and Modern Picks," and ended with the "Old English Tinder-box Flint." The "Notes on Books" are refreshingly plain-spoken and critical, without being hyper-critical, several of the remarks, though doubtless unpleasant reading for the authors, are just, and calculated to help the reader to a fair conclusion. The same also may be said of those on "Archæology and Kindred Subjects," features which we hope to see extended in future issues, and thus considerably enhance the practical value of this excellent quarterly.

GLIMPSES OF WELSH LIFE AND CHARACTER. By Marie Trevelyan, author of "Brave Little Woman," &c.

HOURS IN MY GARDEN and other Stories. By Alexander H. Japp, LL.D., F.R.S.E., author of "Life of De Quincey," &c., with 138 illustrations by W. H. J. Scott, A. W. Cooper, and other artists.

FOOTSTEPS TO FAME. By J. Hain Friswell, author of "Out and About," &c. A new and revised edition, with illustrations.

PHIL THORNDYKE'S ADVENTURES and other Stories. By F. M. Wilbraham, E. M. Piper, Lady Charles Thynne, &c., with three coloured plates, six full-page woodcuts, and twenty illustrations in the text.

THE STORY OF HERBERT ARCHER and other Tales. By Lady Charles Thynne, Amy Key, Mrs. Russell Grey and others, with three coloured plates, six full-page woodcuts, and twenty illustrations in the text.

London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster Row, E.C.

Among those who cater for the literary entertainment of the public at Christmastide, Bro. John Hogg invariably takes a foremost place. The books he publishes are most excellent. They instruct as well as entertain. The most valuable are those which furnish their readers with glimpses into the lives of the great men of the world, the generals and admirals, the Sovereign and statesmen, the men of science and of literature. But there are many of a lighter character, containing short tales and stories intended chiefly for the entertainment of young children. But whether they contain the more solid pabulum of history and biography, or the lighter refreshment of quaint stories and the like, they are equally valuable in their ability to satisfy the craving of all classes of people for reading during the long evenings of winter, and in their leisure moments in the other seasons of the year.

Of the above books, taken in the order in which we have placed them, "Glimpses of Welsh Life and Character," and "Hours in my Garden," are the most important, not merely because they are sold at a higher price, but because they contain, each in its special way, a rare fund of information. In the former we find a succession of chapters in which are described "Home Life in the Past and Present," amusements, social changes, curious customs, "Welsh Myth and Romance," "Cymric Festivals," "Welsh Singing and Song," "The Hill People," "The Vale Women," "Welsh Parsons and Country Doctors of the Past," "Welsh Traditions and Superstitions," "Welsh Smugglers and Wrecks," "Welsh Anecdotes," "Folklore and Ghost Stories," &c. This mere enumeration of a majority of the chapter headings will serve to give a very good idea of the range and variety of the contents, and of the valuable insight they must give into the life and character of the inhabitants of the Principality. In a book which covers so much ground, it is to be expected that the glimpses vouchsafed us will be slight, telling us what

it is or has been, without diving into reasons and origins or attempting elaborate explanations based on old chronicles which have been preserved to our time. The author deals lightly and pleasantly with her subject, while at the same time she is careful to note whatever is calculated to excite the interest of the reader or add to his store of knowledge. Few, indeed can rise from the perusal of Marie Trevelyan's book without realising that they have learned more about Welsh life and character than they had previously known.

"Hours in my Garden," will prove quite a treasure-house of knowledge to aspiring young naturalists. Here again it is marvellous what a variety of matter Dr. Japp has contrived to introduce into the pages of his book. After bringing to our notice what he sees from his "Summer Garden-Seat," he takes us to the pond and the wood. Then he discourses ably, but by no means pedantically, about "The Delights of Hedgerows," or describes his experiences when "Up in the Morning Early." Then we find him in company "With the Nightingales at the Vicarage," or "At the Village Well," while elsewhere he discourses pleasantly about "Bees and Bee-keeping," or about "Wild Duck, Water-birds and Sea-fowl." The last three chapters contain information about Durham and its neighbourhood, Coquetdale and Wooler, while the Appendix comprises five chapters, of which the first two treat of "Imitative Birds and the Nightingale's Song," and the "The Voles." Throughout the style of treatment is simple and unaffected. Dr. Japp is more concerned to tell us what he knows about the country and its animal life than about the manner of telling it. Herein, indeed, lies the great charm of Dr. Japp's book, that it conveys to us in plain and homely language all kinds and degrees of information about things rural without the least affectation of learning on his part. The illustrations with which the work is embellished add very considerably to its value.

That Mr. Friswell's book, entitled "Footsteps to Fame," has already met with no small share of the appreciation to which it is justly entitled, is shown by the demand which Bro. Hogg has thought it desirable to meet for a new and revised edition. Mr. Friswell has traversed much ground within the narrow limits of this volume, describing to us briefly, yet with sufficient detail, the careers of men, who, in their various callings, have won fame. In the chapter devoted to "The Great Thinkers," we are introduced to Confucius, Pythagoras, Socrates, and Plato. In the short chapter on "Heroes," the chief personage described is "Alexander the Great." Amongst those included in the three chapters, dealing with "The Rulers of Mankind," are to be found the first and third Napoleons. Humboldt occupies nearly the whole of the space devoted to "Votaries of Science," while other chapters treat of "The Ploughers of the Deep," "The Searchers of the Skies," "Patriots," "Benefactors," "Workers and Thinkers," &c. Bro. Hogg has done well in issuing a second edition of Mr. Friswell's work.

The book which takes its title of "The Story of Herbert Archer," from the first of a series of stories, contains, under the head of "The Seeker and the Finder," an account of Christopher Columbus and his discovery of the New World. "Millie's Victory," a tale of the French Revolution, entitled "Louis Duval," "The Seaside Home," and "The Crusaders," Peter the Hermit, Richard the Lion-hearted, and Saladin, receiving a large share of the writer's attention. The tales which have struck us most are those of "Herbert Archer," "The Seeker and the Finder," and "Louis Duval." But the whole series is readable.

The remaining book contains, in addition to "Phil Thorndyke," five other tales, severally entitled "Home at the Haven," "The Fusillade," "The Young Emigrants," "The Wanderer," and "Alfred the Great." They are all of them well told, though we confess to a preference for the first and the last of the series.

Be it added as generally applicable to all five works that they are well printed, neatly bound, and most attractively and artistically illustrated; and in the case of the less, as well as in that of the more costly, the same remark applies to them all, viz. that they are especially suitable as Christmas gifts, and deserve to find a ready market with all who have devolving upon them the duty of making such gifts.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Moir Lodge (No. 92).—The installation meeting of this ancient and distinguished lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 7th inst. The members present included Bros. M. F. Tweedie, W.M.; Ernest Greiner, S.W.; M. A. Tweedie, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M.; Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M.; P.G.D., Sec.; J. M. Mitchell, S.D.; H. M. Carter, P.M.; W. Bohm, P.M.; R. W. Tweedie, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; J. P. Murrough; and John Webb. The visitors were Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D.; D.P.G.M. Norfolk; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br.; Deputy Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmoreland; J. P. Richards, P.M. 1584; G. A. Mounsey Heysham, S.W. 1532; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; H. Times, S.W. 105; H. W. Noakes, J.W. 103; F. Hallows, P.M. 861; M. Laistner, 238; W. J. Fisher, W.M. 2190; H. Reid, P.M. 142; A. G. Clinton, 723; Charles Mussared, P.M. 2264; J. Kaufman, 1080; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; T. H. Gardiner, P.M. 1150; L. Hansard, P.M. 1506; and James Buchanan, Mother Kilwinning (S.C.).

Lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from several brethren. Bro. J. Webb was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., then, by request, took the chair, and duly installed Bro. E. Greiner as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: Bros. M. A. Tweedie, S.W.; J. M. Mitchell, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M.; Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M.; P.G.D., Sec.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Chap. and S.D.;

W. F. Noakes, J.D.; John Webb, I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M.; Steward; and G. Couchman, Tyler.

After the customary addresses from the Installing Master, lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was subsequently enjoyed.

The customary toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was deeply sensible of the honour of responding for the toast. It was one he knew was drunk with great pleasure by all Masons, because they recognised the services rendered to Masonry by men who were distinguished not only in the Order, but in the positions they held, many of them, in the service of her Majesty and in the State. The position and character of the Earl of Lathom were well known, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had also held high office in the State. Those two noblemen represented many others of similar position, and the rank and file of the officers of Grand Lodge did their utmost to support those noble brethren in the way they discharged the duties they owed to the Craft. The brethren present at the installation ceremony that evening had the pleasure of seeing it performed by such a distinguished brother in the art of Masonry as Bro. Gould, who knew more of the history of Masonry and its ceremonies than any number of Grand Officers. Bro. Gould was the repository of learning in Freemasonry, and they endeavoured to follow his example by attaining a full knowledge of the art. It took a lifetime to understand, and the longer they lived the more they appreciated its principles. It mattered not whether they were Christian or Jew, Mohammedan or Parsee, they could all meet together in the common bonds of Freemasonry. It was its great cosmopolitan character that enhanced its principles in their hearts when they felt that men, irrespective of colour or creed, could meet in one common bond, and acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe, and acknowledge themselves as brothers one to another.

Bro. T. L. Wilkinson then proposed the toast of the evening—"The memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge." He said that however future generations might deal with the remembrance of those who had passed away, it was clearly their duty to make the most of the present, and treasure the memories which were their own heritage. That could best be done for services which men rendered in arms, in statecraft, science, and letters, and were thoroughly borne in mind, but the memory of services rendered to alleviate human wants were best borne in mind and must be treasured. It was so with this lodge. On these occasions they recalled the memory of Lord Moira, and although history would recall his valour, it was for them to recall his Charity. They referred to the name of Moira as one whose life was really successful and really glorious, and he therefore asked them to drink in solemn silence to the memory of their former patron and brother—Earl Moira, the first Marquess of Hastings.

Bro. Michael F. Tweedie, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said this was a toast he was sure the brethren would heartily support. He would not dilate upon Bro. E. Greiner's virtues for they were already well known, and he was certain the example the W.M. had given them would be appreciated. They knew the good stock he came from and how earnest he was, and his presence was in fact an excellent example of universal brotherhood. He congratulated the lodge upon having Bro. Greiner as W.M., and wished him a successful year, and when he left that position of eminence it would only be one step further in the direction of future Masonic honours for which he was destined.

Bro. Ernest Greiner, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kindly manner in which he had proposed his health and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He felt it a great honour to be installed as W.M. and should consider it his privilege and duty to do everything in his power to uphold the time-honoured traditions of the chair. He had not accepted the position without considerable misgivings, but he felt he could rely upon the generous support and assistance of the officers and Past Masters, and this feeling inspired him with confidence that he should be able to carry out the duties he had pledged himself to perform.

Bro. W. G. Fisher, W.M. 2190, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said he presumed it was due to the circumstance that he was W.M. of another lodge that he owed his position in responding. On no other ground could he feel himself justified in preceding others in his thanks. It had always been his desire to visit Bro. Bohm's lodge, which he had heard dated back some 138 or 140 years. That was a gratifying fact, and it imbued a feeling in him such as one experienced when visiting an old institution. His lodge was a young one, he being only the sixth Master, so in a measure he represented the new, as the W.M. that evening represented the old. He hardly liked to project his mind forward to the time when his lodge would be 138 years old. He was sure the visitors would carry away with them a feeling that that installation was a Masonic record. On their behalf he begged to tender sincere thanks for the cordial greeting given them, and express his congratulations to the W.M. at having attained the highest honour conferred by a Lodge. Bros. G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59, and J. P. Richards, P.M. 1584, also responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," to whose kindness and assistance they owed so much, and on whom they felt they could rely in any emergency. The brethren regarded them as the pillars that sustained the lodge. He thanked his predecessor in the chair for the kind assistance rendered that evening.

Bro. M. F. Tweedie, I.P.M., briefly replied, after which "The Officers" was duly given, Bro. M. Tweedie, S.W., responding.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., who said they were especially fortunate in having the assistance of such Masons, for their names were household words. Bro. Wilkinson, Treasurer, had given them reason to be proud of him, and, as regards the Secretary, Bro. Gould, no words were needed to bring before them his great services.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Sec., expressed his regret that the Treasurer had been obliged to leave. The duties of the Treasurer and Secretary were to be as administrative as possible, and to keep the lodge going on while not in session. They could not have a better Treasurer than the present one. He would say of the I.P.M. that no Master who had preceded him had presided with greater dignity, success, or earnestness. In the W.M. installed that day they had one who, during his brief occupation of the chair, had already justified every feeling of confidence they had

in their minds, and, taking another step in advance, there was a third Bro. Tweedie coming on, who, there could be little doubt, would be equal to his predecessors in the chair.

The Tyler's toast then brought to a close a highly successful gathering, the pleasure of which was considerably enhanced by an excellent programme of music, admirably rendered by Miss Marie Fillinger, Madame Recoschewitz, Bro. John Probert, Mr. Hugo Heinz, and Mr. C. Elderhorst, the whole being under the direction of Bro. Max Laistner, who presided at the pianoforte.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. Alfred Lundie, W.M.; Hearn, S.W.; W. W. Westley, P.M., acting J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Colwell, S.D.; Dennis, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; G. Stwd.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; and Foale, P.M. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. E. Clark, P.M. 865; S. P. Agar, 72; W. Smith, 72; Arter, 1572; J. Duff, 145; T. Smith, 177; E. W. France, 2262; and W. Boxwell, 2417.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Brock was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. John Court passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs J. L. Denny, C. F. H. Douglas, and J. Wilson were duly initiated, the three most arduous addresses being most ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Hearn was unanimously elected W.M.; Bros. George Everett, P.M., Treas., and F. Reinardt, Tylers; and Bros. Buxton, Life, and Wolsey, were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted by acclamation to Bro. Alfred Lundie, W.M.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the first Tuesday in February next. A banquet followed.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was neatly proposed by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master in reply, said that he felt that he had overcome the nervousness consequent upon being elected and placed in so onerous a position as Master of No. 1381. The I.P.M. had said that he (the W.M.) had done his work well that day, and he could not contradict him. He took that opportunity of thanking those officers who had supported him so well, the Past Masters for their advice, and last, but not least, the genial and kind co-operation of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Master Elect," "The Visitors," and "The Past Masters" followed in quick succession.

In responding to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. G. Everett said that he felt quite overpowered by the many kind things said of him by the W.M. He endeavoured to do his best, not only for the Master, but for every member of No. 1381. If the incoming Master should deem it expedient to place the whole of the management of the catering, &c., in his—Bro. Everett's hands—there should be nothing wanting to render his year of office a success.

Bro. Stuart, the Secretary, responded in a witty vein.

Bros. Colwell and Parratt replied to the toast of "The Officers."

Bros. Arter, Lundie, T. Smith, W. P. Webb, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

**Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 13, Mandeville-place, W., under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Ozanne, W.M., supported by Past Masters Bros. J. A. Hammond, J. B. Sarjeant, I.P.M., and T. E. Biddlecombe. The officers present were Bros. S. J. Welford, S.W. (W.M. elect.); E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; H. V. Geary, S.D.; J. Bennett, J.D.; Robt. Sladdin, Org.; J. E. Robertson, I.G.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Among members and visitors were Bros. H. Harrison, J. B. Avery, B. S. Reed, M. M. Taylor, Fred. Westmorland, J. R. Hammon, G. Callingham, J. S. Eidmans, W. A. Sarjeant, W. G. Waller Goodworth; T. Hallett, 1816; J. Rundle, 1716; J. W. Avery, P.M., 619, 1177, 1314, P.Z. 73, 619; D. Grinstead, P.M., 1692, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; R. V. Harman, P.M. 1692; W. C. Barron, P.M., 111, and P.P.G.S.B. Durham; J. H. Nightingales, 1382; M. Bleick, 2374; D. W. Dixon, 1366; C. Horton, 902; Robt. Sadler, 1624.

The lodge being duly opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Avery and Harrison were raised. Messrs. W. G. W. Goodworth and W. A. Sarjeant were initiated, and Bro. Westmorland passed to the Second Degree. The chief business of the evening commenced by Bro. Sarjeant, P.M., who acted as D.C., presenting Bro. S. J. Welford, W.M. elect, to the W.M. as a fit candidate for the chair of K.S., and he having assented to the customary charges and obligations, the major part of the brethren withdrew, and during their temporary absence, a Board of Installing Officers was formed, and Bro. Welford formally installed as W.M. for the coming year. After his being saluted by the brethren on their return in the respective degree, Bro. Hammond, P.M., the Installing Officer, called on the W.M. to invest his officers. They were as follow: Bros. C. J. Ozanne, I.P.M.; H. V. Geary, S.W.; J. Bennett, J.W.; E. Burritt Lane, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; H. E. Robertson, S.D.; J. S. Eidmans, J.D.; M. M. Taylor, I.G.; Robt. Sladdin, Org.; J. B. Sarjeant, P.M., D.C.; B. S. Reed, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Hammond then delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren respectively. According to his wont, Bro. Hammond performed the installation ceremony with precision and dignity, and delivered the addresses with impressiveness and feeling.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After due honour being paid to the loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the I.P.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him to see an old friend and fellow-initiate as his successor, and was sure he would, by his attention to the duties of his office, keep up the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. having briefly responded, proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," and in the name of the lodge thanked him for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, to which Bro. Hammond fitly replied. "The Health of the I.P.M.,"

followed, and the jewel was presented to him, which he acknowledged in a genial and cordial manner.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Grinstead, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; W. C. Barron, P.M. 111, P.P.G.S.B. Durham, and J. W. Avery.

"The Past Masters" having been given, Bros. Biddlecombe and Sarjeant replied.

Bro. Burritt Lane, P.M., Treas., complimented the lodge on its sound financial position.

For "The Officers of the Lodge" Bros. Geary and Bennett added a few words.

During the evening the following brethren contributed to the harmony: Bro. Avery with "To-morrow will be Friday" and "Out on the Deep"; Bro. J. Bennett with "Queen of my Heart"; Bro. Biddlecombe with "The Village Blacksmith"; Bro. Lane with a humorous ditty, and Bro. Hammond with "The Entered Apprentice." "Auld Lang Syne" closed the proceedings.

**St. Ambrose Lodge (No. 1891).**—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and was well attended both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 32. There were present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; E. D. F. Rymer, J.W.; P. P. Perry, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Jones, S.D.; W. Ham, J.D.; Dr. Ivor Davis and G. B. Spicer, Stwds.; H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler; L. Lichtwitz, P.M.; Geo. May, C. R. Stent, D. F. Norington, F. J. Godley, C. M. Hall, A. Strutt, E. J. Rix, F. Whicher, A. E. Gadd, S. J. White, E. Edwards, Geo. White, J. H. Dyas, W. F. Bates, P.M.; H. T. Thwaites, E. J. Calf, and Albert Lichtwitz. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Foakes, P.M.; W. J. Jones, 148; G. H. Foan, P.M. 1614; H. Esling, P.M. 1321; G. Knott, 901; A. Harvey, P.M. 1963; J. Ransen, 834; R. Sandiland, 2393; Hans Scharien, 834; C. A. Walter, P.M. 1767; D. Hanslett, P.M. 141; W. Rapley, 1987; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; J. Paul, P.M. 1287; E. M. Coombe, P.M. 1585; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; T. Middlewick, 1614; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2353; A. Hughes, P.M. 179; J. Lewis, 1681; M. S. Rubinstein, 1642; G. Bell, 733; W. H. Handover, 1612; E. W. Pineo, P.M. 257; W. B. Fendick, W.M. 2460; J. Wise, 1614; R. Tomlinson, 820; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; H. J. Keen, 1614; N. Dukas, 2398; G. Landsberger, 108; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report approved, Bros. F. J. Godley, C. R. Stent, and C. M. Hall were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. F. W. Buxton then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. W. Hoggins as W.M., which he performed in a most commendable manner. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. E. D. F. Rymer, S.W.; R. W. Jones, J.W.; P. P. Perry, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Bates, P.M., Sec.; W. Ham, S.D.; G. B. Spicer, J.D.; Dr. Ivor Davis, I.G.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Geo. May, and D. F. Norington, Stwds.; A. E. Gadd, D.C.; P. Vincent, A.D.C.; S. J. White, Mus. Dir.; J. W. Acland, Asst. Mus. Dir.; Hedley Carus, Org.; and H. Evenden, Tyler. The usual addresses were ably delivered by Bro. F. W. Buxton, P.M. The new W.M. then initiated Messrs. Albert Lichtwitz, H. T. Thwaites, and E. J. Calf in excellent style, for which he is to be congratulated.

Two joining members having been proposed for election at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which gave great credit to the establishment, and was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. H. S. Roberts.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave in brief but eloquent terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. J. C. Conway, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he was more than pleased to see Bro. Hoggins in his exalted position, and when he had got over his becoming bashfulness he would be such a W.M. as would excel everyone who had gone into the chair before him. He was a splendid worker, and the brethren were proud of him. He would be able to do everything required of him in an efficient manner, and he had no doubt that he would have a successful and happy time, and be a credit to himself and the lodge.

The toast was very enthusiastically received, and Bro. Hoggins, on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He thanked the members for their great reception. He was proud of the position he held in their good lodge; but he was at a loss to know why he had been elected. The I.P.M. had called attention to his bashfulness. He was indeed so, but still he would do all he could for the lodge, and work with integrity to keep up its great standard. He had not been in the Craft five years, but he thought he had worked hard. Bro. Conway induced him to enter as a joining member, and he had become their W.M. in less than three years. He earnestly advised them all to attend lodges of instruction, and, in conclusion, he stated that he hoped never to do anything to tarnish the escutcheon of the St. Ambrose Lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. observed that he was glad to have had three initiates that evening, and he hoped that they would become valued members of the lodge.

Bro. Albert Lichtwitz replied in a happy speech. He was proud to have been initiated in the lodge, where his father had been a member for many years. He would do his utmost to become an honoured member, and he wished prosperity and everything good to the lodge.

Bro. H. J. Thwaites also responded, remarking that he would not be satisfied until he was elected W.M.

Bro. Calf also replied in suitable terms.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. J. C. Conway." He said that he was a good brother, and had stuck to the lodge for very many years. He had filled all the principal offices with every satisfaction, and as W.M. had had a successful year of office with many initiates, who were all of good credit, for which he was to be commended. He regretted that he was suffering from an affection of the throat, which reluctantly compelled him to forego performing the installation ceremony, for which he was quite qualified. It was a pleasing duty to present him with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his great services in the chair and for the high estimation in which he was held by the members, and he hoped that they would have his able assistance for years.

Bro. J. C. Conway, in reply, said that he tendered his sincere apology for not having installed their excellent W.M., but the state of his health did not permit him to



have that pleasure. He hoped to be of some service to the lodge in the future, as the members had been pleased to think he had been in the past. The St. Ambrose was his mother lodge, and he should never secede from it. He honoured the jewel that had been presented to him, and he should never forget the kindness and support that he had always received from them all.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," making special reference to Bros. F. W. Buxton, P. P. Perry, and L. Lichtwitz.

Bro. C. J. Foakes, as senior Past Master, replied in appropriate terms.

Bro. L. Lichtwitz also responded, remarking that he was proud that his son had been initiated that evening.

Bro. F. W. Buxton also replied. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words. Every Past Master would do his level best to make the lodge a success. When he was installed in the chair there were very few members, and he did his utmost to help make the lodge prosperous as it now was. He had the honour of introducing the W.M. into the lodge, and he was gratified that he was their ruler.

Bro. J. C. Conway also responded, observing that the brethren looked upon Bro. F. W. Buxton as the resuscitator of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors." They had 32 present, many distinguished, and he gave them all a hearty welcome. He was glad Bros. G. H. Foan, J. Hemming, W. Cleghorn, and J. Paul had honoured him with their company that evening. They were splendid workers of the ritual and it was from them that he had gained all his Masonic knowledge. He felt somewhat proud to state that at a recent meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, at which there were 79 members present, he had worked the Fifteen Sections. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Cleghorn, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., in reply, said that he was pleased to have seen their genial W.M. installed in such an excellent manner. His working was also of the very best, and when his term of office expired all would say that he had been an exceptionally good officer, and no lodge could have a better.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Installing Master, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," paid a tribute to the work done by Bro. Buxton, P.M., the Installing Master that night, who had distinguished himself. He was pleased to have appointed Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., as Secretary. He was well known in the Craft and had great abilities. He referred to the other officers in appropriate terms, who were all efficient and would go forward.

Bro. Buxton, in reply, said that it was a great honour to him to have been called upon to install the W.M.

Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., Sec., also responded. He was proud to have been appointed and would do his very best to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bros. Rymer, S.W., and R. W. Jones, J.W., also replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy and pleasant gathering to a close.

The vocal entertainment, under the direction of Bro. Hedley Carus, was good and was much appreciated. The following took part: Victor Opferman (violin solo), Stuart Walker, Wilson, G. Nolan Webb, Bros. Rubinstein and Fred. Stephens, the last named rendering his songs with marked effect.

The portrait of the W.M. appears in our gallery of Worshipful Masters.

**Tyssen Amherst Lodge (No. 2242).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Amherst Club, Stoke Newington, on Monday the 4th inst., when there were present, among others: Bros. T. J. Cusworth, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; R. S. Ellis, J.W.; A. F. Lay, I.P.M. and Treas.; S. J. Cross, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Coard, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; Pinder, Prov. G.T. Essex, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997, 2318, 2374; Greenwood, P.M. 747; Denny, W.M. 1607, Loder, J.W. 179; Lawson, 1607; Coram, 2332; Milton, 898; Lodge, 1567, were visitors.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Cooper Corbridge was passed to the Second Degree, and a ballot having been taken for Mr. D. M. Upsdale, he was duly initiated, the W.M. discharging his duties in a most eloquent and impressive manner, and being most efficiently assisted by his officers. Bros. Pinder and Milton having obtained the assent and signature of the W.M. and his Wardens, to their petition to Grand Lodge for a new lodge in Hackney, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," congratulated Bro. Cusworth upon the efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, and felt sure the Tyssen Amherst Lodge would continue to improve in numbers and influence under the guidance of such an excellent W.M.

The W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for their good wishes, and concluded with a kind reference to Bro. A. F. Lay, I.P.M.

"The Initiate" followed, and Bro. Upsdale suitably replied.

Bros. Greenwood and Denny in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," paid a high compliment to the working and hospitality of the lodge.

During the evening Bros. Coram, Loder, Winckworth and others greatly entertained the brethren by their vocal selections, while Bro. George Allan proved vastly interesting with some feats of legerdemain.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### ALTRINCHAM.

**Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).**—INITIATION OF MR. CONINGSBY DISRAELI, M.P.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall on Monday, the 4th inst. The very interesting occasion had caused a great many brethren of distinction, including the following, to attend: Bros. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.G.W.; G. F. Smith, W.M.; W. K. Blunsum, I.P.M.; W. Agar Renshaw, P.M.; Sam. Thompson, P.M.; R. H. Potter, P.M.; F. R. B. Lindsell, P.M., P.S.G.W.; J. Hamilton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Joel Foden, P.M.; J. W. Byrom, S.W.; H. Brundett; H. H. Mayor, J.W.; J. Siddeley, P.M., Treas.; R. Newhouse, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Martin Stone, P.M.; Jas.

Davenport, I.G.; M. W. Hargreave, G. H. Hollins, W. Hughes, J. Parker, Org.; Edwin Nickson, J. Harrison, T. Nicholson, Wm. Allwood, O. Burrow, G. J. Plimmer, P. Fortune, Wm. Dykes, J. Hawker, G. H. Hollins, the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M., P.G. Chap.; E. J. Soares, R. C. Whitelegge, and E. G. Parker, P.M. The visiting brethren comprised Bros. J. Walker, 37, 2359; James Cookson, 287, P.P.G.T.; H. Small, 2368, P.G.D.C.; W. Hall, P.M. 1387; John Roberts, 204, P.P.G.D.; E. Morgan, P.M. 2144; J. Cliffe, P.M. 204; F. Hough, 1011; J. B. Pownall, J.W. 430; J. Clayton, P.M. 89, Treas.; J. H. Evans, P.M., Sec. 1565, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Longridge, P.M.; J. S. Derbyshire, 1565; W. H. Lugh, P.M. 1565; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; F. W. Broadsmith, P.M. 1166, W.M. 2477; Isaac Garstock, 477, 1134; A. W. Stanley, 1774; H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S. G.D.; J. Lewis, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; F. Bishop, A. E. Bishop, J. Hampson, 1357; A. C. Sparkes, P.M. 1565; W. Forster, 1565; W. A. Doherty, J.W. 2144; J. T. Goulding, I.P.M. 2144; R. Fowden, 1565; C. S. Stubbs, 1008; F. Johnson, P.M. 2144; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; C. F. Vlies, 1161; George Bowen, P.M. 2144, P.P.G.P.; Hy. Goulden, 323; and M. H. Wells, 2144.

The lodge was opened, and the Prov. G. Officers were received by the brethren in due form and saluted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, M.P., and, being favourable, he was initiated by Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M., in a very impressive manner. At no time during the history of the lodge has there been such a large number of Prov. G. Officers and visiting brethren present as on this occasion, to witness this interesting ceremony on the part of the distinguished candidate. Regret was expressed on all sides at the unavoidable absence of Lord Egerton, P.G.M., who intended being present, but owing to his daughter's ill-health he was compelled to accompany her on a journey to the Continent. The Town Hall had been specially renovated for the occasion, and under the practised hand of Bro. Josiah Drinkwater and Bro. James Davenport quite a transformation had taken place in the appearance of the interior since the members held their last monthly meeting. The charge to the candidate was impressively given by Bro. H. H. Mayor, J.W.

At the close of the lodge a convivial evening was spent, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given.

The toast of the evening, that of "The New Initiate," was proposed in very felicitous terms by Bro. The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., and Bro. Disraeli duly responded.

The speeches were interspersed with songs, &c., given by Bros. James Parker, J. S. Derbyshire, T. Nicholson, Smith, Hargreaves, Hochis, Nickson; recitation by Bro. Coleman, violin solo by Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, and flute solo by Bro. S. Thompson. Bro. James Parker, Organist, presided at the piano, and had charge of the musical arrangements. A word of praise is due to the host of the Unicorn Hotel, Mr. F. Rohleder, for his unique management in coping with such a large muster in the catering department.

### BRADFORD.

**Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1648).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, in the regrettable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. W. H. Durant, who was seriously ill, Bro. J. Pelham Browne, P.M., occupied the chair and opened the lodge. There were also present Bros. F. Percy Carter, as I.P.M.; Samuel Nutter, S.W.; Oliver Lamb, J.W.; J. Cope, as S.D.; J. R. Russell, J.D.; W. Farnish, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; Rev. J. Brown, B.A., Chap.; F. C. Robinson, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Barber, P.M., Prov. G. Std., Sec.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hooper, Org.; Booth, Shears, Jester, Warren, Heap, Birch, Winter, Miles, Misdale, Lister, Couchner, Alvey, Farnish, O'Keefe, Hainsworth, King, Field, and Cordingley. Visitors: Bros. J. Butler, W.M. 304; Jose Rickard, P.M. 304; J. Haste W.M., 439; W. Greenwood, P.M., Sec. 439; W. Haley, P.M. 1018; John Haley, W.M. 1034; F. Hartman, Secretary, 1034; Joshua Hill, W.M. 2330; W. G. Stansfield, W.M. 600; C. Fara, W.M. 1018; H. Carter, P.M. 1420; J. Astley, P.M. 1721; J. T. Last, W.M. 2321; E. P. Peterson, P.M., Sec. 2321.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., presented Bro. S. Nutter, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. A Board of 17 Installed Masters having been duly opened by Bro. Stephenson, Bro. Nutter was installed into the chair of K.S., Bros. Browne, P.M., and Carter, P.M., assisting in the ceremonial. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Fearnside, S.W.; J. R. Russell, J.W.; Rev. J. Browne, B.A., Chap.; F. C. Robinson, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Barber, P.M., P.G. Std., Sec.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Hooper, Org.; Wm. Farnish, S.D.; G. E. Rawnsley, J.D.; J. Cope, I.G.; J. Barraclough, S. of W.; J. Foy, H. Johnstone, and O. Keefe, Stewards; and Chas. Woodcock, Tyler. Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee of West Yorks.

Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren, and the lodge was closed.

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

Bro. the Rev. J. Browne, B.A., Chap., in proposing the toast—"The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist"—a toast seldom omitted from the list on the annual meetings of lodges in the North—remarked that, according to the Ecclesiastical calendar, that was not one of the movable feasts, but it appeared to him that the feast was always at its meridian as regards Freemasonry, for whenever it happened to be the annual and installation meetings of the lodges, at whatever time of the year, the Festival of St. John was celebrated. St. John was regarded as the patron saint of the Masonic Craft; he was truly the apostle of love, and it was the great principle of brotherly love that bound the Brotherhood together, for it was in the lodge that the brethren met together for social intercourse and on common ground, from the Exchange, the professional round and study, and (seeing several military brethren present) also from the camp and the barracks. He could also see brethren present from both the Liberal and Conservative Clubs, who outside the lodge were in keen rivalry but who were then enjoying each other's society in peace,

love, and harmony, and, interwoven with their enjoyment, they sympathised with their less fortunate brethren, who were suffering in sickness or trouble.

Bro. J. W. Barber, P.M., P.G. Std., Sec., in responding on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Lodge," referred to the regretted retirement of Bro. T. W. Tew and the recent installation of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as Prov. G.M., and stated that the Prov. Grand Officers were always found ready to do their duty whenever called upon.

"The Visitors" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. J. Pelham Brown, P.M., he referred to the regretted absence of several influential brethren who had accepted invitations to be present, but who had been unfortunately prevented from fulfilling their engagements, and he gave those brethren who had honoured the lodge that evening a most cordial welcome.

The Worshipful Masters of Lodges 304, 439, 1018, 1034, 2321 and 2330 responded, and acknowledged the very hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and complimented the W.M. on the position he had attained.

Bro. Birch of a Gibraltar lodge responded on behalf of the military brethren, and stated that he had visited lodges in Egypt and in the Mediterranean, but had experienced no such good working as he had seen in their lodge that evening.

Bro. Stephenson in submitting the toast of "W. Bro. Durant, I.P.M.," expressed the regret of all the brethren at his unavoidable absence, and deplored the cause of it. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would speedily restore him to his usual health and strength, and once more enable him to visit the brethren, and fulfil the duties he was so admirably fitted for. His year of office had been a most successful one, and he could assure him of the hearty sympathy of all the brethren in his sufferings.

The toast was sympathetically received.

Bro. Robinson, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the pleasure it gave him to do so, as from a long acquaintance with Bro. Nutter, both inside and outside the lodge, he knew him to be worthy of the position in every respect, and well adapted for filling the honourable position in which he had that evening been placed. He felt assured that the honour and interest of the lodge particularly, and of Freemasonry generally, would be jealously guarded during his tenure of office.

The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Robinson for his kind remarks respecting him, and also the brethren and visitors for the manner in which they had received the toast. He assured the brethren that he highly appreciated the honourable position in which they had placed him, and trusted that the dignity of the lodge would be maintained during his year of office. He feelingly alluded to the absence of Bro. Durant, I.P.M., through illness, and thanked the Past Masters of the lodge for their invaluable assistance. He valued and appreciated most highly the confidence of the brethren, and trusted they would have a happy and prosperous year.

"The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Astley, 2193, and responded to in an eloquent speech by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., the senior Past Master of 1648.

Bro. Carter proposed "The Officers of the Lodge" in felicitous terms, and Bro. Russell, J.W., suitably responded.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful and happy meeting.

### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Noel Lodge (No. 2444).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Lewis, W.M.; G. H. Lister, S.W.; E. J. Packington, J.W.; A. M. Levy, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, Sec.; J. Hall, S.D.; F. Hullett, J.D.; J. Old, D.C.; G. Brooker, I.G.; A. Watkins, Org.; F. G. Smith, Std.; G. Handley, P.M.; J. Herbert, P.M.; Bradbury, Shearlock, Gardener, Biesly, J. H. Vicary, J. D. Vicary, T. Pennington, G. Evans, and G. Anderson. Bros. J. Edgell, W.M. 889; J. Sumner, S.W. 1638; W. Williams, 1016; McCubbin 125 (S.C.); F. Lockett, J.W. 2222; F. H. Gill, 720; and A. Wainwright, 1638.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge by-laws were read. The W.M. then ably initiated Mr. G. Evans into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bros. G. Anderson and A. A. Wainwright were impressively raised to the M.M. Degree, the latter at the request of the W.M. of 1638.

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

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

### LOWER BROUGHTON.

**St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).**—The installation was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Griffin Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hawkins, W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. Taylor, and, being favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. McGill, S.W. (W.M. elect), was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec., and, after the usual formula, Bro. McGill was declared to be the W.M. and saluted. Bro. J. W. Millward presented the working tools in each Degree. Bro. Sam. Moore, P.M., addressed the W.M. and Wardens, whilst Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.M., P.P.G.W., addressed the brethren generally. But the greatest treat of all was to hear Bro. J. H. P. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg., invest and address the officers for the ensuing year, and the performance was quite impromptu, as he was only called upon at a moment's notice, and a greater treat could never have been heard. The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. T. W. McGill, W.M.; W. Hawkins, I.P.M.; T. M. Johnson, S.W.; W. Martin, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; P. Heaton, P.M., P.P.G. Std., D.C.; A. B. Wightman, S.D.; J. Mumby, J.D.; W. L. Clark, I.G.; J. J. H. Ormerod, A. Percival, and J. J. Millson, Stewards; and J. Johnson, P.M., Tyler. The sum of ten pounds was voted, on the motion of Bro. J. W. Millward, P.M., to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. "Hearty good wishes" were given from a large number of visitors present.

Subsequently a banquet was held, according to the unique style usually given by Bro. Ollier, P.M., and a very merry evening was spent.



The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and Bro. Hawkins was presented with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel.

The following were present: Bros. W. Hawkins, W.M.; Wm. C. Royle, S.W.; T. McGill, J.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; T. M. Johnson, S.D.; W. Martin, I.G.; Wm. H. Southern, I.P.M.; P. Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; T. Southern, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; G. W. Owen, R. Taylor, C. Tinly, John Faulkner, J. J. H. Ormerod, W. L. Clark, Samuel Moore, P.M.; and J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.W. Visitors: Bros. John Jackson, B. Doyles, A. Moorhouse, H. F. Newman, G. Sam Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; James Beardmore, W.M.; Thos. Threlfall, I.P.M.; W. Sharp, J. H. P. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg.; James Robinson, W. B. Flower, R. Howard, T. Bradbury, T. T. Seffon, and W. F. Farrington, P.M.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### LUDLOW.

**Lodge of the Marches (No. 611).**—This lodge held its last regular meeting on the 6th instant at the Masonic Hall. After transacting routine business, Bro. T. J. Salvey, W.M., was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Lockhart was unanimously elected Treasurer for the same period, and Pro. Prince was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. then worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, with Bros. Lockhart and E. S. Lloyd. The most interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to the lodge by Bro. T. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.R., of some articles he had lately brought from Jerusalem. They consisted of a large and comprehensive photograph of the Holy City, a pair of ashlar cut from the quarry from which the stones of the Temple were hewn, and a maul, the head of which was of olive wood from the Mount of Olives, and the haft of wood grown on the plains of the Jordan. The ashlar and maul bear suitable inscriptions. It is needless to say that Bro. Roberts was most cordially thanked for his highly appreciated present. The lodge also voted a Past Master's jewel to the W.M., on the motion of Bro. R. G. Venables, P.M., D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Newall Lodge (No. 1134).**—The regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday the 5th inst. Bro. B. Eckersley, W.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance sheet was discussed and found favourable. The ballot was taken for Bro. Kidney as a joining member, who was duly elected. The following were present: Bros. B. Eckersley, W.M.; E. Webb, I.P.M.; Charles Driver, S.W.; H. Waterhouse, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Ogden, S.D.; R. W. Martin, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; James Green, I.G.; G. S. Smith, P.M., Organist; A. K. Boothroyd, Stwd.; H. Mainwaring, P.M.; K. C. Gray, W. Ilett, A. Cadwell, W. H. Browne, and Nathaniel Jones, Tyler.

#### SALTASH.

**Zetland Lodge (No. 1071).**—The annual meeting was held on the 4th inst. for the first time at its handsome new Masonic Hall, Fore-street. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. Robert Thornton Meadows, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. T. D. Netting, T. D. Deeble, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. R. Revell, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and W. R. Rawling were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bros. J. T. Brooking, P.P.G.S. of W., R. Pearce, Jas. Pearce, P.P.G.P., E. C. Vosper, E. R. Doney, H. Bowden, W. T. Nancarrow, J. Lander, and N. Bray, of the lodge; G. Cassell, P.P.G.P., J. Pearce, P.P.G.P., and G. M. Davis, of 1136; G. J. W. Trethewey and F. A. Rawling, P.A.G.D.C., of 1164; and from Devon Bros. Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Allsford, 202; E. Aitken Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Bray, J. J. C. Elliott, and J. Berry, of 1212; and W. D. Lavers, 1255. The officers invested were Bros. T. D. Netting, I.P.M.; F. Rawling, S.W.; J. Taylor Brooking, J.W.; E. C. Vosper, Chap.; J. Pearce, Treas.; T. B. Deeble, Sec.; J. Braund, S.D.; T. Vickery, J.D.; J. O. Betty, I.G.; J. T. Brooking, D.C.; J. F. Menhenick, Org.; R. May, E. C. R. Vosper, T. W. Nancarrow, and E. Burns, Stwds.; and J. T. Thorn, Tyler.

#### SHEFFIELD.

**Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).**—The 26th installation of this prosperous lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. A. E. Drury, W.M., supported by Bro. A. E. Kirkham, I.P.M., and the rest of the officers and brethren of the lodge, who mustered up strongly. There was also a large attendance of visiting brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular lodge were confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Stokes, S.W., was presented to the W.M. for installation by Bro. H. Nixon, P.M., the usual obligation having been taken and a Board of Installed Masters formed. Bro. C. Stokes was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The ceremony throughout was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by Bro. Drury. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. E. Drury, I.P.M.; M. J. Dodworth, S.W.; T. E. Barker, J.W.; J. B. Wostenholm, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., Chap.; T. Rowbotham, Sec.; T. Firth, Asst. Sec.; W. F. Cole, S.D.; A. J. Forsdike, J.D.; F. S. H. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; G. Wragg, A.D.C.; J. A. Rodgers, Org.; T. Green, I.G.; E. Rowbotham and C. Barker, Stwds.; and T. Leighton, Tyler. The sum of 20 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, making up the required amount to endow the W.M.'s chair. Two months ago the sum of 50 guineas was granted for the same object.

After despatch of remaining business which appeared on the agenda, and tendering of "Hearty good wishes" from lodges, the lodge was closed by the W.M., and during the martial strains of the organ the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the W.M. presided.

The banquet was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. R. Turner, Steward at the hall, at which 89 brethren sat down.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and most heartily responded to, and a most happy and harmonious evening was spent, and will long be remembered by the brethren present.

#### STOCKPORT.

**Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).**—The installation meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 7th inst. There was a very large attendance of prominent brethren present. Perhaps the special interest was, it being the installation of Bro. the Rev. Arthur Symonds, S.W., P.P.G. Chap., W.M. elect, who is very popular amongst the brethren.

The lodge was opened by Bro. George Roberts, W.M., P.P.G.S., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were adopted. Bro. George McClelland, P.M., P.P.G.D., occupied the chair, and appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. Charles Turner, P.M., P.G.D.C. East Lanc., as S.W.; Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as J.W.; and J. Leigh, P.M., P.P.G.P., as I.G. Bro. Arthur Symonds was presented to the Installing Master by the I.P.M., and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in an admirable manner by Bro. McClelland, and he was proclaimed and saluted. Bro. Henry Smith presented the working tools in the respective Degrees. Bro. J. Lancaster, P.M., addressed the W.M., and Bro. McClelland gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The officers for the ensuing year, as follows, were invested and addressed by Bro. James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec., in his usual style of dignity and effectiveness.—Bros. Rev. A. Symonds, P.P.G. Chap., W.M.; Geo. Roberts, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; James W. Howard, S.W.; Jervis T. Hudson, P.P.G.S., J.W.; Charles Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; James Alfred Cookson, S.D.; Arthur James Hewitt, J.D.; John Leigh, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Edmund Edmondson, Org.; Leonard Jagger, I.G.; Joshua Preston, Geo. W. Healey, David Walmsley, and William B. Flower, Stwds.; John Clark, Tyler; and Thos. E. Rigby, P.M., Charity Representative. Bro. Hy. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed a vote of condolence with Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., upon the loss of his mother, who died quite suddenly. This, of course, was carried unanimously, with great regret. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec., rose and complimented the W.M. and Installing Masters for the admirable manner in which the whole of the ceremony had been performed, and tendered his "Hearty good wishes," which were repeated by a vast number of visitors.

The lodge was closed by the W.M., and subsequently a banquet was held, served in an excellent style by Mrs. Robertson, the hostess.

Of course, the W.M., Bro. Symonds, presided, and a capital chairman he made.

After the usual loyal toasts,

Bro. Roberts proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Symonds," in suitable terms, and which was drunk with musical honours.

Bro. Symonds, in responding, said that notwithstanding the position he held in the town, he did not need, he thought, to apologise for appearing in that office. He looked upon it as a great privilege to be in that honourable position to which they had elected him. He had belonged to the Craft perhaps longer than some of them thought. He was initiated some 18 years ago. He became a member, when he was very young, of the Apollo Lodge when at Oxford, a special dispensation having been granted to him to allow those in the University to join at an earlier age than usual. In that lodge he held the post of Secretary when his Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany was the Master of the lodge. After leaving the University, he (Bro. Symonds) discontinued his membership until he came to Stockport, and, on account of the "go" that he found characterising everything that went on in the North of England, he joined again. Comparing the North with the South, he said the feature that struck him most was the great amount of energy and spirit that was infused into every institution in the North, everything being taken up heartily and made to work. That was certainly true of Freemasonry in Stockport, and he supposed the contagion had extended to himself. He thought it would be a very good thing if more of his colleagues were found in Masonic chairs. He thought the clergy should be in touch with everybody. They ought to be associated with social life as well as the religious life of the people, and unless they were so associated there would be a great many of their fellow countrymen with whom they would bound to be out of touch. However, whatever might be said in other directions, amongst the Masons of Stockport, at all events, there was none of that spirit, and he was also pleased to find they had recognised some good qualities in himself to exalt him in that high position that night. He felt very deeply the honour that had been paid him, and thanked them heartily for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He would take that opportunity before sitting down of presenting Bro. G. Roberts, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight token of the respect in which he was held by the officers and brethren of the lodge, and as some little acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during the past year.

Bro. Roberts responded in suitable terms, evidently feeling very much affected.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The following were present: Bros. George Roberts, P.P.G.S., W.M.; J. W. Howard, J.W.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. Hudson, P.P.G.S., S.D.; George McClelland, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Cookson, I.G.; J. Clarke, E. Edmondson, J. Preston, L. Jagger, R. Thomas, W. Leer, D. Walmsley, J. Hurst, G. W. Healey, W. B. Flower, and J. Wakefield, P.P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Andrew, James Jackson, C. Higginbotham, T. H. Amnet, Franklin Fisher, W.M.; J. J. Neale, J. C. Armitage, W.M.; W. H. Harrison, H. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Lomas, P.M.; and G. Sam Smith, P.M., P.G.O.

The handsome jewel which was presented to the I.P.M., and which was much admired, was specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### WOOLSTON.

**Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).**—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. A. H. W. Ritchie, S.W., was installed as W.M. A candidate was first initiated by Bro. Martin, the outgoing Master, after which the impressive installation ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. W. Fowler, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros.

Pickstock, W.M. 76; C. T. Penny, W.M., R. W. Lees, P.S.G.D., and J. B. Thomas, P.S.G.D., of 130; Wm. C. Dusautoy, J. E. Aldis, Griffiths, and H. Steele, of 359; H. C. Ashdown, W.M., and H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., of 394; R. C. Dixon, W.M. 1112; J. Martin, W.M.; R. L. Rosoman, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Chapman, J. Methven, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; M. F. Curtis, W. H. Mitchell, W. Fowler, E. T. Wise, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Miller, E. A. Edwards, W. Brown, and G. Ward, P.M. 1883, P.S.G.D. The visitors were Bros. Ward, 76; Hinsman, 76; and J. W. Barford, 394. After the installation the W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. J. Martin, I.P.M.; S. B. Crook, S.W.; J. Morten, J.W.; A. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Methven, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; H. B. Rohss, S.D.; James Amys, J.D.; G. Miller, I.G.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. Pope, Organist; J. Cudlipp and G. T. Jopling, Stewards; and C. Henley, Tyler. Cordial thanks were voted to the Installing Master for the able discharge of the duty entrusted to him, and a similar compliment was accorded to the retiring Master, who, in response, thanked the officers and brethren generally for that support which had made his year of office a happy and successful one. A vote of condolence with Bro. William Perkins on the death of his son was passed in silence, on the motion of Bro. A. J. Brown, seconded by Bro. Methven.

After the ceremonies the annual lodge banquet was partaken of under the presidency of the W.M., to whom the "Heartiest good wishes" were tendered by the visiting and other brethren that he might have a prosperous period in the lodge chair. An excellent repast was provided by Bro. Henley, the Tyler of the lodge.

A pleasant and social evening was afterwards spent.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. W. Pope presided at the piano.

### Mark Masonry.

**Grand Steward's Lodge.**—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. J. Tomkins, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon, W.M.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Std., S.W.; W. B. Williamson, J.W.; J. S. Cumberland, S.O.; H. Stone, J.O.; W. C. Gilles, P.G. Treas., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. W. Driver, P.M.; J. Boulton, S.D.; H. Von Joel, I.D.; J. F. Edwards, Geo. Gregory, J. Barnett, and A. Pringle. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Boyd, P.P.S.G.W. Hants; R. Eve, P.G.M.O., D.P.G.M. Hants; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit report adopted. Bro. J. Barnett, G. Stwd., was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. D. P. Cama was installed as W.M. in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. J. Tomkins, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon, I.P.M., and the following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Tomkins, I.P.M.; W. B. Williamson, S.W.; W. E. Williams, J.W.; H. Stone, M.O.; J. Ramsey, S.O.; J. Boulton, J.O.; W. C. Gilles, P.G. Treas., Treas.; H. Von Joel, R. of M.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. Levick, S.D.; T. E. Biddlecombe, J.D.; H. H. Shirley, D.C.; Laurence Steele, I.G.; John H. Thompson, and G. Gregory, Stwds.; and E. Mills, Tyler. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Tomkins, I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties, and then intimated to the brethren, that for reasons already explained by the Secretary, he was unable to remain with them throughout the evening. It was his intention to leave England for India about the middle of January, and on his return he wished to serve as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and hoped the brethren would reserve something for his list. He hoped they would spend a pleasant evening under the sway of Bro. Tomkins, who, he knew, would endeavour to make them happy. The I.P.M. having returned thanks for the jewel, the lodge was closed.

A well-served banquet was partaken of at the Holburn Restaurant.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. W. C. Gilles, P.G. Treas., responding for "The Grand Officers," said he felt flattered at being selected to respond, because there were many present senior to him in rank. As a representative of the Grand Officers, he was always willing to further the cause of Mark Masonry, and this feeling was shared by every member of the lodge.

Bro. Gilles then said the toast he had to propose was that of "The acting Worshipful Master," who was presiding that evening. They all knew what a Mason Bro. Tomkins was, what numerous offices he had filled, and they knew he had risen in that degree to as high a position as a man could possibly reach in the province. As far as their lodge was concerned he had received the best collar they could give him, and he had performed his duty of installing his successor that evening in a very admirable manner.

Bro. J. Tomkins, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said Bro. Gilles had thought fit to call him the W.M. He was but the W.M. in the chair, for their W.M., Bro. Cama, he was sorry to say, was not with them on account of domestic affliction. They all sympathised with their absent W.M., and wished he could be present. He (Bro. Tomkins) trusted that during the past year he had so far as circumstances had allowed performed his duties to their satisfaction. He felt he had some little reason for their confidence when he looked at the handsome jewel presented to him. He would do all he could to promote the honour and benefit of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and could not sufficiently thank them for their kindness.

Bro. John Barnett, G. Stwd., replied for "The Joining Member," and thanked the members cordially for the privilege accorded him of becoming a member. One of the first actions he took, after receiving the honour of appointment as Grand Steward, was to ask his old friend, Bro. Hogard, to be good enough to propose him for membership. It was an agreeable thing to enter the lodge under the auspices of a W.M. who was one of the ornaments of their Order, and one of the philanthropists of their age. He begged to thank the brethren for electing him, and Bro. Hogard for proposing him. He had been associated with Bro. Hogard for many years, and had had the opportunity of placing upon his shoulders four collars. The I.P.M. was good enough to suggest that in the course of time he (Bro. Barnett) might occupy the chair of the lodge, and if that happened he hoped he might place a fifth collar on the shoulders of his friend, Bro. Hogard. As a student of

Masonic ritual, he had been absolutely delighted to see the I.P.M. install his successor not only with credit but to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. R. Eye, P.G.M.O., acknowledged "The Visitors," and thanked the brethren for their kind reception. He was an older Grand Officer of the Mark Degree than any other Degree, and it was now many years since he filled the office of G.M.O. He liked Masonry and its developments, and his only fear was that inasmuch as there were so many Degrees, probably some were left unattended to. The Mark Degree emulated the Craft to a great extent in the Charities. The essence of Masonry was charitable feeling more than charitable actions. He was glad to see Mark Masonry following in the wake of the Craft, and it was incumbent upon every member to do what he could for this object.

Bro. W. B. Williamson, S.W., responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Gilles, Treas., for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Sec., also replied, and said he thought they had a right to expect that when the Grand Stewards were appointed, some of them should join this lodge. It was founded for the express purpose of the Grand Stewards being able to interchange ideas and form themselves into a little coterie. He hoped in the future to discharge his duties, as in the past, to the satisfaction of the members, and his best services were always at their disposal.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were enlivened with several songs, and an original recitation by Bro. F. W. Driver, "The two scholars."

#### BRADFORD.

**Old York Lodge (T.I.).**—A regular meeting of this prosperous old lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 28th November, Bro. T. Earp Greenough, W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Simeon Whiteley, P.M., Org., as I.P.M.; F. D. Harrison, S.W.; J. T. Last, J.W.; Wm. Laycock, M.O.; Geo. Martin, S.O.; R. H. Bonsor, J.O.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M., Sec.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; Geo. C. Gamble, S.D.; Joshua Hill, as J.D.; James Pratt, I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; Joseph Clifford, Charles Cromack, R. H. Pullan, James Dewhurst, P.M., and others. Bro. J. H. Barker, D.P.G.M., was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened, after which Bro. Barker, D.P.G.M., entered, and was duly saluted. The minutes of the installation meeting were duly confirmed, after which the ballot was taken, and Bros. John Cromack, 2330; J. H. Schutte, 2330; A. H. Jones, 2330; and Louis Crossley, 61, were duly elected, Bros. Cromack and Crossley being in attendance, were then advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M. The lecture was given by Bro. Whiteley, P.P.G.D., the working tools were explained by the S.W., and the charge given by Bro. Norfolk, P.M., Sec. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Barker, D.P.G.M., who was unable to stay to refreshment, expressed the pleasure his visit to the lodge had afforded him, and complimented the W.M. on the able manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted by him and his officers. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren by reason of sickness and otherwise.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**Britannia Lodge (No. 53).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, 7th inst. Bro. M. J. Dodworth, W.M., presided, and was well supported by his officers and brethren. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Ed. G. Whiteley, 1239, was very impressively and ably advanced to the degree of M.M. Mason, by the W.M., in a most praiseworthy manner.

After the despatch of the remaining business on the agenda, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to supper, and a very happy evening was spent.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### CYPRUS.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 2402).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, on the 11th ult., when there were present Bros. J. E. Sanby, W.M., in the chair; F. O. Harvey, I.P.M.; A. Morton, as S.W.; E. A. Carletti, J.W., W.M. elect; Cannons, S.D.; Clarke, I.G.; A. C. Harvey, Tyler (Hon.); and a good attendance of the brethren.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. then called for the report of the Audit Committee. This was presented by the Treasurer, Bro. Harvey, P.M., and showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory state financially, as a good balance was in hand to the credit of the lodge account, as well as about £15 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. The chair was then taken by Bro. F. O. Harvey, the first W.M. of the lodge, as Installing Master; the chair of S.W. was taken by Bro. Surgeon-Captain Kiddle, P.M.; J.W., Bro. Meyer, W.M. 2277; D.C., Bro. Sanby, W.M. 2402; Sec., Bro. Harriott, P.P.G.M. Digton and Kirkcudbright; and I.G., Bro. Jones, W.M. elect 2277. Bro. Edward Adolphus Carletti was then presented, and installed into the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M., the working tools being given by Bro. Sanby, the retiring W.M. At the request of the newly-installed W.M., the I.M. invested the following officers with their collars and jewels: Bros. A. Morton, S.W.; Major the Hon. E. J. Chetwynd, J.W.; Turner, Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; A. C. Harvey, J.D.; Gurgick, I.G.; C. Cannons, D.C.; G. R. Harriott, P.M., P.P.G.M., and T. Pierides, Stds.; and Munro Ross, Hon. Tyler; and the W.M. invested Bro. F. O. Harvey, P.M., as Treasurer. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Sanby, I.P.M., a very handsome Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent dinner was served, and which had been prepared under the superintendence of the J.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, interspersed by some good songs from Bros. Chetwynd, Meyer, Cannons, and A. C. Harvey, and the company separated before "the witching hour," all agreeing that a most enjoyable evening had been passed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. WILLIAM HOGGINS,

Whose installation as W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, is reported elsewhere, was initiated in the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, in December, 1888, having been proposed by Bro. A. Hughes, P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Hughes, P.M. He joined the St. Ambrose Lodge in November, 1890, and in three years he has become its W.M. He is Assistant Preceptor in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, in which he worked the 15 Sections on the 30th ult. in the presence of about 80 brethren. Our brother has gained a thorough mastery of the ritual, and the St. Ambrose Lodge is to be congratulated in having so excellent a Master. Bro. Hoggins is a Life Governor of the three Institutions.



BRO. ERNEST GREINER,

whose installation as W.M. of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, is recorded in another column, was initiated in the same lodge on October 25th, 1887, passed in the following November, and raised on January 24th, 1888. In 1890, he served as I.G.; in 1891, as S.D.; and in the two succeeding years as Junior and Senior Warden, respectively. Bro. Ernest Greiner—the fourth son of Alfred Greiner, of Glucksthal, and later of Alsbach-Limbach—was born on March 20th, 1859. Limbach (in the duchy of Saxe-Meiningen) is situated on the highest slope of the Thuringian Forest, which contains the most magnificent fir trees in existence, many of them being no less than 700 years old. At the early age of 13, Ernest Greiner came to England, and joined the business firm of his brother, Gotthelf Greiner, of 10 and 12, Milton-street, E.C., who is also a member of the Moira Lodge, and served the office of W.M. in 1891. Bro. E. Greiner has attained a very high position in the mercantile world, and is well known throughout the United Kingdom as one of the most successful and trusted men in the fancy goods trade. His leisure moments he devotes to music, and is an accomplished performer on the piano, violin, and zither. The W.M. of the Moira Lodge, and his elder brother, the Past Master, are direct descendants of the two famous Thuringian Greiners, the first of whom came in 1596

from Swabia or Bohemia to the Thuringian Forest as a haven of rest from religious intolerance. There he founded the still flourishing glass industry of the locality. The first glass factory in the forest was built by Greiner at a spot which he named Lauscha, in memory of a mountain overhanging the places where he had carried on his labours before removing to Thuringia. This pioneer of the glass industry in the Thuringian Forest, his sons, and their successors, erected many manufactories in the district. The second Greiner (Gotthelf), to be more particularly referred to (born at Limbach in 1732, and great-great-grandfather of the W.M. No. 92), was a man of remarkable ability, and sterling worth. Without the assistance of aught but the most primitive materials and appliances, he, nevertheless, so prospered in his work as to achieve the signal success of inventing the Thuringian china or porcelain. The historian of Thuringia, Adolf Fleischmann, thus alludes to him: "To his labours and talents Thuringia owes the greatest invention by which humanity has been favoured for many generations, and through which, up to the present, nearly 25,000 Thuringian families have been indebted for their means of subsistence." The manufactures of these Thuringian people are renowned throughout the world for their utility and artistic value. Gotthelf Greiner, at the outset of his career, was confronted by the greatest difficulties, for at that time it was necessary to obtain a licence to manufacture from the reigning dukes, and they were slow in realising the great future which china would eventually play in the requirements and commerce of the world. He spent his entire fortune in his endeavours to produce it, and had it not been for his devoted wife, who presented him with the savings of her lifetime, would probably never have succeeded. Eventually, however, he triumphed over every obstacle, and his porcelain proved to be of the same quality as that of the original inventor—Boettcher, of Dresden—which is now known as Royal Dresden porcelain. This ware is still produced at the Dresden works, but in former times it was entirely in the hands of the sovereigns of Germany, who bought the produce of Boettcher's invention at enormous prices. Gotthelf Greiner could also have obtained large sums in the same way, but such a sequel to his toil found no place in his thoughts. He rightly estimated that the value of the new material would be most extensively diffused, by the application of his discovery to the manufacture of useful articles for the million. Indeed, he was soon compelled to establish four additional business centres, under the management of his sons, in various parts of Thuringia. But his dominant idea was to preserve the value of his invention, throughout future years, for his native country, and thus to create a staple and lasting industry which might benefit the foresters for centuries to come. The welfare of his fellow-creatures was dearer to him than money, and his name and memory are still revered by thousands of families in the district. The original china manufactory at Limbach, together with others in the locality, is still in the hands of the Greiner family.

#### FESTIVAL OF THE CLARENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

The third festival of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction was celebrated on Monday the 4th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, a very handsome suite of rooms having been placed at the disposal of the brethren, numbering upwards of 64; the lodge was opened in due form at 6.30. The meeting was presided over by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., Bro. W. H. Kirby (Preceptor), acted as W.M., and was supported by Bros. H. Sadler, as P.M.; F. W. Crohn, S.W.; C. J. Fox, J.W.; W. Baker, Sec.; A. Leighton, S.D.; D. D. West, J.D., and F. W. Bramall, I.G.

The Second Lecture was worked in a manner which obtained the most hearty approval of the lodge. The various Sections were undertaken by the following brethren: First Section, Bro. Albert Leighton; Second Section, Bro. D. D. West; Third Section, Bro. M. B. Evans; Fourth Section, Bro. E. Charles Lewis; Fifth Section, Bro. A. M. Barnard.

At the conclusion of the work the PRESIDENT proposed that the best thanks of all present should be tendered to those brethren who had worked the lectures in such an able manner. He knew many were there who had heard that lecture on previous occasions, and there were also those present who heard it then for the first time and he was sure all must be of opinion that the work had been most thoroughly well carried out. The Sections of the Second Lecture present special difficulties to the Masonic student, and there could be no doubt that those difficulties had been very successfully mastered.

The proposal was seconded by Bro. F. T. RUSHTON, P.G.S., &c., who remarked that it gave him special pleasure to second the proposition, as in doing so he might mention he was a member of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, from which the Clarence Lodge of Instruction held its warrant, and he was quite sure the Bank of England Lodge had every reason to be proud of its offspring, particularly in view of the excellent work that evening.

The vote was carried unanimously, and Bro. Kirby, W.M., on behalf of the Section workers thanked the brethren for their kindness in extending the votes of thanks, as it was appreciation such as had been shown which was the greatest incentive to the members of that lodge to make new exertions to perfect themselves in those Masonic matters it was the especial object of their lodge of instruction to promulgate.

Several of the visitors became joining members.

The lodge was then closed, and the assemblage retired to an admirable dinner awaiting them in the large banquetting hall.

On the completion of the dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were offered to the brethren by the presiding brother.

Following the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M.,"

Bro. SUDLOW submitted the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," in fitting terms, and remarked that for the moment he would forget himself as one of that honourable body, and as there was only one other present (Bro. Hy. Sadler), he would confine his remarks principally to him, for Bro. Sadler was a most worthy Mason, so well informed on most matters Masonic that his opinion was one always worth obtaining on subjects affecting the Craft. He was a founder, in fact the prime mover in organising the Clarence Lodge of Instruction. His attendance at that lodge was very frequent. He had on more than one occasion given most interesting and instructive lectures and addresses in the lodge, and lastly Bro. Sadler was, he knew, so high in the esteem of the brethren present, that he had every pleasure in coupling Bro. Sadler's name with the toast of the Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. SADLER, in response, stated that he should have preferred some other Grand Officers had been present to respond to the toast, on behalf of that important body of brethren, who were always ready to lend their presence and assistance at Masonic gatherings where the same could be beneficial. He heartily thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received and supported by them.

The next toast, distinguished by the Chairman as the toast of the evening, was "Continued Success to the Clarence Lodge of Instruction." Bro. SUDLOW had a high opinion of that lodge; its work and management were as they should be; it followed faithfully the teaching extended at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; it possessed members of an enquiring and thoughtful turn of mind, who went deeper into Masonry than was customary in the majority of similarly chartered institutions. All this could be more easily understood when he noticed who were the officers and Committee of the lodge, for in Bro. Baker they had an earnest, hard-working, painstaking Secretary; Bro. H. S. Wellcome, who, though in America, was, without doubt, in spirit in the midst of that gathering, they possessed a Treasurer who was one of the most ardent and thorough Masons that he knew, and in Bro. Kirby they had a Preceptor who would ever be, as he had always been, not only ready with corrections when they were necessary, but would promote the extending of the brotherly affection which existed so largely among the brethren of the Clarence Lodge, as well as to extend the learning of the ceremonies, it being so essential they should be kept up to the high standard-perfection. The lodge had existed barely four years, and there were the names of 190 members on the roll. It met all the year round, and its weekly meetings were well attended. He had extreme pleasure in proposing that toast, and coupling with it the name of Bro. Kirby.

Responding to the toast, Bro. KIRBY said that such portion of the success of the Clarence Lodge as had been attributed to his methods and efforts he was very delighted to acknowledge on that particular occasion, was as much due to the worshipful brother presiding as himself. It was in Bro. Sudlow that he found one whom he believed to be an ideal Mason, he recognised in him the brother most perfect in the working of the ceremonies, being at the present time the most prominent Past Master at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; it was to him that Bro. Kirby was indebted for whatever knowledge he had of the Masonic ceremonies; he was glad of that opportunity of acknowledging that indebtedness and directing the credit where it was due. Such numerous, in fact, unlimited, kind remarks as had been made that evening represented the lubricant which made the wheels of the machinery of their work spin round smoothly and right speedily. In conclusion of his thanks for the kindness with which the toast had been received, he hoped the result of that highly successful festival would be the giving of renewed impetus to their lodge, which he hoped would perform such useful work during the year to come as to enable them 12 months hence to look back and recognise a continued progress and increased success attending its assistance.

Bro. HENRY SADLER proposed "The Health of the President." He believed that in Bro. Sudlow they had secured not only a most able and worthy brother as Chairman, but one who held special qualifications which rendered him, perhaps, the most excellent Chairman for a meeting of that kind that could possibly be found. His first duty would be to thank Bro. Sudlow for keeping his engagement and presiding that evening, as owing to a severe indisposition, he had practically left a sick room to keep his promise that night. Bro. Sudlow's merits and virtues were so well-known and universally acknowledged that it required no words of his to recommend that toast to the special attention of the brethren.

The toast was accepted with enthusiasm, and completed with musical honours.

Bro. SUDLOW replied briefly, thanking the brethren for their very kind reception of his name, and assuring them of the pleasure it gave him to occupy the post of Chairman. He had, when approached with the invitation, suggested that another brother be asked to preside, as he had occupied the head of the table at each previous festival, but he was glad to once more be in that position, as this was a record night in the annals of the lodge, inasmuch as it was the first occasion on which work had been done, the former festivals having been dinners only, owing to the fact that for want of convenient rooms work could not be included in the programme.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given, and a hearty welcome extended to all of them.

Responses were made by Bro. DUDLEY ROLLS, P.M. 108; Bro. W. G. KENTISH, P.M. (Sec. of Emulation Lodge of Improvement); and Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.M.

"The Bank of England Lodge, the Parent of the Lodge of Instruction," was next toasted, and in the absence of the W.M., who was unable to be present, Bro. F. T. RUSHTON, S.W., No. 263, replied, saying how glad the Bank of England Lodge was to have attached to it so popular and well behaved a lodge of instruction as the Clarence.

During the evening recitations, and vocal and instrumental music were effectively rendered by various members.

The Tyler's toast, at an advanced hour, brought a most successful and enjoyable festival to a close.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Herschell, Mr. H. Asquith, M.P., and Mr. H. H. Fowler, M.P., visited Windsor Castle on Monday evening, and had the honour of being included in her Majesty's dinner party.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

### THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, December 18th, to Saturday, December 23rd inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 15, Queen-street Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; Palmer's, 79, Knight-riding-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; 34, Albert-gate, Knightsbridge, S.W.; 33, High-street, Kensington, W.; 65, Aldgate, E.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks Canning Town Goods Station, 41, Barking-road, E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; "Angel," Islington, 5, Pentonville-road, N.; L.B. & S.C. Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.; 4, Northumberland Avenue; and 18, Westbourne Grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below:—On Saturday, December 23rd, a special train will leave Euston Station at 2.30 p.m. for Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. Passengers for those districts will not be conveyed by the 2.10 p.m. express from Euston on that date. A special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m. Euston to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m. as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Market Harborough, Wellingboro', Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The night Irish mail, due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m. will not leave until 9.5 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours. The mail steamer for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Sunday, December 24th, will be extended from Warrington to Kendal and Carlisle, as on week days. On Christmas Day a special train will leave Euston at 6.15 a.m. for Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Stafford, Crewe, Manchester, Liverpool, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. The ordinary Sunday service of trains will be run. On Bank Holiday, Tuesday, December 26th, the express trains usually leaving London (Euston) at 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will not be run, passengers will be conveyed by the 12.10 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. trains respectively. The 4.30 p.m. London (Euston) to Birmingham and Wolverhampton will also be discontinued, and passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m. train, except those for Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Wellingboro', &c., who will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. Numerous residential trains will not run, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the company's local notices. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester will not be run on Bank Holiday, but the corridor dining car trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will be run as usual.

### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue tickets of all classes at the following City and West-end offices: 193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 17, Brompton-road; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 269, Strand; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 26, Regent-street; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; 181, Tottenham Court-road; Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue; The Piazza, Covent Garden Market; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's Booking office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square. This arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station. The booking office at the Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of each day during the week preceding Christmas Day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 23rd will be available for use on any day between and including those days. Cheap third-class tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, to stations in the West of England, and to Guernsey and Jersey; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London (except the Channel Islands). In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester and New Milford. On Saturday, December 23rd, the 1.15 and 5.0

p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter. A special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 p.m. (Midnight). The usual Sunday service of trains will be run on Christmas Day, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Sunday, December 24th or Christmas Day, the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington will run on both those days as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley and Wolverhampton.

### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the nights of Fridays, December 22nd and 29th, cheap excursions will leave London (Victoria, L.C. and D., Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.) for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Montrose, Aberdeen, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers by the excursion on 22nd return on Tuesday, 26th, or Saturday, 30th December, and those by the excursion on 29th December, return on Wednesday, 3rd, or on Friday, 5th January. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by these excursions to places named, available for return on any day within eight days, including days of issue and return. December 23rd, additional trains will be run to meet requirements of traffic. The 10.40 p.m. express from King's Cross, which does not usually run beyond Berwick on Saturday nights, will on December 23rd be run through to Edinburgh, and be due in Edinburgh at 10.15 a.m. on December 24th. A special express will leave London (King's Cross) at 12.0 midnight on December 23rd, for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Darlington, Newcastle, Shields, Sunderland, Berwick, &c. Christmas Day, the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run to Peterboro', Bourne, Stamford, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford and Halifax, stopping at the intermediate stations at which it ordinarily calls, and will be continued to York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Aberdeen, &c. A special express conveying parcels only will leave London (King's Cross) at 9.55 p.m. on December 20th, 21st and 22nd for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places in the North of England and Scotland. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria, (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon and Finsbury Park stations, and at the following ticket offices: 99, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square, W.; 169, Edgware-road; Royal Oak Office; 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 75, High-street, Borough; 230, High-street, Borough; "George Inn," Borough; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G.N. Co.'s Offices); at the office of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; at William Whiteley's, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater, W.; of Messrs. Ernu, Peron, and Co., 98 and 100, Queen Victoria-street; and of A. Jakins and Co., 99, Leadenhall-street (Leadenhall House), E.C.; and 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate, W.

### MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Christmas Holiday Railway Arrangements.—Early Issue of Tickets.—The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which is given in our advertisement columns. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., on Fridays, December 22nd, for four or eight days, and December 29th for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey. The single fare tickets issued on December 22nd will be available for returning on any day up to and including December 30th, and single fare tickets taken on December 29th will be available for returning any day up to and including January 5th, 1894. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Wednesday, December 20th, to Dublin, via Morecambe, available for returning on December 23rd, 28th, 30th, January 2nd and 4th; on Thursday, December 21st, to Dublin, via Liverpool, available for 16 days; on Friday, December 22nd, to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush, via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, December 23rd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning December 28th, or January 1st or 4th. On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

Lodge St. John, No. 173, Greenock, proposes to build a new Masonic temple.





We regret to hear that Bro. Sir William Walrond, M.P., has been suddenly summoned to San Remo in consequence of the very serious illness of Lady Walrond.

The Hon. E. Gordon-Lennox, son of Bro. the Earl of March, and one of the Eton eleven, was injured in a recent football match at Eton, and had to be removed off the field.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, who in spite of his illness, visited London in order to be present at the dinner given in his honour by the Sports Club, is about to proceed to Ireland, where he will entertain a large party of guests.

Bro. Alfred Bookman, Chairman of the City Lands' Committee, laid the memorial stone of the new civic buildings in Whitecross-street on Tuesday. The premises include a City greenyard, police stables, gas-meter testing, and gas examiners' offices.

Bro. F. Blackmore, J.W. 1222, has been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the installation will take place in January. Bro. H. B. Harrington has been re-elected Treasurer. The old folks' treat will be given by the lodge on New Year's Day.

A novel idea has been suggested in connection with the Hospital Saturday Fund. It has been suggested that all the football clubs in the Metropolis should play matches on a given Saturday, and hand over the proceeds to the Fund. A meeting has been called by Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler, which will be held at the Mansion House on Friday, the 29th instant.

The annual meeting of the Working Lad's Institute, Whitechapel, was held on Monday evening. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler and the Lady Mayoress, his lordship being laid up with an attack of bronchitis. His place, however, was ably filled by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Moore, and a very satisfactory report was submitted and adopted.

Bro. Sir T. Sutherland, M.P., presided at the 53rd annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, when a very satisfactory report was submitted, showing a net surplus, including £8918 brought forward, amounting to close on £180,000, and enabling further dividends of 2½ per cent. on Preferred and 6½ per cent. on Deferred Stock, to be declared in addition to the interim dividend of 2½ and 3½ per cent. respectively already paid.

At a meeting of the Masonic Dramatic Committee, at Paisley, Scotland, it was agreed to allocate the following sums from the proceeds of the recent Masonic production of "Rob Roy": Paisley Infirmary, £5; Poor Association, £5; Eye Infirmary £2 10s.; West Kilbride Convalescent Homes, £6; and to each of the four local Callan's Associations, £1. The Committee also voted £30 to each of the two local Masonic charities.

The Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, is the subject of an illustration and descriptive article in last week's *Penny Illustrated* newspaper. The writer speaks of the turtle served at this well known house as if he had tasted it more than once, and hoped to do so again. The accommodation for Masonic meetings is second to none in London, and Bro. Ashby, whose portrait adorns the page, is one of the most genial and courteous of managers.

The third annual dinner of the Actors' Benevolent Fund was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., who was supported by the Duke of Teck, Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Sir J. Pender, M.P., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., T. H. Bolton, M.P., and Dr. W. H. Russell. The subscriptions amounted to close on £1200.

The "Setta of Od de Volumes" held a soirée in the Galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours on Tuesday evening, when a rare collection of manuscripts and graphic curiosities of all countries was exhibited; among the non-European treasures being Egyptian, Persian, Coptic, Samaritan, Hebrew, Armenians, Turkish, Sanskrit, Hindi, Mexican, and Burmese documents. There was a large attendance of guests on the occasion.

The Duchess of Albany recently paid a visit to the new twin screw steamer Gothic, of 7720 gross tons burden, which had just previously arrived in the Royal Albert Docks, from the yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, the builders. This is the largest vessel—with the exception of the Great Eastern—that has ever entered the Port of London, being 490 ft. long between the perpendiculars, 53 ft. in breadth, with a depth of hold of 33 ft., and of the gross tonnage already mentioned. It has been especially designed for the New Zealand Service, and has accommodation for 104 saloon and 114 steerage passengers, besides which it will carry in its refrigerating chamber the carcasses of 70,000 sheep. Her Royal Highness expressed herself well pleased with her visit. The Gothic will start on her first voyage on Wednesday next, the 20th instant.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.**—The following letter in reference to the alleged intention of the late Bro. J. Derby Allcroft to bequeath £100,000 to Christ's Hospital has appeared in the *City Press*: "Sir,—The information which is given to the world through your columns that the late Mr. Derby Allcroft had contemplated leaving £100,000 to Christ's Hospital, but ultimately changed his mind consequent on the action of the Charity Commissioners is most interesting, but is it truthful information? Speaking as his intimate friend for over 20 years, and acting as I have done during the past few years as his private solicitor, I am wholly ignorant of such intention on Mr. Allcroft's part. I am also authorised by his widow to say that he never in any way to her alluded to such an intention. Mr. Allcroft was one who preferred doing good and giving his charity privately and during his lifetime.—I am, &c.—R. MELVILLE BEACHER, 11, Craven Hill." [The statement given by us was made by Mr. Alderman Vaughan Morgan (treasurer) at last Friday's meeting of the Almoners, the Duke of Cambridge being in the chair.—ED.]

Bro. F. J. Horniman has subscribed £100 to the Liberator Fund.

Bro. James Curtis has been appointed Registrar of the Marylebone County Court.

We regret to hear that Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford has been suffering from a serious attack of influenza, and has been confined to his bed for several days.

**EMPIRE THEATRE.**—Signorina Malvina Cavallazzi made her first appearance on Monday last. The Clown Misko (with Pony and Dog) is engaged and will shortly appear at this theatre.

At Cambridge, Bro. Philip H. Young has been chosen as W.M. of Lodge No. 441, and Bro. Charles H. Banham has been elected as W.M. of No. 88. Their installations will take place on New Year's Day and January 8th respectively.

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.

Her Majesty's new cruiser, *Forte*, was launched at Chatham Dockyard on Monday in the presence of a large concourse of spectators in addition to the naval and military authorities of the ports. The ceremony of christening the vessel was performed by Mrs. Morant, wife of the Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard.

A vacancy in the representation of Brighton in the House of Commons has been caused by the resignation of Bro. Sir William Marriott, Q.C., who has had assigned him certain special duties in Egypt, which will render it impossible for him, for a considerable time at all events, to fulfil any Parliamentary duties.

The Queen sent 21 splendid Devon bullocks and 100 fine Hampshire Down sheep from the Royal Farm, Windsor, to the Slough Christmas sale, but the prices realised were below those of last year. The bullocks averaged £31 1s. 4d. each, while the highest price for sheep was £4 12s. 6d., at which figure, however, only four sold. The Duke of Connaught sent some pigs, and the Dowager Duchess of Buccleugh, Lady Louisa Fortescue, and others cattle.

An interesting ceremony will take place at Bournemouth on Wednesday, the 27th inst., when the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, will lay the first stone of St. John's Church, Boscombe, Bournemouth. The P.G.M. will be accompanied by representatives of all the lodges in the province. The Prov. G. Master will present his portrait to the lodges of the province after the ceremony.

Finding that the Soldiers' Home already established through her exertions in Dublin has proved a success, Viscountess Wolseley has generously undertaken to raise another £1000 towards the establishment of a second, which it is proposed to open in a central position in the city, so that it may be used by the hundreds of soldiers who are continually passing through Dublin on furlough, as well as by those quartered in the city.

The Princess of Wales was to have left Sandringham on Tuesday, for the purpose of accompanying the Prince the day following, when he opened the "Hugh Myddelton School," Clerkenwell, and subsequently of visiting the Queen at Windsor Castle, and being present with the other members of the Royal Family at the service in the Royal Mausoleum in memory of the late Prince Consort. Unfortunately, her Royal Highness was detained at home by a mild attack of influenza. Her medical advisers report that she is going on favourably, and we sincerely trust that the progress towards recovery will be well maintained.

We regret to hear that Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and one of his staff, Bro. J. G. Stevens, are absent from duty on account of illness, the latter being laid up with influenza. Bro. Terry just managed to attend the meeting of the Committee of Management, but since then he has been confined to the house. It is unfortunate that this should have happened just now, when the work of obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards is so pressing. But influenza is no respecter of persons, and all we can do is to express our sympathy with the invalids, and the hope that they may be speedily restored to their usual health.

The will and two codicils of Bro. W. A. Colls, P.G.S., late of 5, Coleman-street, builder and contractor, and of Homedale, The Avenue, Gipsy-hill, who died on October 23rd, were proved on the 28th ult. by Mr. John Howard Colls (the brother), Mr. William Henry Cortlandt Mahon, and Mr. Frederick Hazell, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £81,000. The testator bequeaths £400 and all his furniture and effects to his wife, Mrs. Jessie Mary Colls; an annuity of £1500 to her during widowhood, and one of £400 in the event of her marrying again; £4000 upon trust for his son, Howard Benjamin; and £100 each to his executors. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves upon trust for his children, Florence Jessie, Winifred Theobald, Gertrude Emily Payne, and Oswald Bayley, in equal shares.

**HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—According to the report of the Council of the Hospital Saturday Fund, just issued, the receipts from workshops to the 25th ult. were £10,847, as against £11,245 in the corresponding period of last year, and the street collection this year amounted to £5095, as against £5084 in 1892. Even with a balance of £1114 remaining from 1892, as against £246 reserved from 1891, the total income of the fund on the 25th ult. was only £17,056, as against £17,176 at the corresponding date in 1892. The diminution of receipts is mainly attributed to trade depression. The awards to the participating hospitals, dispensaries, convalescent homes, &c., will not be made until after the close of the financial year of the society, which ends on the 8th of next month.

**WE ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN.** is a sentence brimful of practical sense, and the truth of it is demonstrated every day. It is only a fool who will say it is impossible to learn, and his words convict him of dense ignorance. The most eminent men are always anxious to improve themselves. When past 50 years of age Ogilby, the translator of Homer and Virgil, commenced to learn Latin and Greek. Socrates enlightened his declining years by learning to play various musical instruments. Many instances come to hand also of men living to the age of 70 without knowing the value of Holloway's Pills and Ointment. At last they learn this lesson, and gain in return renewed health and vigour.

The reception in honour of Bro. W. Kuhé's 70th birthday was attended by a large number of eminent musicians, and among others by MM. Paderewski, Sarasate, Randegger, Albanesi, Nachez, and Otto Goldschmidt, Sir J. Barnby, Messrs. Santley, Cowen, Borwick, Salmond, Oudin, Brereton, and Felix Moscheles. Sir Arthur Sullivan sent a telegram of congratulation from Berlin.

At the pretty and popular Parkhurst Theatre, Holloway, there will be produced on Saturday evening, the 23rd inst., at 7.45, by arrangement with Mr. St. John Denton and Mr. Fred Storey, an original pantomime entitled "Aladdin in Luck, or the Patent Safety Lamp." Libretto by Tom Craven, author of "The Ballad Singer," &c. Music by Mr. Thomas P. Fish, the popular *chef d'orchestre*.

The "Court Journal" is responsible for the following: "The Popes are, it is well known, quite infallible, yet it is a little curious that, strong denouncers as the Popes have been of Freemasonry, that they have always failed to have any influence whatever over Roman Catholics as regards the Brotherhood. At a recent installation of Freemasons in London, it is a fact, which was remarked upon at the time, that a very large percentage of the brothers present were Roman Catholics and men of a distinguished social position."

The Accident Insurance Company, Limited, of 10, St. Swithin's-lane, London, has just paid, on the production of probate, £1000 for a curious fatal claim. Mr. W. B. Lowson, stockbroker, of Belfast was for many years an agent of the Company, and in 1875 he effected a policy for the above amount. In September last, while taking a walk in Carrs Glen, Upper Ballysillan, he was accidentally drowned in nine inches of water. He must have stumbled down an embankment, as several stones had been dislodged by the fall, and, being stunned, dropped into a small stream, and therein suffocated.

The most notable transaction at the annual Christmas Cattle Market was the purchase by Spiers and Pond, Limited, of 50 of the very finest polled Scotch beasts ever brought to London. "The grandest lot ever you see," as a well-known connoisseur was heard to exclaim. The modern art of preparing beasts for market is not to obtain mountains of mere fat, but to produce an animal which shall yield a large proportion of lean and saleable meat; and the herd in question fulfilled every condition which knowledge of the subject has devised. The countless customers of the celebrated caterers may indulge with confidence, during the coming Christmastide, not only in the "Roast Beef of Old England," but also in the belief that the qualities which first made it famous have, by the lights of science, been so developed that it is the ideal food of man.

The *Evening News* of the 12th inst., has the following: "All Freemasons will wish many happy returns to the Earl of Lathom, who to-day enters upon his fifty-seventh year. His life is commensurate with the Queen's reign. He has held all sorts and conditions of offices in and about the Court. In the memorable jubilee year he was Lord Chamberlain, and looked every inch a lord. The old Masonic days saw him often with the President of the Board of Benevolence, Brother Robert Grey, and the striking contrast between his beard and the President's jet black made them to be named in Masonry when they appeared together, as *Rouge et Noir*. He is a brother-in-law of the Earl of Clarendon, and father-in-law of Lord Salisbury's son, and one of the Wilbrahams, who head the famous Lancashire "Ormskirk Gingerbreads" of which every lad in the County Palatine is proud. He owns in Lancashire, where the Wilbrahams have been since the days of the first of the Tudors, some seven thousand acres of land, which produce over twenty thousand pounds a year.

Under the presidency of Bro. Capt. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas., a meeting of the General Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the annual Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, at the Town Hall, on the 9th January, was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was a large attendance. The Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182, gave a satisfactory report of the progress which was being made with regard to the festival, and it is expected the gathering will prove one of the most successful and enjoyable which has been held in aid of this deserving Charity. Bro. T. Wood has been entrusted with the catering, Bro. G. Eytton will supply the music, and Bro. H. M. Molyneux will once more act as Master of Ceremonies, an office he has held for more than 40 years. Various items of important business were transacted, the Stewards' meeting was fixed for to-day (Friday), and the Committee selected the badges to be worn by the Stewards at the ball, there being about 300 names on the list. The general meeting was adjourned till Friday, the 22nd inst. Dancing will commence at half-past eight o'clock.

The sitting of the House of Commons on Saturday last did little to mar the success of the installation banquet of the Gallery Lodge of Freemasons, which is mainly composed of journalists who fulfil their professional duty in the Palace of Westminster. There had assembled to welcome Mr. John C. Manning, the new Master, an unprecedentedly large number of visiting brethren, including Mr. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer; Mr. Burnie, M.P., Past Provincial Grand Treasurer (South Wales); Colonel F. C. Maude, who won his Victoria Cross in the Indian Mutiny; and Mr. David Christie Murray. All these addressed the assembly in the course of the proceedings, Mr. Eve emphasising the desirability of the officers of Grand Lodge being drawn from a wider area than at present; Mr. Burnie speaking of the universality of the benevolence fostered by the Craft; Colonel Maude, in proof of this, instancing cases where Masonry during the Mutiny had saved lives; and Mr. Murray delighting his hearers with reminiscences of the Press Gallery in the latest days in which Disraeli led the Commons. The musical portion of the programme, arranged by Mr. Frederick Bevan, the Master of the Orpheus Lodge, and himself a well-known composer, was unusually effective; the efforts of the Dilettante Vocal Quartet being heartily received, while Mr. Bevan's rendering of his own song, "The Flight of Ages," was deservedly encored.—*Birmingham Post*.

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