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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Bro. TERRY is not the man to miss any favourable opportunity which may present itself of laying before the Craft the case of the Institution with which he has been for so many years connected as its Secretary. Such an opportunity was afforded him by the New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon on the 3rd instant, and it is almost needless to say that he turned it to most excellent account. The speech he delivered in responding for the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," was, in fact, a concise history of the Charity, in which were fully set forth the difficulties that were encountered at the establishment of the several branches of the Institution, their amalgamation into one Charity, its steady advancement in the good opinion and goodwill of the Craft, the state of its funds and the extent of the benefits it confers now, as compared with what they were at the time he was elected Collector for the Institution in 1862. In fact, the account he gave of what had been and was being done, was both accurate and exhaustive, and must have strongly impressed those who had the privilege of hearing it, with the character and extent of our Masonic Benevolence, at all events as exemplified in the case of this particular Charity. But though these digressions into the domain of history are permissible, and even worthy of every encouragement at times, when there is nothing of pressing importance to occupy our attention, what we need most of all just now is the exercise of a little gentle pressure, which shall result in the enrolment of those additional Stewards, which are necessary to ensure the success of the approaching Festival. Here, likewise, the speech of Bro. TERRY was effective. He took the ladies and brethren present at the entertainment into his confidence. He told them what number of brethren had already volunteered their services, and how the Province of Surrey was bestirring itself to support the Chairman of the day; and he expressed the hope that a sufficient total of donations and subscriptions might be forthcoming to enable the Committee of Management to tide over the year without trenching upon the hard-earned capital of the Institution. But will such a sum be forthcoming? The outlay of the Institution at the present time is as follows: 193 male annuitants at £40 each, £7720; 240 widow annuitants at £32 each, £7680; 25 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, £500; total for annuities, £15,900; for expenses of management and maintenance of Asylum at Croydon about £3000, the grand total of expenditure being in round figures £19,000. To meet this the Institution has the following permanent income, namely: grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £1750; interest on invested capital about £3500, giving a total of £5250. Therefore in order to make both ends meet there must be raised each year by means of voluntary subscriptions no less a sum than £13,750, or if we allow for a small margin to be always in hand, say, £14,000. But we venture to point out that a sum of this magnitude takes a good deal of raising. A Festival which produces an average of £50 per list may be reckoned as a success, as being above rather than below the average; but to obtain the sum of £14,000 under such favourable conditions there must be a Board of Stewards consisting of at least 280 members. Last week we were able to announce that Bro. TERRY had succeeded in enrolling about 170 Stewards, and since then there have been additions which increase the number to over 180. It is clear, therefore, that to obtain the sum we have stated under very favourable conditions, the services of another 100 Stewards must be obtained between now and the 28th February, and though Bro. TERRY is not given to sparing himself when a supreme effort is necessary, we hardly think that even his marvellous powers of work will enable him to secure so large an addition as this. But the conditions are by no means favourable to the obtaining of a high average per list. First of all, there is the reaction from the successful effort of the year 1892, when the Jubilee was celebrated; and then the Schools have enlisted as Chairmen of their respective Festivals the Prov. Grand Masters of two of the largest and most important Provinces. For the Girls' School Festival Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, P.G.M. West Lancashire, has promised to preside, and for that of the Boys' School, Bro. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., P.G.M. West Yorkshire; and as both these Provinces will naturally concentrate their efforts in supporting each one the Chairmanship of its Provincial Grand Master, we cannot in reason expect they will be in a position to do much for the Old People. Then there are the Provinces which have already committed themselves to the support of one or other of the Schools, either because it was its turn to receive their aid, or because they had so largely helped this Institution in 1892 that for the present they are

unable to repeat their contributions. All these circumstances tend to diminish the chances of Bro. TERRY being able to gather together a large Board of Stewards, but the obligations of the Charity remain. The outlay of £19,000 must still be met, if not out of the current year's income, out of the invested capital—that capital on which the Committee of Management will have to rely in the event of the Craft generally, owing to a war or some great commercial crisis, being unable to provide the necessary ways and means for carrying out the beneficent work of the Institution. What makes the case worse is the very numerous array of candidates whose names will be on the lists for the May election. We have already explained to our readers, but the explanation may with advantage be repeated, that the number of annuitants for whom provision is made is as great as the circumstances will permit; yet the lists of candidates will this year show a considerable increase, and unless something very nearly approaching to a miracle should happen, the Committee will ere very long be again confronted with the difficulty under which they laboured a few years since, when the number of applicants became so large that it was found necessary to make more stringent the rules which defined their qualifications. Last year there were 111 candidates as compared with 130 in 1892, namely, 55 men and 56 widows; and of these 20 men and 12 widows were elected, leaving 35 men and 44 widows eligible for further ballots. Thus the lists started for the 1894 election with some 80 candidates remaining from the previous year, and the applicants whose petitions have since been accepted being some 50 in number, there will be a return to the higher figures which rendered necessary an amendment of the rules, and in May next we shall find about 130 candidates competing for some 20 or 25 vacancies. How the difficulties of the position must be met is a problem which it devolves on the Committee of Management to solve. In the meantime, however, particularly as regards the Festival which is now approaching, the Craft will be doing the Committee, the Institution, and the candidates a service of incalculable value if they will, in the first place, assist Bro. TERRY in his efforts to strengthen the Board of Stewards, and, having done that, if they will then set to work with their accustomed generosity, and assist the Stewards in their task of compiling a handsome total of donations and subscriptions. By doing this, they will render it unnecessary for the Committee to draw upon the capital of the Institution, and it is just possible, as Bro. TERRY suggested in his speech at Croydon, that, if the amount is fairly large, room may be found for a few more annuitants. But, as we have before said, the sum to be raised, in order to make both ends meet, is £14,000, and when the Stewards have succeeded in obtaining it, there will be time enough to think about creating more annuities.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHERTSEY ABBEY CHAPTER, No. 2120.

The consecration of the Chertsey Abbey Chapter, No. 2120, took place at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, on Saturday, the 9th ult. The interesting ceremony was performed by Comp. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, assisted by Comps. Frederick West, Prov. G.H., as H.; M. E. Bowles, Prov. G.J., as J.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G.S.E., as S.E.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter (all but one of whom were present) are Comps. Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Supt. Surrey; C. T. Tyler, P.Z. 370, P.P.G.J.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, P.Z. 370, P.P.G.J.; Smallpiece, P.Z. 370; W. H. Gardener, P.Z. 1900; D'Arcy S. Blackburn, 370; James Webb, 1st A.S. 2317; H. J. Bidwell, 370; E. T. Madeley, 370; and G. J. Mason, 370.

The following visitors were also present: Comps. Pulman, 2317, Prov. G.S.; Lancaster, P.Z. 2317; Collins, J. 2317; Passmore, S.N. 2317; Askham, P.Z. 723; Col. Dundas, P.Z. 370; A. D. Mackay, P.Z. 370; Lister, P.Z. and S.E. 370; Rev. E. R. Parr; Dr. Latter Tandy, 1008; Gale, 2317; and R. Potter, P.G. Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and an opening hymn sung, when the Grand Superintendent addressed the companions on the object of the meeting.

The Grand S.E. then read the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg delivered an impressive oration on the nature and principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then formally consecrated, dedicated, and constituted according to ancient form. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg installing Comp. Col. G. Noel Money as 1st Principal. The installation of Comp. C. T. Tyler as H., and Comp. H. C. Leigh Bennett as J. The companions below the rank of Principals, having retired from the chapter before the installation

ceremony, were now re-admitted, and the following officers were appointed and invested; Comp. H. J. Bidwell, S.E.; G. B. Smallpiece, S.N.; E. T. Madeley, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, P.S.; and J. Webb, 1st A.S.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the companions who had assisted in the consecration ceremony, and they were then unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter, a compliment which was accepted by Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg on behalf of his colleagues and himself.

Two joining members and six candidates for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet then took place, followed by the usual toasts: "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry;" "The Most Excellent Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.E. Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Lathom; the Grand H., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; the Grand J., W. W. Beach, M.P.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, Grand Supt., Bucks, in response, said it gave him great pleasure to be present to assist in the consecration of the Chertsey Abbey Chapter, he also was pleased that he had the privilege of installing the Grand Supt., Comp. Col. G. Noel Money, as first M.E.Z., and hoped that on some future occasion he should be present to see the working of the chapter.

The next toast was "The Grand Superintendent of Surrey, Col. G. Noel Money, C.B.," to which the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT responded.

"The Prov. Grand H., Comp. Frederick West; the Prov. Grand J., Comp. Major Bowles; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been proposed, Comp. MAJOR BOWLES responded in suitable terms.

"The Consecrating and Installing Principals" was then given, and responded to by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON.

Comps. C. T. TYLER and H. C. LEIGH BENNETT responded to the toast of "The Principals."

Comp. C. PULMAN responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

"The Officers of the Chapter" having been responded to by Comps. BIDWELL, WEBB and MADELEY; the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings. The banquet was served by Comp. G. J. Mason, Janitor.

FREEMASONRY AND THE GREAT PYRAMID.

By H. R. SHAW.

The following Article appears in the New Year's Number of *The Banner*, and, in the belief that it will prove interesting to many of our readers, we transfer it, with the permission of the writer, to our columns.

I.—INTRODUCTORY.

The connection between the Great Pyramid of Jeezeh, in Egypt, and what may be termed the science of Anglo-Israelism, is tolerably well known to the readers of the *Banner*; but, for the benefit of those readers of this New Year's number to whom the subject may by any possibility be entirely new, it must be briefly stated that, whereas we hold that in the written word of God, commonly called the Holy Bible, may be found a true and complete account, historical and prophetic, of the setting apart by God Almighty of a peculiar and chosen people to perform His honourable work and extend His kingdom upon earth, so we believe that in the building of the Great Pyramid—in, but, like the Israelites, not of Egypt—we have a stone record of the same subjects of history and prophecy, and that both these records alike point unmistakably to us British or English-speaking peoples as being the veritable Israelitish seed to whom the ancient promises of God were made, to the exclusion nationally of all other peoples.

There is this difference, however, to be noted between the two volumes: the written Word tells in plain literary language all about the genesis and past and future history of this chosen race; how they have been raised, have fallen, have sinned, and have repented or shall repent, have been divided, cast out, dispersed, but shall be restored to favour, re-discovered, united, and brought home to the land of their inheritance, and from thence in peace shall rule the world under their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ; while the stone book, although telling practically the same story, tells it without any letter of written language whatsoever, and tells it, moreover, to nobody except he have a Hebrew mind, or at least the Hebrew God of Israel in his mind, and the inch-dividing measuring rod of Great Britain in his hand. How these inches of the Pyramid, which are inches derived from the earth's axis of rotation, and differ only microscopically from our modern British inches, do give the key for reading off in the building the main historical and prophetic facts of Israel's career, as well as the elucidation of many marvellous facts of cosmic science, is well known to readers of past volumes of the *Banner*, or may be found described in detail in the pages of Piazzi Smyth's "Our Inheritance," and smaller treatises founded thereon, including the present writer's "Egyptian Enigma."

More recently, however, it has been sought to show that there is an inseparable connection between the principles of ancient Freemasonry and the building of the Great Pyramid; and, considering the widespread influence which has of late years undoubtedly been acquired by this Fraternity, which has long boasted the future King of England as head of its English branches it would be manifestly of great importance to Anglo-Israelites (nothing short, we conceive, of demonstrating the identity of the two sciences) if it could be reasonably proved that there does exist any close connection between Freemasonry and the Great Pyramid. But this is exactly what we fail to gather from the several treatises issued within the last 10 years by Anglo-Israelite Pyramid students who claim to be Freemasons, and whose works have been reviewed in the *Banner* with but little general enlightenment, we fear. The several writers, four in number, fettered no doubt by their obligations of secrecy, succeed in presenting the outer world with very much Great Pyramid and very little Freemasonry; nevertheless, a candid examination of what they have given us, joined with the further information noted from other sources, induces us to express the opinion, which we shall ask our present readers to share with us, that very probably the Great Pyramid and Freemasonry did originate together, and have much in common.

Taking our four authors in the order of the coming to hand of their treatises, we find Mr. R. A. Brangwin a little hard upon both the Pyramid and the Freemasons; for he declares that he will not believe the former if the latter cannot declare that Melchizedek was the builder. Although this serious threat was uttered quite 10 years ago, we have not yet met with any

such declaration as would satisfy Mr. Brangwin, so that we fear the Pyramid science has lost one adherent. Notwithstanding that he also deprecates examination, for purposes of comparison of the symbols and signs of Freemasonry with those of the Pyramid, we shall presently have to make some attempt in this direction, feeling sure of getting important results therefrom.

Our next author is Mr. John Chapman, P.P.G.D. in Freemasonry, whose pamphlet has the advantage of an introduction by Mr. W. J. Hughan, a still more exalted dignitary in the Craft, we believe; and no doubt Mr. Chapman's Pyramid research deserves all the praise expressed by his introducer, as well as the favourable criticism passed by Piazzi Smith; but there is, however, remarkably little Freemasonry to be gleaned therefrom by the uninitiated, although one sentence may be found worthy of quotation, in which Mr. Chapman says: "Both parts of the subject are alike illustrated by symbol; and, while we recognise in Freemasonry a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol, we also regard the Great Pyramid as a standard of cosmic and ethical truths delineated by the same characteristic." The importance of this statement will be perceived when we come later on to point out how not only do both parts of Mr. Chapman's subject use symbols in their teaching, but both use the same symbols.

The chief contribution of Mr. W. C. Langley to our discussion is derived from the obligation of secrecy known to be imposed upon all Freemasons, coupled with the undoubted secrecy originally imposed upon all the important parts of the Great Pyramid. He considers with much force of reason that the architect's only remedy against the premature disclosure of the secret of the building's upper chambers was to place every one of the workmen under a binding oath not to disclose it, and an oath of no ordinary kind either, and he presumably, therefore, expects to find at the present day some record of these men and their building; but he does not say whether he or his brethren hold this Great Pyramid knowledge now under oath or at all.

Mr. Thos. Holland's book consists of a number of Great Pyramid lectures delivered to his lodge of Freemasonry, and he takes us all over the Great Pyramid and much of the Anglo-Israel ground of discussion, and we must take occasion to refer in another paper to some of his items of information, since he comes to the remarkable conclusion that Freemasonry is quite an Israelitish thing, as well it may be, since it is founded, as he says, upon the volume of the Sacred Law or Holy Bible. He informs us also that geometry, as the first and noblest of sciences, is the basis on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected, because by it the architect is enabled to form his plans; if this be true of Freemasonry, it is undoubtedly correct as regards the Great Pyramid, and will go far to explain the identity of their several symbols, when we shall presently come to examine them, and may probably lead us to the same conclusion to which Mr. Holland has arrived, that, if Freemasons did not build the Pyramid, the Pyramid built Freemasonry.

And now, leaving our Anglo-Israelite Freemasons for a time, we will conclude this introductory paper by producing an item of information which should be equally interesting to the Masonic as to the general reader, since it goes far to support the conclusion that the Great Pyramid is really the depository, at any rate, of some English Freemasonry. It must be premised, however, that in reading off what is known to Pyramid students as the floor line of history and prophecy by means of our inch-chronology, we accept the principle that the Grand Gallery floor signifies the progress of Ten-tribed Israel during the Christian dispensation between A.D. 1 and a date yet future. We claim that during this term the tribes lose their identity in the British nation and people, and we find by the Great Pyramid that at the 1813th inch of the Grand Gallery's ascent, answering to 1813 A.D., there comes a crisis in the history of British-Israel, indicated by the obstructing Step, 36 inches, or one British yard in height, which breaks the regular ascent, but continues the pathway upon a level for some rather indefinite distance beyond. The significance of this break in the pathway may be briefly explained in the words of Mr. Chapman, one of our previously quoted authors, who says: "In that year, A.D. 1813, the British Government passed an Act of Parliament brought forward by Wilberforce, which opened the Gates of India for the Gospel, so that from that date is marked the great missionary enterprise of this country. Doubtless this was a great step towards the final termination of the Gospel dispensation; but it would not be a very difficult matter to prove, in addition to this fact, that the national policy of Great Britain was at this period being placed on a higher platform, both in the sight of Heaven and the various nations of the world, thereby duplicating the testimony of this important step." And if we can show that English Freemasonry was just at this time taking a step (as it was) to become elevated upon a higher and level platform of progress, we must be held to have proved the case for some considerable connection between the two subjects.

Our information is derived from two issues of the *Freemason* newspaper, of the dates respectively of April 22nd and March 4th, 1893, the first-mentioned of which contains a literary critique signed by Mr. W. J. Hughan, in the course of which he remarks: "Of the old Grand Lodges, the parents of regular Freemasonry throughout the world, only two concern any lodge outside England. These are the original Grand Lodges formed in 1717, and known later on as the 'Moderns' or 'Prince's Masons,' and the Grand Lodge started in 1751 as a rival organisation, and called 'Antients' or 'Atholl Masons.' In December, 1813, these joined, and constituted the 'United Grand Lodge of England,' which continues happily to this day." This story is confirmed and related with further detail in the other issue of the newspaper, where, in the report of the annual meeting of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Bro. Thos. Fenn, the president, is stated to have said, *inter alia*: "At the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813, the method of working the ceremonies was found to differ materially, and it became necessary that a uniform system should be agreed to which would be acceptable to both parties to the Union, and which could, without sacrifice of principle, be universally adopted. In accordance, therefore, with a special provision in the Articles of Union, a warrant was issued for the formation of the Lodge of Reconciliation, to consist of an equal number of so-called 'Moderns' and 'Antients,' under the presidency of Bro. Rev. Dr. Samuel Hemming. The duty assigned to this lodge was to construct from the elements of both systems a ritual which should receive the sanction and authority of the United Grand Lodge. Not one word of this ritual was permitted to be written; but it is recorded that the lodge completed its labours in 1816, and they were formally approved and decided upon by the Grand Lodge in the same year, since which time no alterations have been made in the ritual or constitution of English Freemasonry."

From the foregoing condensation of Mr. Fenn's interesting speech, it becomes evident that Freemasonry, Christianity, and British-Israel policy, each took a great step upwards and onwards during the same year 1813 A.D., and precisely as indicated by the Great Yard Step, which abruptly marks the 1813th inch of the Grand Gallery in the Great Pyramid.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, V.P., P.D.G.D.C., in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Brett, C. N. Webb, Alfred C. Spaul, W. Masters, Robert W. Bourne, H. Bevir, William Vincent, Edward Armitage, H. Massey, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Maud Mary Norris, the highest unsuccessful candidate at last election, was ordered to be admitted to the School; one successful girl, Bertha L. C. Saunders, having been withdrawn by her mother, who has since re-married, and written a letter to the Secretary to the effect that she did not think it right that, while she was able to keep and educate the child herself, her daughter should keep out of the School a child who was not so fortunately situated. She added, that otherwise, she should have been most pleased for the girl to be educated in the School, which she considered one of the best in the world.

On the motion of Bro. ALFRED C. SPAUL, the 21 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 19 whose petitions had been to-day approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that 22 vacancies be declared.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NEW YEARS' ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The annual New Year's entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's Hill, S.W., took place on Thursday, the 4th inst. The entertainment was provided for the benefit of those girls who did not leave the Institution for the Christmas vacation and the result was a complete success. The children one and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the whole programme, and were sorry when the end came. A large number of visitors attended, and assisted in the carrying out of the programme. Among them were Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Miss Violet Hanson, Miss Evelyn Austin, Bro. W. Gordon Brown and Mrs. Gordon Brown, Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro. A. C. Spaul (Chairman of the House Committee for the month), Bro. F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary of the Institution), Bro. Eugene Monteuis, Bro. W. G. Kentish and daughters, Bro. J. W. Strauson, Bro. W. T. Massey, the Messrs. Dicketts, and some 40 others.

On the arrival of the visitors, tea and coffee was served, after which an adjournment was made to the big hall, where Smith's Royal Punchinello delighted the audience. The performance was a remarkably good one, and afforded considerable amusement not only to the children, but to many of the visitors. Dancing was afterwards indulged in, and it was extremely gratifying to observe how excellently the girls in the Institution had been taught this exhilarating exercise. It reflects great credit on the instructor. After an hour had been devoted to terpsichore, a similar period was taken up by conjuring and ventriloquism, and it was amusing to see the astonishment depicted on the features of the youngsters as each feat was accomplished.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, the visitors partook of refreshments in the Committee-room, and left about 10 o'clock, delighted at having participated in one of the most successful New Year's entertainments at the Girls' School.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.G.P., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., Chas. Sheppard, C. A. Cottebrune, A. Mullord, W. Fisher, Hugh Cotter, James Speller, T. W. Whitmarsh, A. H. Hickman, Chas. Kempton, D'Arcy Brennan, G. E. Fairchild, A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, J. Percy Fitzgerald, H. M. Hobbs, J. E. Bird, W. Belchamber, A. Moore, W. Webber, Robert Gowan, R. Griggs, E. M. Money, C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three male annuitants, one widow annuitant, and one widow candidate. The Warden's report of the past month was read and the report of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The petition of the widow of a recently deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted. The Committee then took into consideration the several petitions submitted to them to the number of 25, of which 16 were from brethren and nine from the widows of brethren. In the result these were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list, 15 of the former and five of latter, while one of the former and two of the latter were deferred, and one widow petitioner was declared ineligible. The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

LIVERPOOL.

Portal Council (No. 1).—A very successful meeting was held at the Bear's Paw, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Ten candidates were admitted, the ceremonies being very ably performed by W. Bro. Captain J. D. Murray, who afterwards installed Bro. John C. Robinson as W.M. It is gratifying to see this council (which was resuscitated 12 months ago) in such a satisfactory condition that the members were enabled to vote 10 guineas to the Girls' School.

The members dined with the Ark Mariners at the Bear's Paw, and after the repast, which was served in Bro. T. J. Fletcher's *recherché* style, spent a most enjoyable evening.

ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

We have much pleasure in drawing attention to the discovery of another MS. of the "Old Charges," which Bro. Hughan, who has seen it, considers is about A.D. 1700, and like the "York MS." No. 5.

The following announcement has been made of the reproduction, to be ready by the 31st inst.:

"Reprints of the Newcastle College, Rosicrucian Society of England. Another Roll of the Manuscript Constitutions, or 'Old Charges,' having been traced (after strange vicissitudes), the Newcastle College are having an autotype facsimile prepared thereof on 14 pages of demy quarto. A transcript in bold Roman type will give, page for page, the contents of the original scroll with all its quaint verbiage. This valuable document contains the famous 'Anagram upon Masonry,' and, in addition, a unique poetical postscript of great interest. It is one of the 'York Branch,' and, in fact, comes from that shire, having been for many years in the custody of an old county family.

Besides the transcript referred to, a glossary will be printed, and an appendix giving notes on some of the doubtful readings, &c. A critical sketch by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, and a few editorial remarks will complete the volume.

The edition is limited to 300 copies. Each copy will be identified by a number, as well as the seal of the Newcastle College. The list of subscribers will be published.

The price of the volume is fixed at 10s. 6d. to subscribers, or 12s. 6d. to non-subscribers.

The volume may be obtained through 'Lodge Quatuor Coronati.'

LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.

The 45th annual ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on the 9th inst., in the Town Hall. Thanks to the exertions of a strong and influential Committee, and of a large and efficient body of Stewards, the gathering was successful in every respect. The guests, numbering close upon 600, were received by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman W. B. Bowring), and the Lady Mayoress. This annual ball has now become a charitable social festival, which is anticipated and enjoyed by the members of the Fraternity and their friends, and the gathering of the 9th inst., from every point of view, proved one of the most successful and pleasant of a long series. The admission of the public to the ball, a custom which has obtained for many years, has been found to be of great advantage to the benevolent object in view, as was evidenced by the numerous representation of non-Masons among the dancers of the 9th inst. By request of the Committee, most of the brethren present appeared in full Masonic clothing, wearing the jewels and insignia of their rank and office in the Craft, the *ensemble* being brilliant in the extreme.

The Executive Committee was constituted as follows: Chairman, Bro. the Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, S.W. 32; Deputy Chairman, Bro. James de Bels Adam, P.P.G.W.; Vice-Chairman, Bro. Captain J. D. Murray, P.G. Treasurer, Bro. John Edwards, P.M. 1182. Bro. W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182 and 2364, proved a capable and energetic Hon. Secretary, and to him is due in no small measure the success of the gathering.

The Stewards, numbering about 300, were captained by Bro. W. M'Gauley, P.M. 1570, P.P.J.G.D., who was assisted by Bro. Tunncliffe, W.M. 1182. The refreshments and supper were served in the most satisfactory manner by Bro. Thos. Wood, 1547, and the music was supplied by Bro. George Eyton, W.M. 2215. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., again officiated as M.C., being assisted by Bros. G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T., and C. A. Trevitt, W.M. 2316.

The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution now educates, clothes, and, in numerous instances, maintains about 260 children annually, and in this work it is materially assisted by the funds accruing from the yearly Masonic festival, which on this occasion are again expected to be very satisfactory and substantial.

The marriage of Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, of the Royal Horse Guards, with Cecil, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Whitbread, was solemnised in St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Tuesday afternoon. Detachments of non-commissioned officers and troopers lined the nave, and the bride's bouquet was presented by the former. Among the wedding presents was a silver cigarette case from Prince Adolphus of Teck, and a silver salver from the officers of the Royal Horse Guards.

Scotland.

INAUGURATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT EDINBURGH.

VISIT OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

On the 5th inst. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, accompanied by a deputation of office-bearers of Grand Lodge, including Bros. W. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary, and David Reid, Grand Cashier, paid a visitation to the Lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, No. 1. The occasion of this visit was the inauguration of a commodious and beautiful hall Masonically and artistically decorated, which has been secured by the lodge in the west-end of Hill-street.

The chair was occupied by the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Dickson, who was supported by no fewer than five Past Masters of the lodge. There was a large attendance of members of No. 1, and of representatives of other lodges in the province.

Previous to the visitation, the Grand Master was entertained at dinner in the Windsor Hotel by the Master and office-bearers.

On his arrival at the lodge room he was received with Masonic honours, and at once formally declared the hall open for Masonic purposes, and congratulated the members on the possession of a hall so beautiful in proportion and admirable in design.

In afterwards replying to the toast of "The Grand Lodge," proposed from the Chair, the GRAND MASTER expressed his pleasure at being in a lodge so distinguished for its antiquity and also for its strength, one that was ancient and which also kept to the front in modern days. He therefore proposed a toast to "The Prosperity of the Lodge of Edinburgh," and

The R.W.M., in replying, gave an interesting *resumé* of the history of the lodge since 1584, mentioning that since 1613 it had had 28 places of abode, and expressed his gratification that after being for 125 years without a home of their own, the lodge had now secured that comfortable abode.

Bro. OFFICER, Past Master, proposed "The Health of the Grand Secretary," and hailed him as one who had taken charge of a sinking ship, and had seen Grand Lodge out of a debt of £14,000 and into possession of £34,000, besides an annuity fund of £300 a year.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was received with much enthusiasm, and "The Wardens, Bros. P. L. Henderson and R. Walker," and "The Treasurer, Bro. Lewis, and Secretary, Bro. Hawkes," were also toasted very heartily.

During the evening a number of songs were excellently sung by members of the lodge and visiting brethren.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE OPERATIVE LODGE.

The Operative Lodge, No. 150, held their annual assembly in the Masonic Hall, 12 Exchange-street, Aberdeen, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The company numbered about 250, including their wives, lady friends, and several of the R.W. Masters of the sister lodges of the province. Amongst those present were: Bros. J. C. Blake, R.W.M. 190; Wm. Duncan, R.W.M. 375; and D. Blake, R.W.M. 164. Apologies were intimated from the whole of the R.W. Masters in the province.

Dancing commenced at 6.30 p.m., and at 10.30 a halt was called, when the company adjourned to the lower hall, where an excellent supper was served by Bro. Blake, City Restaurant.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges" was proposed by the R.W.M., Bro. GEORGE ALLAN, who presided.

Bro. J. C. BLAKE replied, and gave "The Operative Lodge."

The R.W.M. responded, and proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. JOHN TAYLOR, P.M., replying on their behalf.

Dancing was thereafter resumed and kept up till an early hour in the morning. The Committee, with Bro. George L. Grassick as Secretary, were complimented on the excellent arrangements which were made for the gathering. Bros. John G. Aiken, George Robertson, George Beattie, and George Donald performed the duties of M.C.s.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the remains of Bro. David Horn were interred in Auchtermuchty Churchyard. Deceased was in his 81st year, and for 47 years had been one of the brethren of St. Cyre's Lodge, No. 121, of which he was at one time R.W.M. The brethren, in full costume, met in their lodge-room, and marched to the deceased's house, and thence preceded the coffin to the churchyard, where the Masonic service was given, Bro. James Williamson, R.W.M., presiding, the brethren responding. Prayer was given by Bro. Charles Simpson. The coffin was then lowered into the grave, and four verses of the hymn "When the day of toil is done" were sung, led by Bro. Andrew Wilkie. The brethren then marched round the grave, each casting in a sprig of flower. The service was very impressive throughout, and was witnessed by a great many townspeople. Deputations were present from Cupar, Kirkcaldy, and other lodges.

St. Bride's Lodge, Uddingston, propose to build a hall in the village, and are on the look-out for a suitable site.

A general assembly of the Academicians and Associates of the Royal Academy, was held on Tuesday evening, when Messrs. John S. Sargent and Frank Bramley, painters, and Mr. G. G. Frampton, sculptor, were elected Associates.

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Those pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who spend their holidays at School have been in luck's way. Last Saturday afternoon Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler and the Lady Mayoress entertained them at luncheon in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House, and then treated them to a dance in the splendid Egyptian Hall, the children's happiness being completed by a conjuring entertainment by Mr. Strode, and the ever-popular magic lantern exhibition provided by Bro. A. A. Wood, Chairman of the Library Committee of the Corporation.

A somewhat similar entertainment was given by Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans during his Mayoralty, while Bro. Alderman Savory, Bart., has many a time and oft played the part of genial host to our Girls at his residence in Surrey. These and similar acts of kindly hospitality on the part of our Civic magnates are greatly appreciated, not only by the children—who, we may be sure, must have felt themselves at least a foot taller after their visit to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London—but also by the Executive of the Institution and its numerous friends and supporters. Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler and the Lady Mayoress deserve the thanks of the whole English Craft for this act of thoughtful kindness towards these children, in whose diaries Twelfth Day, 1894, will doubtless stand conspicuously marked with the reddest of red-letters and all in big capitals.

We learn with much pleasure that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale is to be installed W.M. of the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, Liverpool, on the 24th inst. His father, the Pro Grand Master, and Bro. the Earl of Derby, both passed through the chairs of this lodge.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that on Tuesday, the 9th instant, the Grand Duke of Hesse arrived at Coburg, and was formally betrothed to the Princess Victoria Melita, the second daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. Both are grand-children of her Majesty the Queen, the Grand Duke being the son of the late Grand Duke Louis by his marriage with the Princess Alice, the Queen's second daughter, while Princess Victoria Melita is the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha (Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom). Both the Grand Duke and Princess were born on the 25th November, the Grand Duke in the year 1868 and the Princess in 1876.

Among the many rights of jurisdiction which most, if not all, of the Grand Lodges of the United States claim to exercise, none appear to us so preposterous as those relating to non-affiliates and non-Masons. The former, as our readers are aware, are men who have joined our ranks and then ceased to be subscribing members of a lodge or lodges; the latter, as their name betokens, are men who have neither joined our ranks nor, as far as we know, ever evinced any disposition to do so. That any body of men rightly claiming to exercise supreme authority over its subordinate branches and their members should extend that right to men who have retired from their ranks or never joined them, is a matter which, as Lord Dundreary might say, "no fellah can understand." Nevertheless, they appear to understand it extremely well in the different Masonic jurisdictions in the United States, and not only assume but exercise the right with an audacity which might put to shame the Czar of Russia or any other autocrat of our time.

True, there are difficulties about the unhappy non-affiliate for which, up to the present time, no generally satisfactory solution, so far as we know, has been found. This class of being is said to be on the increase, and, in spite of the numerous menaces and entreaties which are addressed to him, the non-affiliate persists in holding aloof from a society from which, for reasons of his own we have no right to pry into, he has seen fit to withdraw. Worse still, this abandoned creature persists in residing somewhere, and as there are many thousands of Masonic lodges in the United States it is tolerably certain that unless he takes up his quarters

in the middle of the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean, on the summit of the Rockies, or in the reserve lands set apart for the Indians, he must reside within "the jurisdiction" of some lodge, which, in its turn, is under "the jurisdiction" of some Grand Lodge.

In England, no such difficulty as this about the non-affiliate has ever arisen, or is likely to arise. He has been, is, and ever will be left severely alone. But we are only a practical people, the Americans are sentimental as well as practical. We have no difficulty of this sort, because we have created none; they have it because they have created it, and, having done so, they are continually puzzling their brains as to how they shall cope with it. We say—Do as we do, and you will be all right; but Bro. Jonathan has not yet got to the end of his cable-tow, and is still scheming how he shall deal with the creature. Perhaps, if the non-affiliate could be utilised as a clothes-prop, or a washing, or sewing-machine, or for "busting up" a crucas or a ring, his sin of non-affiliation might be forgiven him; but this is hardly possible in the present state of civilisation in the United States.

Thus the difficulty about the non-affiliate remains, growing almost daily in intensity, and threatening to derange the minds of all the 800,000 subscribing members of Masonic lodges in the States. We wonder which will become tired out first—the non-affiliate who, obstinately persists in increasing and multiplying his species all the States over, or the grievance-monger, whose attack of non-affiliate on the brain is becoming ever more and more acute. As for the non-Mason, so long as he remains where he is, no harm will come to him. The fact that he is living within the jurisdiction of some lodge of Freemasons neither lessens his appetite nor disturbs his repose, for the best of all reasons, that he knows nothing of its existence. But the moment he exhibits a desire to become one of us, that moment will he expose himself to the thousand and one rules and regulations, Grand Masters' rulings, dispensations, decisions, to say nothing of a few score of landmarks and ancient charges, which the more enterprising spirits in American Freemasonry are daily inventing for the disciplining—or shall we say the harassment—of their lodges and members. But why not try the other tack, Bro. Jonathan, just for a change? Why not leave people alone, especially those with whom Freemasonry has no concern whatever?

But not to prolong these remarks which, in the language of the late Artemus Ward, are "meant for a goak," there is indeed a serious side to this question of the claims advanced by Grand Lodges in the United States to certain kinds of jurisdiction over non-affiliates and non-Masons. We have before now referred to those affecting the non-affiliate; here is the latest instance concerning the non-Mason which has come under our notice, and which is quoted from the *Home Journal* by the *Canadian Craftsman*. A resident in Pennsylvania offered himself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of Masonry in one of the lodges in that State and was rejected. He then went to reside in Missouri, of which State he obtained the rights of citizenship, renewed his candidature for the privileges of our Order, and was accepted.

On hearing this, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania at once opened a correspondence with the Grand Master of Missouri, complaining that one of the latter's lodges had violated the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge, and stating that he had proclaimed the rejected of Pennsylvania as being rather more objectionable than Satan, and generally condemning everything and everybody Missourian all round. As a matter of course, the Grand Master of Missouri returned the compliment, pouring forth whole volleys of condemnation of everything and everybody Pennsylvanian, the only sensible act in this tremendous conflict being the refusal of the Grand Lodge of Missouri to "retaliate and refuse admission to all Pennsylvania Masons." How the quarrel has ended, or will end, we know not, and we venture, with all deference to the two Grand Masters and their jurisdictions, to add, neither do we care. The whole thing is so trumpery as not to be worth the price of the paper that has been spent and the ink that has been spilt over it. If Grand Lodges must quarrel, let them at least quarrel over matters which are not too contemptible to be noticed.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their children have been spending a few days at Clarence House, and on Tuesday evening they visited the Theatre Royal Drury Lane for the purpose of witnessing the pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe."

Correspondence.

CANVASSING IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has often struck me that the canvassing for votes in Grand Lodge is an anomaly that should not obtain among us as Masons. The very essence of all our rites and ceremonies is the submission of our personal claims, and then submission to the good of the lodge or of the Order. The members of our Order are supposed to act from disinterested motives, and to freely yield the *pas* to any other brother, if, by general consent, it is thought the latter is the better fitted for the duties there to be discharged. Against all this system of canvassing for seats on the Board of General Purposes and other Committees, the spirit of the Order protests, and the protest is *felt to the full* by many a brother, who, nevertheless, feels compelled to fall in with the "current," unless he desires to see his lawful claims poached from him by others less scrupulous. The traffic in votes carried on in the most open manner whenever Grand Lodge proceeds to election is something appalling to the severely-Masonic soul. "Let me look at your list," "I will support any brother you like to name upon your list (known or unknown to me) if you will support one (equally unknown to you) upon my list," are heard on every hand. Then the appeals that arrive by every post, and are introduced in the shape of circulars, from Masonic friends. The question of *Who is the best man?* seems a purely secondary one, and is supplanted by "*Who has the most persistence?*" I do not wish to be insidious in any sense, but if we look at some of the names of those who have obtained the highest places on the lists for the last few years, can any one say that they are, without exception, the most desirable candidates? The general impression seems to be that they are not, and the mystery which enshrouds the process by which these results are attained keeps many leisurely, able, and well-qualified, but less pushing, candidates out of the field.

All this is freely acknowledged on every side, but one is met with the question, what substitute do you propose? I venture to submit the following, with the hope that it may lead to discussion, and that some really good and efficient system may be evoked by the united efforts of those who deplore the present. I would allow nominations in writing to be sent at stated times to the Grand Secretary's office, such nominations should bear the names of, say, *three* brethren. The candidates should furnish such particulars of their Masonic career as they may please, and these, after being "edited" in the office, should be published with the official minutes of the Grand Lodge immediately preceding that in which the election takes place. Spare copies of these lists of nominated candidates, with a place for signature by qualified electors, should be distributed freely to all members of Grand Lodge who care to apply for them, and they should be transmitted by post, or otherwise, to Gt. Queen-street, before or upon the day of meeting. A Committee would verify each voting paper and its signature, and the result of the voting would be announced as part of the business of the evening. In fact, the voting should be assimilated as nearly as possible to what takes place in a university Parliamentary election, in the case of out-voters. I venture to commend this crude outline to those who dislike the present cumbersome method, which over-fills Grand Lodge building with a host of members who stay only to register their votes, and then depart disgusted.

By the process I am now advocating, no candidate would be kept out of the field, and every candidate elected would feel that he possessed the confidence of the brethren generally, and not of a clique whom he had wheedled into attending at Grand Lodge on a particular evening in order to support him. It is generally admitted that the work of these Boards is well and honestly done. This I think, among Masons, goes without saying; but I venture to think that a Board selected after my pattern would, if possible, command still more confidence in the Craft, and when, as must inevitably happen, the half-dozen able leading spirits are taken from us, the work will still go on upon the good old lines, and our beloved "mystery" will gain strength and favour.

RIST PLANG, P.M., P.Z., &c.

Reviews.

KINGSTON LODGE OF FREEMASONS', No. 1010, DIRECTORY, 1894. Compiled by the SECRETARY.
Bro. J. Cardill Savill, the able Secretary of this influential lodge, has done well to edit another edition of this most useful publication. The last, so Bro. Hughan tells us, was of the year 1890, previous editions being of 1884 and 1887. The work is on the same lines as the previous issues, and is printed in Bro. M. C. Peck's best style. The members are arranged under years of election, the founders being given before the first admissions of 1864. They are getting less and less as the years roll onward, only four now being on the roll. The Earl of Lonsdale was elected honorary member in 1864, and so was Bro. J. L. Seaton, a similar compliment being paid two esteemed Masonic historians in 1870 (Bros. Hughan and Findel), as well as Bro. W. D. Keyworth. The next so honoured was Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, in 1886, the respected Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. M. C. Peck, the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec., was elected another of the honorary members in 1889, and the Rev. P. H. Duggins, M.A., in 1893. There are numerous particulars afforded of the lodge, chapter, and

Mark lodge. The interesting "annals" of No. 1010 are brought down to 1893, and most carefully compiled by the model Secretary. If every lodge were as well supplied it would be a grand time for the Craft.

HULL MASONIC CALENDAR, 1894.

This indispensable annual of Bro. M. C. Peck's is to time, and most effective, as usual. The calendar includes the days of meeting of all the Masonic bodies in that most flourishing Masonic centre—Hull—as also information of other meetings in the neighbourhood. Handy, accurate, and well printed are invariable features of this publication.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Robert Burns Lodge (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. T. J. Robins, P.M., W.M.; W. P. Barnsdall, S.W.; T. Hawkins, P.M., J.W.; J. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Farmer, Sec.; J. W. Harvey, J.D.; T. B. Fulwood, I.G.; G. Harding, P.M., Tyler; Geo. Deaton, P.M.; J. J. Wilson, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; F. J. Deaton, P.M.; H. C. Miller, A. Pinnington, G. Smith, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Powell, 9; W. Roots, P.M. 1273; W. H. Mackley, 2272; C. R. Williams, P.M. 2262; Lieut. Hy. W. Pell, 100; F. W. Spencer, P.M.; G. Skegg, 1441; W. Regester, P.M. 14; W. F. Hammond, 569; J. Culverwell, 1366; J. Jacobs, 1604; G. T. N. Farman, 177; W. G. London, 1580; H. A. Tildesley, 1385; P. Livingstone, 704; W. Looms, 180; H. Clarke, 1341; C. W. Dixon, 1366; and Henry Briggs, 749.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. Wilson, P.M. then assumed the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. Barnsdall into the chair of K.S. That brother having been presented was impressively installed as W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested by the W.M., the addresses to each being impressively delivered: Bros. W. C. Maynard, S.W.; T. Hawkins, P.M., J.W.; J. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Fulwood, S.D.; F. J. Deaton, P.M., J.D.; H. C. Miller, I.G.; T. J. Robins, I.P.M., Stwd.; A. Pinnington, Org.; and G. Harding, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. then presented, on behalf of the members of the lodge, to Bro. Robins, I.P.M., a handsome jewel, to commemorate their appreciation of his services during the past year, this being the second time he had presided as Master of the lodge. Bro. Robins, I.P.M., in a few well chosen words, thanked the brethren for the gift, which he said he should always prize.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-hall.

After grace was sung,

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Regester, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers" in a very able manner.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him every success during his year of office.

The W.M. responded with an eloquent speech.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," who were always sure of a cordial reception in the Robert Burns Lodge. They were generally fortunate in having a large number of visitors. He trusted they had all spent an enjoyable evening.

The visitors, who respectively replied, spoke in high terms of the working of the lodge and of having spent a most pleasant evening.

Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent selection of music, under the direction of Bro. A. Pinnington, assisted by the London Glee Singers; also Miss Jessie Hovine, Miss Rose Williams, and Bro. F. W. Farmer.

La Tolerance Lodge (No. 538).—There was a heavy list of business to be transacted on the day of the installation meeting of La Tolerance Lodge, on the 4th inst., when the brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall to the number of 81 to honour the occasion to the Mastership of Bro. Sydney George Edridge. The outgoing Master was Bro. W. E. Wilby, whose portrait appeared in the *Freemason* 12 months ago, and who, after having had a very successful year and performed all his work with admirable skill, put the capstone to the edifice by performing on the last day he was in the chair two passings, three initiations, and the installation. There was so much to do that the lodge met punctually at four in the afternoon, and preliminary work having been disposed of, Bros. Sidney Charles Cross and George Alfred Sturgess received the Second Degree, and Messrs. Edwin Archibald Harris, Harry Lee, and Frederick William Richard Hopf the First Degree. By this time the lodge was full, and among those who were present were, besides the Master and his officers and several lay members of the lodge, Bros. W. G. Fenn, P.M.; T. W. Smale, P.M.; E. J. Humphrey, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; James Kench, P.M., Treas.; and J. W. Elvin, P.M., Visitors: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B.; Prov. G.M. Surrey; Frederick West, Deputy Prov. G.M. Surrey; T. Mercey, 1178; Alfred J. Fuller, 1790; Edward J. Palmer, 96; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. H. Ransom, P.M. 1790; F. Egerton Bennett, 2127; W. J. Stahlschmidt, J.W. 765; A. H. Cole, Sec. 1744; G. J. Allen, S.D. 1392; F. T. Ridpath, P.M. 2069; R. W. Wilson, P.M. 2054; Sutton Shepley, S.D. 1796; John Kilvington, P.M. 1790; Fred. Nicholls, 463; John Paul, P.M. 1287; Streeter, P.M. 463; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.M. 1616, P.A.G.D.C.; George Ridout, W.M. elect 1287; A. Young Hyland, J.D. 1556; Edward White, P.M. 177; R. W. Price, P.M. 493, P.G.W. Surrey; M. Taylor, 463; R. M. Hammond, 463; H. Bond, P.M. 1314, P.G.D.C. Kent; W. J. Day, J.W. 1790; Henry J. Knight, 1706; Fred. Braidwood, 463; Walter Hopekirk, P.G.P.; Peter Jocher S. Parsons Smith, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. J. Thompson

P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; John Durno, 2381; J. Chumley, P.M. 1556; George H. Chapman, P.G.D. Surrey; S. S. C. Reid, P.M. 1174; J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673; Frank Osborne, W.M. 1287; John Lloyd, S.W. 1086; A. H. P. Snow, 2191; A. Hamlett, P.M. 1556, P.P.G.D. Surrey; John M. Montagu, J.D. 1556; W. H. Hayward, S.D. 2096; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Bertram A. Williams, I.P.M. 463; H. M. Lemm, 463; W. Hird, 1892; Sidney M. Cooley, P.M. 1872; J. Butten, S.W. 1790; W. J. Russell, 463; G. H. Reynolds, 2191, P.M. 1614; J. Gilby, 2182; George May, 2090; A. Lehaffer, 1351; Henry Guy, P.M. 1703; T. E. Carey Bates, J.D. 12; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 107; B. Colbron, 463; Henry W. Down, P.M. 1982; and Edgar Barnes, 2345. Bro. Wilby then installed Bro. Sydney George Edridge as W.M., from whom he received the collar of I.P.M. Bros. W. Hooker was invested as S.W.; J. J. P. Huran, as J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P. as Treas.; Smale, P.M., for Bro. James B. Sly, P.M., as Sec.; G. T. Augspurg, as S.D.; T. Clear, as J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey, as Org.; T. Tilly, as I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., as D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, as Stwd.; and J. H. Evenden, P.M., as Tyler.

After Bro. Wilby had delivered the addresses, for which he was awarded loud applause, the closing formalities were observed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet.

The toasts afterwards were interspersed with some beautiful vocal and instrumental music by Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Teresa Blamy, and Bros. Henry Lee, May, Guy, Gilby, Shepley, and Barnes, under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, Mus. Bac., Organist of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Noel Money, replying to the toast which includes "The Grand Officers," complimented the lodge on having such an able exponent of the ritual of Freemasonry as the I.P.M., and afterwards said that he felt very much at home in the lodge, as every prominent face around him was that of a Surrey man, for the W.M. was well-known in that province, and thoroughly esteemed and appreciated there. Lodge La Tolerance was going to support him so strongly at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, at which he (Col. Money) was going to preside, that it formed one more tie of affection and relationship between him and the lodge.

Bros. F. West and Dr. Strong also replied.

Bro. Kench said that Grand Lodge of England was a tangible and visible embodiment of the principles of Masonry, and the spirit of those principles, like as in a shining river, was reflected in every province of England, and particularly in the Province of Surrey. It was because those principles were in harmony with all the nobler impulses of one being, because they possessed in themselves an infinite capacity for good, because their tendency was to create happiness in ourselves and to diffuse it to all around, that the lodge was proud and delighted to welcome the provincial brethren. It was ever a source of much encouragement to those who were seeking to disseminate the genuine principles and tenets of the Craft, and to advance the progress and prosperity of the Order, to meet occasionally brethren like-minded with themselves, and exchange with them the kindly courtesies of goodwill and friendship. They hailed them as co-workers in the great aim of being happy and communicating happiness based upon the moral and intellectual powers of man, and not the mere selfish pleasures of life, they believed that life had something more noble for its object than the mere heaping together of gold—to promote the well-being of their fellow men, to enrich his mind with genuine knowledge, to lead his wavering footsteps to the shrine of wisdom, and there to fraternise with him in searching after the real elixir of life, true happiness. They believed that this object was to be gained not by sowing the seeds of discord, but by unity of action in upholding the grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

The W.M. in responding to the toast of "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was proposed by Bro. Wilby, said it now became his duty to stand between the brethren and the programme for a brief space, to return them his most heartfelt thanks for the proposing and drinking of his health. He was fully alive to the responsibilities of the position he had the honour to occupy. It was not an ornamental position, for it involved this, that every one who occupied the chair should step by step have adhered to the principles of the square and compasses. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and he made no secret about it. He looked for no Utopia that rested in the walls of a lodge; he knew no Utopia; he looked to practical politics; and he was not going to overstep the limits of Freemasonry in what he was about to say; he felt that in Freemasonry they had a force of law and order which should one day make England ring with its influence. We were at present face to face with problems which would make all thinking men shudder, when there was a state of things in which every rule and principle of life was attempted to be put upside down; when all those rules of law and order were attempted to be set at naught it would be simply idle for thinking men to shut their eyes to this eventually; but he thought that in every centre and district where Masonry existed men should stand shoulder to shoulder, and if the principles of the Craft were not mere hollow mockeries and shams, as they were thought by the outside world to be because of their ingrained ignorance, the principles of law and order should be well to the front. Were the Masons the most loyal of her Majesty's subjects? Were they not that night in the ritual which every member of the Order should take care to study as much as he possibly could, that loyalty to our native country and the Sovereign of our native country was a cardinal principle of their creed? Therefore it was not a question merely of enjoyment around the festive board, although he would be the last to deny the benefit of the friendship which this produced. Having thus dealt with the principle which he held most dear in his enthusiasm, he would like to point to one special fact to show them that with jumps up, with thanks, those that followed after other Masons took up the noble Craft. When his father died, among his papers, which were kept in most scrupulous order, were applications made to him from time to time for assistance, and he found wrapped up in a drawer with the most scrupulous care the apron of a Master Mason, and a Mark Mason, and the insignia of the R.A. Degree. He never knew till then that his grandfather had been a Mason; his father never told him about it; but when he (the W.M.) came to know those facts, he joined the Craft. He could not help thinking it a significant fact, following the promptings of his conscience and what he considered

right and for the best for his fellow men that he should unconsciously and unknowingly have joined the same noble Order of which his grandfather formed a member. Here he had on his breast his grandfather's Companion's jewel as bright when he took it out of his drawer as it was when it adorned his breast, and he did not consider any jewel he might earn in his Masonic career would be equal to that which would carry down the annals of Masonry from his grandfather's time. He should do his very best, as far as he was reasonably allowed to, to bring up his boys that they might be Masons with him. They were already Lewises, which was the first step towards it. Not to detain the brethren—words were subject to the hollow form of formality; they could not speak a time of what he felt that night towards those who had come miles to do him and the lodge he represented honour; but he could not help thinking he had been richly rewarded for endeavouring to lift aloft the banner in the way in which it should be held. He would not detain them a moment longer than to express his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which the brethren had received him.

The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Masonic Charities," and stated he would represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which he solicited support, heading his list as Steward with a donation of £105.

Bro. James Terry responded, and gave a *resumé* of the receipts of the three Masonic Charities in 1893. He also thanked the W.M. for becoming Steward for the Benevolent Institution and his princely donation, adding that the Institution required all the assistance it could receive as there were only 20 vacancies for 130 candidates.

Bro. Wilby, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, which he thanked the lodge for in responding to the toast of "The I.P.M.," proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Langton responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. Harris to that of "The Initiates;" but as the hour was getting late, the remaining toasts and songs were omitted.

Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Bridge, on Monday last. The members present included Bros. F. W. Walden, W.M.; W. C. Dickey, J.W., W.M. elect; F. Lawrance, P.M., Treas.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; E. Wavell, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; B. F. Hartzthorne, I.G.; R. Milbourne and R. Steel, Stwds.; Louis Lee, Org.; C. Patrick, Tyler; R. H. Wimpey, I.P.M.; G. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.M., P.G.W., P.G.M., Middlesex; W. A. Dowling, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; Willis H. Wilson, G. Callingham, W. Bell, S. H. Thorp, G. Sales, J. Hawes, J. Inder, H. F. E. Harrison, D. Heath, W. Millwood, R. Raiton, C. W. Smelt, J. Hughes, G. Portch, C. F. Hughes, M. Uniacke, D. Rawlings, C. Bennet, T. Spurr, G. Hiscocks, W. C. Miller, R. Fairbairn, M. Rhodes, N. Defries, and R. Husband. Visitors: Bros. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; P. Monson, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. P. Bellerby, W.M. 2309, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks.; A. Duck, P.M. 898; A. Pringle, P.M. 92; G. Thomas, P.M. 1194; S. Meech, P.M. 2163; C. F. Williams, S.W. 898; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1298; F. Thomas, S.W. 144; H. Burton, J.W. 946; T. S. Craze, 893; A. R. Bilby, S.D. 2323; J. Campbell, 1791; W. Callingham, 1599; A. C. Treadaway, 1293; J. E. Allen, 2400; R. W. Robinson, 2400; W. Vaughan, 1329; G. Caymore, Stwd. 1816; C. Doodlum, 1604; J. M. Kingston, 1326; F. A. Straker, 2243; and W. Holden, 1305.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, when Mr. George Hiscocks, having been approved by ballot, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. William Craufurd Dickey, Master elect, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., in an impressive manner. Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Sec., as usual, acting D.C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. Wavell, S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; Frederick Lawrance, P.M., Treas.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Bernard F. Hartzthorne, S.D.; R. Milbourne, J.D.; R. Steel, I.G.; George Sales, Dir. of Cers.; J. Hawes and J. Inder, Stwds.; and Louis Lee, Org. The Auditors' report was given, correspondence read, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to a well-served banquet.

The dinner over, the usual toasts followed.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton in responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," alluded to the fact that it was through his being received into that lodge, that the honours he had succeeded to were given him. He regretted and was surprised to find when he accepted the post of Grand Master of Middlesex, that the Chiswick Lodge, being within the radius, was not attached to his province. He had not been able to attend as often as he should have liked, but then they all knew how very little time he, like many other Masons who happened to be M.P.'s, had at their disposal; they might rely upon him at all times to assist them in anything he could do for the lodge, and hoped, before long, they might have additions from that lodge to swell the ranks of Grand Lodge.

"The Health of the Installing Officers" was responded to by Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., thanking the brethren for the kind way in which they always received him, and paying a high tribute of praise to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. George Gardner, who had nearly the whole of the work of the lodge to discharge.

The W.M., responding to the toast of his health, hoped that they would find in him one who intended to do his utmost to discharge the duties of the high office he was placed in, and thanked them for the kind manner they had drank his health. He then proposed "The Initiate," and said they were particularly pleased to welcome Bro. Hiscocks; he was sure from the way he had attended to the ceremony, they had in him a worthy member of the Craft.

Bro. Hiscocks having responded,

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that though there were a goodly number, there was not so many as would have been, but for the bad weather.

This was responded to by Bro. C. P. Bellerby, A. Duck, G. Thomas, and others, who all testified to the excellence of the work, and the great hospitality they had received, wishing the lodge a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The W.M. then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," speaking of both these officers as being everything any lodge could desire.

Bro. Lawrance then told the brethren that the lodge was in a very prosperous state, and he hoped to discharge the duties of his office as he had hitherto done, which seemed to give satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. George Gardner said that this was the seventh W.M. who had appointed him to the office of Secretary, and he had (being the founder of the lodge) its welfare and interest at heart, and he had always worked his hardest for its success; he thanked Bro. Everett for the kindly manner he had spoken of him, and hoped to be able to discharge the duties of Secretary, and assist the W.M. in every possible way he could. At the same time he must say that he must endeavour to confine his work to that of Secretary as he found it too much for him to be of general utility, seeing he belonged to several other lodges, &c., in all of which he held office. He thanked them one and all for the kind way they had drank his health, and hoped to be with them for a long time to come.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bro. R. Wimpey, saying he hoped the whole of the Past Masters would appear as they had that night, ready and willing to assist with advice, or to help in any of the work of the lodge.

The Officers' and Tyler's toast followed, which brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening musical selections were given by Bro. Louis Lee, Organist, assisted by G. W. Turner, J. Millar, F. Searle, Miss Rose Booking, and Miss Minnie Lawrie.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, W.M.; W. H. Rylands, as I.P.M.; E. Macbean, J.W.; G. V. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, S.D.; and C. Purdon Clarke, J.D. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Wood, H. M. Hobbs, A. E. Weightman, T. Cohu, Rev. H. Thomas, W. F. Stauffer, G. R. Cobham, H. B. Papenfus, G. Richards, S. W. Morris, C. B. Barnes, Rev. W. E. Scott-Hall, R. A. Gowan, E. Frost Creswick, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; J. Newton, C. E. L. Wright, H. E. Frances, W. G. P. Gilbert, J. J. Hall, R. Manuel, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, J. S. Cumberland, and R. Martyn. Also the following visitors: Bros. T. Matzinger, 174; and D. R. Alder Wright, P.M. 1691.

The Report of the Audit Committee was adopted. The following brethren were balloted for and admitted to the membership of the lodge: Bros. Ladislas Aurele de Malcovitch, of Budapest, Vice-Secretary of the Royal Hungarian Ministry of the Interior, member of Lodge St. Stephen, Budapest, an English Royal Arch Mason, the Local Secretary for Austro-Hungary, and author of "The History of Masonry in Austria-Hungary," now passing through our journal; Edward Conder, jun., of Chelbury, near Oxford, a member of Lodge No. 1036, and the Local Secretary in Oxfordshire, Renter-Warden of the Masons' Company of London, and author of a history of the said Company, now passing through the press. He also contributed largely on Architectural Antiquities to the press.

Eight corporate bodies and 56 brethren, as follows, were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony, Hamburg; Stratford Lodge, No. 75 (N.Z.C.), Stratford, New Zealand; St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253, Bridgetown, Barbados; Lodge Rock of Gwalior, No. 1066, Jhansi, India; Union Lodge, No. 767, Karachi, India; Charters Towers Lodge, No. 1546, Charters Towers, Queensland; Masonic Library Association, Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A.; and Lodge of Otago, No. 7, Duendin, New Zealand. Bros. C. Wrenn, 1198, Madras; Lieut. A. M. Smith, R.A., 1960, Rawal Pindi, Punjab; H. W. Symons, 10, W. E. Thomas, 40, E. Smith, 114, J. H. Peady, 114, and W. Boustead, 51, all of Ballarat, Victoria; G. H. Strirby, 1546, and A. E. Harte, 1546, both of Charters Towers, Queensland; G. P. Solvander, 2036, Picton, New Zealand; J. Munro, P.M. 770 (S.C.), Pretoria, South African Republic; Major G. R. Hobbs, 1665, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; H. F. Gill, P.M. 1022, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State; G. D. Shaver, M.D., P.M. 22, Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A.; G. Brown, 16, Waitsburg, Washington, U.S.A.; M. H. Price, P.M. 299, J. W. Bruce, P.M. 299, A. H. Kortrecht, 299, H. E. Coffin, 299, C. J. Lockwood, 299, and T. O. Vinton, 118, all of Memphis, Tennessee; G. C. H. McNaught, J.G.D. Scotland, and J. W. Bain, W.M. 510, both of Glasgow; J. Sime, 405, J. Hogg, W.M. 58, and Rev. W. J. Clarke, P.M. 624, all of Kelso; G. Rees, 477, J. McLeavy, 477, J. T. Thompson, P.M. 477, and T. C. Thorburn, P.M. 477, all of Birkenhead; G. P. Poole, 1576, and J. S. Warren, W.M. 979, both of Chester; J. Woolley, P.M. 477, Wrexham; J. H. Ford, 1221, Leeds; H. J. Collins, 887, Birmingham; W. R. D. Adkins, 1911, Northampton; E. A. T. Breed, 811, Brighton; Sir R. N. Howard, P.G.D., Weymouth; C. W. Carrell, P.M. 1816, Leytonstone; H. G. Thompson, P.M. 299, Croydon; W. J. Poole, W.M. 860, and T. Smith, P.M. 30, both of Sutton; and J. Cresswell, 957, E. Morrell, 1963, R. T. Cooper, 130, M. F. Tweedie, P.M. 92, C. J. Wallis, P.M. 1415, W. J. Songhurst, 227, S. W. Morris, W.M. 231, T. Hewett, 2025, W. Stannard, 172, H. Thompson, 449, J. de Casseres, P.M. 1349, G. F. Gildersleve, 1278, F. J. Humphreys, 1839, and R. A. Martyn, 192, all of London. The Secretary read a paper contributed by Bro. Fred. W. Vernon, of Kelso, entitled "From Refreshment to Labour in the Olden Times," treating entirely of the convivial habits of our Scottish brethren of a bygone day. Bro. Vernon had collected many quaint and interesting particulars, and his paper was listened to with a good deal of amusement. At the close of the lecture, Bros. Westcott, Rylands, Cumberland, Macbean, Speth, Bodenham, and Manuel spoke to certain points, and added in some instances reminiscences of their own, and the Secretary was directed to convey the hearty thanks of the brethren to the writer.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BEVERLEY.

Constitutional Lodge (No. 294).—The installation of Bro. David Morley as W.M. of the above lodge, in succession to the Earl of Lonsborough, took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 4th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Tom Turner (Mayor of Beverley), P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and Bro. M. M. Westeryby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. elect appointed the following as his officers: Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lonsborough, P.M., P.G.W. Eng., I.P.M.; J. R. Lane,

S.W.; R. Pape, J.W.; H. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Chap.; S. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Proctor, Sec.; H. Wray, S.D.; J. J. Ridley, I.D.; G. H. Knight, Orator; M. M. Westeryby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Almoner; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Charity Representative; T. Wood, D.C.; C. Goulding, P.M., P.P. G.O., Org.; J. W. Stephenson, I.G.; J. D. Butterell, E. Oliver, S. Exley, and G. T. G. Coker, Stwds.; and J. Westoby, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Beverley Arms Hotel.

BLACKBURN.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 269).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Old Bull, when the Festival of St. John was celebrated. Bro. J. Walton was installed as W.M., and the other officers were appointed as follows: Bros. H. J. Robinson, P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; W. Stirrup, S.W.; W. H. Watson, J.W.; Rev. T. T. Lancaster, Chap.; S. L. Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; T. Preston, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; J. Higginson, S.D.; J. Eastwood, I.D.; W. H. Peel, D.C.; J. Shaw, P.M., Org.; H. Watson, I.G.; T. Parker and J. Fielding, Stewards; Fawcett, Tyler; and Hillgrove, Asst. Tyler. A banquet followed.

BRADFORD.

Lodge of Hope (No. 302).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on the 18th ult., Bro. J. R. Armitage, P.P.G.W., was installed as the W.M., and in view of the coming centenary celebration of the lodge's foundation, all the principal officers chosen were Past Masters of the lodge—a most unusual combination, and one suggesting that the ornate ritual of Freemasonry will be carried out during the coming year with exceptional efficiency. The lodge was established in 1794, and its unbroken record of meetings since that time is seldom equalled in the annals of Masonry. Bro. Armitage was W.M. of the lodge nearly a quarter of a century ago, so that there was something especially appropriate in the reappointment to the chair of so old and experienced a brother. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Jenkinson, P.M., I.P.M.; Charles Gott, P.P.G., Supt. of Wks., S.W.; J. B. Knight, P.P.G.D., J.W.; T. H. Flynn, P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. F. Pettinger, Treas.; J. Best, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Hope, P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.D.; C. Speight, P.M., Dep. S.D.; G. H. Hodgson, P.M., J.D.; F. W. Nicholson, P.P.G.O., Org.; John Ingleby, P.M., D.C.; John Pickles, Asst. D.C.; James Ambler, P.P.G.D., I.G.; George Beandler, Tyler; Wm. Moore and John Hill, Stwds.; and T. C. Hope, P.G.S.W., Charity Representative.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. John T. Last, W.M.; John Niven, I.P.M.; Chas. E. Ellis, S.W.; Sam. Robinson, J.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; Sam. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; E. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec.; John Morton, S.D.; James B. Fearnley, J.D.; A. E. Harris, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; Thos. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Richd. Harland and J. J. Whittaker, Stwds.; John W. Bland, Chas. W. Wood, Thos. P. Perks, and Albert Swaine, Org. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Mitcheson, P.M. 258; Thos. C. Hope, P.M. 302, Prov. G.S. of W.; A. V. Hammond, 302; Richd. Knight, P.M. 387; Carlo Fara, W.M. 1018; H. Holland, Sec. 1018; John Haley, W.M. 1034; F. W. Nicholson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Bailey, I.P.M. 1302; and J. Brown, 1324.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Bowler and Thomas Herbert Bedford, who were duly elected, and, being in attendance, they were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the former by Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and the latter by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Samuel Robinson, J.W., and the charge in the First Degree delivered by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treasurer. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, "The Initiates" were toasted, which was followed according to ancient custom by the Entered Apprentice's song.

Bros. Bowler and Bedford responded, and thanked the brethren for having received them into the lodge, and trusted that their confidence would not be misplaced.

The W.M. next submitted "The Visiting Brethren," and expressed the pleasure it afforded the lodge to welcome their guests, and the more so on that occasion as several of the brethren had, notwithstanding the rigours of the weather, travelled many miles in order to be with them that night; they gave a special welcome to Bro. T. C. Hope, for as W.M. of No. 302, in 1889, he signed and supported the recommendation of the founder's petition for a warrant for the lodge.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

In responding, Bro. Hope, Prov. G.S. of W., acknowledged the hearty reception of the visitors, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present. The W.M. had reminded him of the flight of time, he had taken part in the consecration of the lodge, but had not since, until that evening, been able to visit them. He was glad to see the progress that had been made, as he was informed the lodge had now 40 members; the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered that evening was very creditable to the lodge.

Bro. Mitcheson, P.M., 258 also responded, and complimented the lodge on the manner in which all the proceedings in the lodge had been conducted; he had stated that on a previous occasion he had paid a most enjoyable visit to the lodge, and the enjoyment of their hospitality that evening, amply repaid him for any trouble he might have had in coming to Bradford, even on such a wintry evening. He concluded by inviting the brethren to pay a fraternal visit to lodge 258 at Heckmondwike.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. W. Nicholson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Org., who referred to his long Masonic acquaintance with Bro. Last, W.M., and congratulated him on attaining to the chair of the Lodge.

Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner the toast had been received. It had given him great pleasure to have 10 visitors at the lodge that

evening, when, owing to the inclement weather, no excuse was necessary to keep at home; yet some of the visitors had travelled long distances to attend the lodge. He felt a pride in presiding over the lodge, and he intended doing his best to render the ceremonies in as perfect a manner as possible.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Mitcheson, P.M. 258, who complimented the lodge on having such a number of experienced Masons as Past Masters in the lodge, and with their support the W.M. would find no difficulty in ruling the lodge.

Bro. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the senior Past Master, responded, and stated that the Past Masters as a body were desirous of doing all they could for the lodge, and would gladly assist those who succeeded them, so that the ceremonies in the lodge might be rendered as perfectly as possible.

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

Bros. Harris, Hammond, Swaine, and Bowler contributed songs and music to the harmony of the evening.

BRIDGWATER.

Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).—At the annual meeting, held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, on the 1st inst., Bro. A. Basil Cotham, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. D. Burston. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year ensuing: Bros. D. Burston, I.P.M.; A. Squibbs, S.W.; R. H. Garton, J.W.; W. T. Biker, P.M., Chap.; J. C. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Soper, P.M., Sec.; Wallace Buffett, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Kelway, S.D.; W. Belcher, J.D.; E. G. Bunting, Org.; Chas. Hagon, I.G.; W. H. Tamlyn and E. R. Babbage, Stwds.; and J. McGowan, Tyler.

BRIGG.

Ancholme Lodge (No. 1282).—At the annual meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Rooms, Carylane, on the 2nd inst., Bro. J. H. Cross was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Langridge, W.M. 2078. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. A. Cheesman, I.P.M.; R. Taylor, S.W.; H. Cooper, P.M., J.W.; J. Davy, Sec.; T. Cleugh, jun., P.M., S.D.; T. A. Smith, J.D.; R. S. Tritton, I.G.; J. Spring, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; and W. Hales, Tyler.

BURTON.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—The 76th annual festival and installation of this lodge—being the second in age and one of the most important lodges in the Province of Derbyshire—was held in the Masonic Hall, on New Year's Day, and was attended by many distinguished brethren from Derbyshire and the adjoining provinces. Bro. David Rutherford, W.M., was duly installed according to ancient rite as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being ably performed by Bro. George Tarver, the retiring W.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. G. Tarver, I.P.M.; G. A. Canes, S.W.; W. Salter, J.W.; Rev. W. F. Dury, P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. J. Drewry, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Chamberlin, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Baker, S.D.; T. Heain, J.D.; E. H. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Roden, Org.; W. Bennett, I.G.; A. R. Price and R. Pezco, Stwds.; and E. Howes, Tyler.

Bro. Tarver having been presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the previous year, the lodge was closed, when the brethren to the number of about 50, adjourned to the banquet hall and sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Heain. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was one of most pleasurable enjoyment, Bro. Rutherford being heartily congratulated on his election to the high office of Master of the lodge.

CHESTER.

Independence Lodge (No. 721).—The festival of St. John was celebrated by the above lodge—which has been publicly described as "the premier lodge in the province" of Cheshire—at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, 8th inst., when Bro. Councillor Thomas Browne was installed Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The attendance numbered close upon 60 brethren, among those present being Bros. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M.; James Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; F. A. Walker Jones, P.M. 331, 425; Thomas M. Lockwood, P.M. 425, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; P. H. Lockwood, 425; R. Carriss, 2386; Hugh Roberts, S.W. 1674; John Russell, S.W. 2423; A. E. Coveney, P.M. 605; Robert Hunter, P.P.S.G.D.; H. G. Little, 1674, P.P.G.P.; F. E. Cooper, P.S.G.D.; W. Randle Ford, W.M. 2386; Henry Taylor, W.M. 425; George Forrester, P.M. 1576; T. Fisher Jones, 1674; H. A. Steer, P.P.G.D.C. North Wales; Beresford Adams, 425; W. Shone, P.M. 425; Dr. James Taylor, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.D.; and Thomas Coxhead, P.M. 1674, P.P.S.G.W. North Wales. Letters of apology were also read from Bros. Lord Egerton, of Tatton, P.G.M., and Alderman L. Filbert (Mayor of Chester). The duties of Installing Master were discharged by Bro. W. Peers, assisted by Bros. I. M. Jones and G. F. Adams. Bro. Browne invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. F. Adams, I.P.M.; A. Wild, S.W.; T. J. Powell, J.W.; E. Rush, P.M., Treas.; T. Knowles, P.M., Sec.; H. Stonely, S.D.; W. H. Davis, J.D.; C. Polkinghorne, I.G.; R. Butterworth, Org.; E. H. Thomas, Stwd.; and W. Richmond, Almoner; while Bro. Stephen Smith was unanimously elected Tyler.

The I.P.M. was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CHICHESTER.

Union Lodge (No. 38).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the Council Chamber, for the purpose of passing the Treasurer's accounts and of electing officers for the ensuing year. There were present Bros. John St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W., W.M.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., S.W. (pro tem.); H. H. Moore, J.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; G. Fielder, S.D.; A. Raven, J.D.; Lambert,

P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire, Org.; C. Knight, I.G.; S. Baker and E. King, Stwds.; Charge, I.P.M.; Doman, P.M.; E. B. Wannop, D. Waddington, E. J. Coffyn, C. Green, C. Brassfield, Jas. Lillywhite, H. G. States, A. Heather, H. W. Koblisch, G. Baldwin Latham, and Beatson, Tyler.

The annual report of the Audit Committee, and the balance sheet presented by the Treasurer were read and unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. There was a satisfactory balance in hand and the Treasurer gave notice that at the next lodge he would move a grant of 10 guineas in favour of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Proceeding to the election of a W.M., the ballot proved to be practically unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Weller-Poley, J.P. Bro. Weller-Poley has had considerable Masonic experience, being a Past Master of No. 10 (in which lodge he now holds the collar of D.C.) and a Past Master of No. 1629. He was advanced to the dignity of Past Grand Deacon at the great Jubilee meeting in the Albert Hall. Bro. Wyatt was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Beatson, Tyler. The ceremony of raising a brother was, from unavoidable causes, postponed and the meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in February, when the installation of the W.M. will take place.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The installation of Bro. Jas. Morrison, jun., and Festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened at an early hour of the afternoon, and the proceedings, which passed off without a single hitch of any kind whatever, did not terminate until shortly before 11 p.m.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. William Martin was balloted for as a joining member, and received a hearty welcome. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed as follows: Bros. Cyril H. Beever, W.M., Installing Master; James Laidlaw, P.M., P.P.G.D., S.W.; Councillor John Bradshaw, P.M., P.S.G.D., J.W.; and Dunbar Murray, P.M., I.G. Bro. Morrison, S.W., W.M. elect, after having been regularly presented by Bro. W. T. Hesketh, P.M., was duly obligated and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Beever, who addressed him with regard to the duties of his office. Bro. Arthur A. Moss, P.M., delivered the address to the Wardens; Bro. Henry Nall, P.M., that to the brethren; and Bro. Hesketh that to the officers, the names of the latter being subjoined, viz.: Bros. James Morrison, jun., W.M.; Alfred Pickford, jun., S.W.; Chas. Rawle, J.W.; Henry Nall, P.M., Treas.; John G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; Thos. A. Holland, S.D.; Jas. A. Carse, J.D.; W. T. Hesketh, P.M., D.C.; John Coupland, I.G.; W. Rushton, Org.; C. H. Beever, I.P.M.; A. Redfern, I. R. E. Birkett, E. M. Beebe, J. M. Crone, S. Tiller, and J. R. Kastner, Stwds.; and Councillor John Bradshaw, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., Charity Representative. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. W. Dyson Fryer.

The Festival of St. John was held in the large dining-room of the institution, the dinner being under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Langford, hall keepers. Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, the same being pleasantly diversified by songs, &c., from Bros. H. Nall, P.M.; Martin Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lancs.; C. H. Beever, I.P.M.; W. A. Brabner, W.M. 2363; A. Jarratt, P.M. (librettist of the popular opera "The Sultan of Mocha"); Chas. Shuv, 1147; and W. Rushton, of the lodge.

During the evening a very chaste gold jewel, and bearing the words "Majority Year." Presented to Bro. C. H. Beever, P.M., by the members of the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, as a token of their recognition of his valuable services. January 5th, 1894," was, on behalf of the lodge, placed upon the breast of the retiring W.M.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present at the lodge and banquet Bros. Howard Sacré and Hugh W. Bloomer. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M. 2359, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Board, P.M. 1798, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.R.; Chas. Heywood, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.D.C.; T. H. Schofield, W.M. 163; Jas. S. Warren, W.M. 979; Jas. Wilcox, W.M. 1149; Francis Long, W.M. 1496; J. H. Marsh, W.M. 1739; T. T. Shann, J.P., W.M.; John R. R. Jeffery, S.W. 1140; John Travers, S.W. 1387; H. B. Shepherd, S.D. 2091; J. Southam, P.M. 1149; Fred. Renshaw, P.M. 1387; Eli Winterbottom, P.M. 1773; Chas. E. Bygrave, P.M. 2091; R. Foster, 277; R. A. Macfarlane, 993; P. J. Walsh, 1147; E. P. Woodhouse, 1387; E. Bostock, 1493; W. Grant, 2231; and others.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., in St. George's Masonic Rooms, when there were present: Bros. F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; C. Fretwell, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Webb, I.P.M.; E. Newsum, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anclay, J.W.; Duff, acting Sec.; H. C. White, Org.; F. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; T. F. Turner, I.G.; J. F. Hanson, Stwd.; J. Hirst, Tyler; C. Goodair, W. H. Chambers, H. Gumbly, J. Venus, P. Jenner, J. Denison, H. Foster and S. Lester. Bro. J. Constable, 2259, P.G. Std. Br., was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Goldthorpe (Charity Steward) proposed "That a sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the Boys' School," this was seconded by Bro. Fretwell, and carried unanimously. Mr. Charles Reasbeck having received a unanimous ballot, was duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Woodhouse, S.W. The W.M., at the request of Bro. J. Constable, granted permission for St. Nicholas Lodge to publish the patronage of St. George's to the Thorne Masonic Hall.

Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of light refreshments.

DURHAM.

Marquess of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge attended in large numbers to witness and take part in the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Goodenough, S.W., for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Thomas Dunn,

P.M., Prov. G.D.C. The service was fully choral. The musical arrangements were under the care of Bros. J. Nutton and S. Pilling, and were heartily appreciated by all present.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Fenny, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Hiller, P.P.G.O.; W. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. Holdsworth, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; M. Fowler, M.P., Treas.; W. H. Patterson, W.M.; Rev. I. Haworth, P.P.G.C.; Rev. J. Lawson, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. S. Shaw, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; B. Cullwick, P.M., P.G.D. Hereford; A. Davis, P.M., P.G.P. Worcester; J. Moor, J.W. 1274; D. Patterson, 1334; and others.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. H. Brown, S.W.; Isaac Burrell, J.W.; the Rev. Nicholson, Chap.; M. Fowler, M.P., Treas. (re-appointed); G. Hewitt, Sec. (re-appointed); Rev. J. Haworth, M.A., S.D.; J. Walton, J.D.; Pilling, Org. (re-appointed); A. E. Graham, I.G.; J. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Almoner; T. Dunn, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; and Grabham, Tyler (re-appointed).

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, and the rest of the evening, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Goodenough, W.M., was passed in harmony.

FOWEY.

Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The members of this lodge mustered in large numbers on Monday, the 1st inst., to assist at the installation of their highly-esteemed and respected Bro. J. Mitchell, W.M. elect, whose genial manners and obliging disposition have rendered him deservedly popular among the members of the lodge. Bro. Dr. S. Davis, W.M., conferred the Third Degree on a brother who is about to leave the country. Bros. W. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. of W., and J. Doney, P.P.G.D., D.C., acting as Installing Masters, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. P. Giles, P.P.G.D.C.; Major Shanks, P.M.; W. Devon, D.C.; S. Davis, George Varcoe, W. Andrew, E. Rillston, J. Isbell, F. Denison, N. Couch, Bennett and Maclean, proceeded to install Bro. J. Mitchell as W.M. for the ensuing year. The new Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Davis, I.P.M.; S. Gale, S.W.; J. Samble, J.W.; J. Isbell, P.M., Treas.; W. Tonkin, Chap.; J. B. Combs, Sec.; R. Denison, S.D.; D. Job, J.D.; W. Symons, I.G.; W. Hawken, Org.; T. Slade, D.C.; W. Beer, A.D.C.; W. Beale and W. Viccars, Stwds.; and W. Graham, Tyler. Bro. P. Giles, P.P.G.D.C., in a neat speech proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Doney and Tonkin for the able, efficient, and impressive manner in which they had rendered the installation ceremony.

The brethren then adjourned to the hall of the Working Men's Reading Room, in which Bro. D. Job had prepared a banquet, which gave great satisfaction.

GUERNSEY.

Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—The installation night of this lodge came off on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, when, in the presence of a very crowded meeting, Bro. J. B. Nickolls was formally inducted into the chair of K.S. The outgoing Master, Bro. Benest, opened the lodge, and the minutes having been duly confirmed, Bro. Lovell, P.M., was requested to assume the gavel, and to proceed with the ceremony. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, Bro. Lovell placed the gavel in Bro. Rowcliffe's, P.M., hands, who then completed the ceremony. We should be failing in our duty if we omitted to record the simply faultless manner in which this installation ceremony was carried out by these two comparatively young Past Masters; it was an object lesson with which, we are sure, one or two of the older Past Masters who were absent, doubtless in consequence of the terribly inclement weather, would have been greatly delighted. As it was, it gave unqualified satisfaction to all present, and to none more than the great body of the members, who were only too delighted to note what able and zealous Masonic workers they possessed in their younger Past Masters. The Board of Installed Masters was a very numerous one, many visitors being present from Doyle's and Loyalty Lodges, and a few from Fidelis Lodge.

Amongst the Past Masters and Worshipful Masters present we noticed Bros. Balfour Cockburn, Stickland, Royle, Hume Spry, Hamel, Foote, Sparrow, Thorn, Nicolle, Smythson, De Jersey, Le Huray, and many others.

Bro. Nickolls is a very able man; he is Professor of Chemistry at the local Elizabeth College, and is a first-class ritualist; he has surrounded himself with able and zealous officers, and we augur for him a most prosperous year of office; at the same time, we heartily congratulate the lodge on having for its ruler such an accomplished and liberal-minded brother.

LISKEARD.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 510).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, when Bro. R. H. Williams was installed W.M. in the presence of a large number of brethren, including Bros. W. H. Stanton, P.P.G.D.C.; G. P. N. Glencross, P.P.S.G.W.; R. A. Courtney, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Nettle, P.P.J.G.W.; V. H. Huddy, P.P.J.G.D.; T. White, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Harris, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Major J. E. Shanks, P.P.J.G.W. Devon; J. Williams, P.P.G. Purst.; J. W. Chegwidden, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Morgan, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Warwick; S. Trehane, W.M. 970; W. McLean, W.M. 866; J. Hicks, I.P.M. 70; E. Mallett, P.M., R. Ridgman, P.M., G. Hallett, P.M., and W. George, P.M. all of 510; and G. T. Lakeman, W.M. 557.

The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing: Bros. W. Ridgman, I.P.M.; W. H. Stone, S.W.; R. Faulk, J.W.; the Rev. W. Fookes, M.A., Chap.; T. White, P.M., Treas.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Morcom, S.D.; C. Mitchell, J.D.; J. Harris, P.M., D.C.; E. Venning, P.M., Org.; A. W. Venning, I.G.; A. Hancock and C. D. Smith, Stwds.; and R. Penwarden, Tyler. Bro. Nettle was elected Steward of the Provincial Charity Association, the W.M. the Representative on the Committee of Relief, and Bro. Faulk, J.W., Steward of the C.M.E.B. Fund.

At the annual dinner, which was held at Webb's Hotel, among the visitors were Bros. Frank E. Sach, 189; W. W. Dymond, S.W., and W. Symons, J.W. 557; F. Mabin, 105; and S. Seccombe, 510.

The W.M. presided.

The usual toasts were given.

Bro. Edmund Venning, P.G. Treas., was heartily congratulated on his unanimous election to that office by the brethren.

Bro. Venning responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and

Bro. Major Shank for the P.G. Lodge of Devon. The latter said he received his collar at the hand of Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, but they acknowledged that the P.G.M. of Cornwall was equally as good a Mason. The utmost cordiality was maintained between the Province of Devon and the Province of Cornwall. He recalled their joint meeting at Plymouth some years ago to receive the Prince of Wales. As a Warden he made it his duty to visit every lodge in the province, and since then had been present at some three hundred installations, and although they were proud of the way in which they did things in Devon, he had never seen the work so well done as it had been done that day.

The S.W. submitted "The Health of the W.M.," whom he said would prove a popular Master.

The toast was cordially received

Bro. Ridgman, I.P.M., responded to the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Hammond proposed in complimentary terms, "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. W. White, in reply, said he thought they might say the lodge had attained a position second to none in the province.

Bro. Courtney said he had served 21 years as Secretary. He had served that office one year longer than Bro. White had been Treasurer. During that time they had built the Masonic Hall, at a cost of some £1000, and in less than 15 months it would be free of debt. The Worshipful Master they had seen installed that day was the 50th Master, and he was sure that during Bro. Williams' year of office the lodge would prosper. In 1895 they would have to celebrate the jubilee of St. Martin's Lodge and he hoped that during that year the trustees of the Masonic Hall would be in a position to hand over the building to the Master as the property of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

LONGSIGHT.

Longsight Lodge (No. 2464).—The regular meeting of this lodge, was held at the Club Rooms, Birch Lane, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Councillor Thomas Uttley, W.M., presiding. There were also present: Bros. H. Grimshaw, S.W.; William Gadd, J.W.; Frederick G. Berry, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Wilson, Asst. Sec.; Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom, S.D.; Henry Sheard, J.D.; E. H. Ritson, I.G.; Harry Mundy, Henry Wood, and C. S. Cotton, Stwds.; F. W. Lean, P.M., P.S.G.D., D. of C.; James Crossley, Frederick Gramme, David Baxter, and John Adamson. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Melling, P.M. 2185; H. Clulow, Treas. 993; and J. Grime, 163.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the names of Messrs. William Arthur Bacon, and Andrew Eller were successfully put to the ballot, and they were duly initiated, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Lean, the charge in both instances being rendered by Bro. Higginbottom, and the working tools explained by Bro. Gadd.

At the festive board, which succeeded, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which "The Healths of the Newly-Initiated Brethren," were proposed and enthusiastically received, the brethren in question responding in terse but exceedingly appropriate words.

The visitors were unanimous in praise of the work which had been performed by the various officers, which expressions of satisfaction were subsequently acknowledged by the W.M.

During the evening Bro. Adamson, who has recently been added to the Craft as a Master Mason, magnanimously tendered a cordial invitation to all the brethren of the lodge to partake of dinner with him at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday next, the 17th inst. It is expected that upwards of 50 will be present, each member being privileged to introduce a Masonic friend.

MANCHESTER.

Affability Lodge (No. 317).—The yearly installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Bro. J. Read, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C., was invited to occupy the chair as Installing Master, and he appointed as his officers Bros. E. G. Chessworth, P.M., as S.W.; John Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730, as J.W.; and T. Bushell, P.M., as I.G. Bro. F. Spencer, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. Read, I.P.M., and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. In very eloquent terms Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., invested and addressed the officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Bladon delivered the address to the W.M., Bro. E. G. Chessworth, P.M., to the Wardens, and Bro. J. Garside, P.M., that to the brethren generally. At the close of the successful installation, the Auditors' report was presented and adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., for his invaluable services for many years as Treasurer of the lodge. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Staton, P.M., was elected in his stead. A very handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Read, I.P.M., for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office.

The following were present: Bros. J. Read, W.M.; F. Spencer, S.W.; T. Bushell, J.W.; J. S. Whitehead, Sec.; A. Allen, S.D.; N. Field, J.D.; A. Rottmayer, I.G.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C., D. of C.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. Robinson, P.M.; E. G. Chessworth, P.M.; J. Garside, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; A. C. K. Smith, O. A. Hamson, W. Brocklehurst, J. Chenery, A. C. K. Haddon, C. J. Guest, F. G. Stanford, H. A. Whaiter, J. H. Marsh, W.M. 1730; J. Simcock, G. O. Whittaker, W. Charlton, T. Plumpton, A. Findlow, and E. de Cantillon, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Hall, P.M. 1458; J. R. Bowley, W.M. 2216; W. H. Thorne, 236; J. Newton, 37, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Robinson, W.M. 1219; J. Hawthorn, 654, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Crane, 1223; G. H. Scott, 581; A. Walker, 654; H. Warner, 950; and E. Smith, late 317.

The Past Master's jewel that was presented to Bro. Read was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

MERTHYR.

Cambrian Lodge (No. 110).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. S. Sandbrook was duly installed W.M. of the lodge. A large number of members and visitors were present and the W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. D. Macdonald, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; D. A. Thomas, S.W.; W. R. Harris, J.W.; B. T. W. Goodfellow, Treas.; A. Abelson, Chap.; John Berrv, Sec.; W. Roberts, Asst. Sec.; T. Wake, S.D.; G. W. Davies, J.D.; Angus Mackintosh, I.G.; W. Williams, D.C.; T. Dischs, A.D.C.; J. Morgan, H. R. Owen, and T. Rich, Stwds.; D. Tull, Org.; and W. H. Jones, Tyler.

The usual banquet was held at the Castle Hotel in the evening.

MONMOUTH.

Loyal Monmouth Lodge (No. 457).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Capt. C. C. Powell was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Capt. Samuel G. Homfray, in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. H. M. T. Bidwell, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; H. C. Groves, J.W.; Rev. W. Neville, Chap.; T. B. Oakley, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; R. Gooding, Sec.; W. S. Poole, S.D.; T. Addis, J.D.; A. H. Preece, I.G.; F. A. Powell, P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; Dr. Brandram Jones, Org.; Champney Powell, Stwd.; and W. M. Teague, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. W. Honeyfield, Mayor of Monmouth, into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of their new Master, Bro. J. Thomas catering in his well-known excellent style. Bro. E. G. R. Richards had charge of the musical arrangements, and a pleasant evening was spent.

We understand that it is contemplated to hold a Masonic ball towards the end of the month, of which detailed particulars will be duly announced.

NEWPORT.

Silurian Lodge (No. 471).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. There was a good attendance, and a very pleasing gathering of the Craft. Bro. W. G. Flanders was the Installing Master, and during the proceedings the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Capt. G. S. Homfray, presented on behalf of the lodge, the Immediate Past Master (Bro. J. E. Ward), with a Past Master's jewel. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Bros. Theo. Harding, W.M.; John E. Ward, I.P.M.; James Dixon, S.W.; A. Ernest Jones, J.W.; Rev. D. Wilks, Chap.; William Pickford, P.M., Treas.; R. B. Evans, P.M., Sec.; W. Lyndon Moore, S.D.; Tom Shute, J.D.; E. G. R. Richards, Org.; Joseph Jones, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; A. M'Mahon, P.M., Librarian; H. W. Jones, I.G.; W. F. Stevens, E. W. Schofield, W. Clark and G. J. Dunn, Stwds.; and Henry Richards, P.M., Tyler.

In the evening a grand banquet was held at the Westgate Hotel.

NORTHAMPTON.

Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—The popularity of the selection of Bro. C. E. Thorpe, S.W., to fill the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Thomas Franks, was fully shown by the members of the Craft on the occasion of his installation in the lodge-room at the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, on Thursday evening, the 4th inst. About 80 of the local brethren and others from a distance attended, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic character. Bro. T. Franks, P.S.G.D., W.M., occupied the chair.

Lodge having been duly opened; Bro. W. G. Brown was passed to the Second Degree. The Treasurer's report and balance-sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, were presented and passed. After the transaction of other business connected with the lodge, Bro. G. Ellard presented Bro. C. E. Thorpe for installation, and the ceremony and ritual were admirably gone through by the Installing Master, Bro. A. Cockerill. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. Franks, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; T. Merry, S.W.; S. B. Wilkinson, J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Holding, Chap.; A. Cockerill, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Geo. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; G. F. E. Wilkinson, S.D.; S. Frisby, J.D.; W. Arkell, I.G.; J. J. Hart, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., D.C.; R. W. Strickland, Org.; E. Archer and E. J. Gibbs, Stewards; and G. Robinson and R. Lewis, Tylers. Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., next alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of Bro. George Osborn, of Patishtall, which occurred on the previous Tuesday. Bro. Osborn, he said, was the oldest Freemason and Past Master in the Province of Norths and Hunts. He had occupied the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer for a number of years, and for nearly half a century had been Treasurer of the Lodge of Fidelity, Towcester. He had also filled many important offices in the Craft, and was highly esteemed and respected by all the brethren. He suggested the whole of the lodges in the province should unite in sending a wreath as a tribute of their respect, and further that the Pomfret Lodge should send a vote of condolence to the family in the sad bereavement they had sustained. The suggestions were accepted, and ordered to be acted upon. Bro. A. Cockerill proposed, and Bro. J. Snow seconded, a resolution to the effect that the sum of £50 be expended from the lodge funds for the purchase of two debenture shares in the Northampton Masonic Club Company, Limited. The resolution was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Cockerill next proposed that an additional donation of 20 guineas be granted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, half such sum to come from the lodge funds and half from the Charity Fund. This was seconded by Bro. Ellard, and unanimously agreed to. Lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a *recherche* banquet in the lower large room of the hall.

PADIHAM.

Red Rose of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1504).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Constitutional Club, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. J. E. Sherburn, W.M.; T. Stuttard, I.P.M.; Geo. Grant, M.D., S.W.; Josiah Pollard, P.M.,

J.W.; John Gregson, P.M., Treas.; C. Ainsworth, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Bracewell, S.D.; J. W. Houlden, J.D.; M. Ingham, Org.; J. H. Ainsworth, Tyler; Wm. Bear, P.M., W.M. elect; R. H. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Sutcliffe, P.M., P.G.S.B.; F. L. Riley, P.M.; F. Steele, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. G. Ainsworth, P.M., P.P.G.O. Staffs; Rev. E. J. Wand, 102 (I.C.); J. Blackburn, W.M. 116; H. Lonsdale, W.M. 126; J. Murgatroyd, 126; J. Procter, S.D. 126; W. Hamer, 221; A. Longworth, 269; J. R. Walmsley, 265; E. Hartley, W.M. 1064; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.M. 1064; A. Temple, S.D. 1064; J. H. Temple, 1064; W. Sutcliffe, D.C. 1064; J. J. Tennant, P.M. 1519; J. H. Calvert, P.M. 1519; G. Elec, 1519; W. Bury, P.M. 1775; W. Hurst, 1775; and H. Whittaker, J.W. 2193.

After the dispensation for holding the meeting in the club had been read, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Sillitoe assumed the chair, when Bro. W. Bear, P.M., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Sherburn for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and at the close of which the newly-installed W.M. was properly proclaimed and saluted. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Pollard, S.V.; J. W. Houlden, J.W.; J. Gregson, P.M., Treas.; C. Ainsworth, S.D.; F. L. Riley, P.M., D.C.; M. Ingham, Org.; R. Harrison, P.M., I.G.; J. Sutcliffe and T. Stuttard, Stwds.; and F. Steele, Tyler. Bro. Sillitoe delivered the address to the W.M., Wardens and brethren very effectively. On the proposition of the W.M. Bro. Sillitoe was warmly thanked for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Starkie Arms Hotel, where Bro. Robinson had provided a sumptuous banquet, which was presided over by the genial newly-installed W.M., who briefly proposed the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Pollard proposed "The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master," in an able manner, and the toast was, as usual, received with hearty applause.

Bro. Houlden, J.W., proposed "The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Geo. Mellor, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was replied to by Bro. J. Sutcliffe, P.G.S.B.

Bro. Sherburn, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Newly Installed Worshipful Master," said that it afforded him great pleasure to be followed in the chair by a brother of such wide and varied experience as Bro. Bear, who, in following out the requirements of his business, had travelled round the globe three times, and had seen a good deal of Freemasonry in every clime.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

The W.M., in reply, said that he felt proud to be in the position he was that evening, and assured the brethren that he heartily reciprocated their kind sentiments. During his travels he had always found a good welcome from Masons in all parts of the world, still he was glad to return to his native town and meet his old friends; he would make no rash promises, but he asked the support of his officers in carrying out his duties, and if they all pulled together he thought they would have a very good year.

The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, responding, in a very able and interesting speech, stated that the financial year of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which had just closed, was, as to donations and subscriptions, the most successful they had ever experienced, as the income under this heading alone was £1917, which, with interest and dividends, would reach considerably over £2500. He hoped, however, that the brethren would not relax in their endeavours to add still greater success to this as well as the London Institutions. So far as they in East Lancashire were concerned, they would want all the help they could get in carrying out their new Annuity Scheme, as well as the advancement of the children when they left the schools.

Bro. Pollard, S.W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. J. H. Calvert, 1519; A. Temple, 1064; and J. G. Ainsworth responded.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who said that they were all greatly indebted to Bro. Sillitoe for the able and impressive manner in which his duties had been performed.

The toast was enthusiastically received with musical honours, as Bro. Sillitoe is deservedly popular in every part of this extensive province.

Bro. Sillitoe, in reply, expressed the pleasure it had been to him to attend and instal a brother of such vast experience as well as such an excellent Mason as Bro. Bear. He (Bro. Sillitoe) had, like the W.M., travelled a little abroad, and knew what receptions English Masons generally met with. He was, however, beginning to think that younger Masons than himself would soon put him on the shelf. It was 23 years that day since he was first installed as W.M. For 22 years he had been travelling up and down that and the neighbouring provinces performing Masonic ceremonies, and if the journeys were put together they would exceed 36,000 miles in extent. He had occasion to refer to his old diaries the other day, and could easily verify that fact. He thought that was a fair share of work for an unpaid officer to perform. He heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality that evening.

Other toasts followed.

The evening was enlivened with songs and glees by Bros. Watson, Hartley, Procter, Bury, Ingham, Longworth, Calvert, Whittaker, and Murgatroyd, accompanied by Bro. Lonsdale.

The evening was brought to a close, and was pronounced by all present to be one of the pleasantest gatherings they had ever attended.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913). The first meeting in the New Year of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. C. H. Clapham, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; Dr. E. Byesson, S.W.; J. J. Collins, J.W.; W. Sanders, Sec.; D. K. Somers, S.D.; J. O. Cook, J.D.; G. M. Taylor, A.D.C.; J. Farrier and A.

Moore, Stwds.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; H. Mason, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; E. Morris, P.M.; C. Jolly, Hon. P.M.; A. Deans, W.M. 13; G. Taylor, P.M. 700; H. Tufnell, S.W. 700; T. Challoner, 1536; J. Jenkins, 13; R. West, 615; and F. Goldsmith, 184.

After dinner, Bro. Penfold, in responding to the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," after paying a high tribute to the splendid work done for Masonry in the province by their esteemed Grand Master, Earl Amherst, said he thought Bro. Eastes was an excellent D.P.G.M., and all who had the honour were proud of being associated with him as their deputy chief. To conduct the affairs of a province like Kent, with its 58 lodges, was no sinecure, and the duties of the D.P.G.M. were both arduous and onerous. Perhaps the most arduous part of his duties was the distribution of the provincial collars every year. With 60 applicants, and only 20 collars to bestow, it was not an easy matter to please everyone. He, from his own knowledge, knew that the subject cost Bro. Eastes a good deal of anxious thought, so as to distribute them that every lodge should, in its turn, receive its fair share of honours. As far as the Pattison Lodge was concerned, they had no reason to complain. Last year Bro. Mason received the collar of Steward, and that meant full honours this year; and if they all waited patiently, other honours would come in due course. Earl Amherst and Bro. Eastes imparted a high tone to Freemasonry in that province, as was evidenced by its being in the front ranks in supporting all good works in Masonry. He was sure there was not a Provincial Officer, Present or Past, who did not appreciate a purple at the hands of their esteemed Grand Master.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and the singing was excellent.

PORTLAND.

Portland Lodge (No. 1037).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 26th ult. to initiate Mr. Charles W. Freeman, Vice-Patron R.M.B.I., son of Bro. G. Freeman, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., and to receive a presentation from Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, Mayor of Weymouth, P.G.D. Eng. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Lawson, occupied the chair, and was supported by a large number of brethren of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, P.G.D. Eng.; Dr. A. McLean, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Graham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. Freeman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Cooke, P.M.; and J. W. Board, I.P.M., P.G.P. Visitors: Bro. the Rev. M. Heath, P.M. 622, P.G. Chap. Eng.; Z. Mill-edge, P.M. 178, P.P.J.G.W.; H. J. Groves, W.M. 170, P.S.G.W.; H. Gibbs, P.M. 170, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Smith, P.M. 170, P.P.G.D. of C.; the Rev. P. G. Pickering, P.M. 35 and 84, P.P.G. Chap. Hants; J. S. Stroud, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.S.G.D.; H. B. G. Frampton, P.M. 622, P.P.G. Reg.; R. W. Board, W.M. 2255; J. Harrison, P.M.; A. Rayner, W.M. elect 170; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the Grand Officers admitted and saluted, after which the anthem "Behold how good and joyful" (Dr. Clarke) was beautifully rendered by the lodge choir. Bro. Sir R. N. Howard then rose and asked the lodge to accept his portrait, which he had had painted especially for them, as a token and remembrance of the many pleasant hours he had spent there. Bro. Howard, who was one of the founders and first W.M. of the Portland Lodge, then briefly spoke on its history and the object of its being founded, congratulating the W.M. and brethren on its flourishing condition, and stating that the large number of military and naval brethren present that evening proved how well the objects of the founders had been realised. The W.M., in accepting the gift on behalf of the lodge, assured Bro. Sir R. N. Howard that it would always find an honoured place within the lodge, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. J. W. Board, I.P.M., and carried by acclamation. Mr. Chas. Walter Freeman was then duly admitted into Freemasonry, the W.M. being specially assisted on this occasion by several Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. C. J. Freeman—the candidate's father—giving the obligation, and the Rev. W. M. Heath P.G. Chap., Eng., acting as Chap. during the ceremony. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at which about 60 sat down, and after the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. E. Mills, P.M., then proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," stating that the lodge was indeed gratified with the presence of two Grand Officers that evening, one of whom was a P.M. of that lodge, and the fact of Bro. Sir R. N. Howard being present on that occasion formed but one more proof of the good feeling which he had towards Portland Lodge, he having crowned this event by presenting the lodge with a valuable portrait of himself, which he (Bro. Mills) felt sure would be highly prized by the brethren, and that the newly-made brother would look back as years rolled on with proud and pleasing remembrance of the happy day he was initiated into Freemasonry.

Bro. Rev. M. Heath, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on the excellent work he had witnessed in the ceremony that evening, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to visit Portland Lodge at any time, and Bro. Sir R. N. Howard thanked the brethren for the cordial way they had received the toast, and said that as the only remaining founder and first W.M. of Portland Lodge, nothing gave him greater pleasure than to assist the lodge in any way.

The W.M. then, in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," said that it afforded him the highest pleasure to see around him so many distinguished brethren, and assured them that whenever they honoured Portland Lodge with their presence they would receive an equally hearty welcome.

Several present and past officers having suitably responded, the toasts of "The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Visitors," were duly honoured.

Bro. Sir R. N. Howard then gave in graceful terms the toast of "The Initiate." He said it was a unique experience in Freemasonry to witness the initiation of a gentleman who was not only a Lewis, but also already a

Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with the very large number of 180 votes to his credit, which was a most valuable addition to the voting power not only of Portland Lodge but also of the Province of Dorset. Bro. C. W. Freeman was the son of our much respected Charity Steward, Bro. C. Y. Freeman, P.M. He had come to the lodge with an honourable record from school and college, and, while wishing him every success in his future career, trusted that the events of that evening would never be effaced from his memory, feeling well assured that he would follow the Masonic footsteps of his father and make his mark in the Craft.

Bro. C. W. Freeman, in responding, thanked the lodge for the honour they had done him in his initiation into Freemasonry. He hoped to be enabled for many years to come to exercise these Charity votes, for he assured the brethren that they would always be at the disposal of Portland Lodge for the benefit of poorer brethren and their widows.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" having been given by Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, was responded to by Bros. Z. Milledge, P.M. 170, Vice-Chairman of the Dorset Masonic Charity, and C. Y. Freeman, P.M., Charity Steward of the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable evening.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Railway Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. Freeman, W.M.; W. A. Cocks, I.P.M.; C. Mead, W.M. 382, S.W.; C. C. Sanger, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; W. F. Sanger, Sec.; A. L. Butters, S.D.; E. H. Moseley, J.D.; L. H. Walker, Org.; J. A. Webb and T. S. Hardman, Stwds.; G. D. Duffin, Tyler; S. Meech, P.M.; John Tidmarsh, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; Geo. Harper, P.M.; A. A. Hardy, J. R. Whittle, W. A. Buckland, W. Roaks, J. Webb, T. W. Jamieson, W. H. Mathews, and F. W. Nokes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read the by-laws of the lodge. The report of the Ball Committee in aid of the Masonic Charities was presented, and the lodge was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the customary toasts were heartily given and received, the speeches being marked by commendable brevity.

Several songs and recitations were admirably rendered by the musical brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TAVISTOCK.

Bedford Lodge (No. 282).—The above lodge held its annual meeting at its new home in West-street on the 3rd inst., Bro. S. Richards presiding, supported by his officers, Bros. W. T. Gill, I.P.M.; T. Kerslake, Secretary, S.W. pro tem.; J. D. Williams, J.W.; G. Merrifield, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; J. B. Chapman, S.D.; W. Treverton, Stwd., J.D. pro tem.; J. Morris, D.C.; J. A. Dennis, Org.; W. H. Backwell, I.G.; T. H. Cranch, Stwd.; and J. Harris, Tyler. Amongst the Past Masters were Bro. Major J. Mathews, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; T. Chapman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Harris; I. Rosekelly, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Drew; and J. Squire. Visitors: Bro. E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; F. E. Remfry, 1529, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Rendle, P.P.G.S.B., and A. J. Rider, all of 1247; W. Male, P.P.G.D.C., and R. Baker, of 666; G. Dunster-ville, 189; W. Allsford, 202; and R. R. Alford, 2166. Bro. T. Kerslake, as the Secretary, read the application of the lodge to the Prov. Grand Lodge for permission to remove the lodge from the Abbey to the new premises, 84, West-street, whose sanction was certified by the signature of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, Prov. G. Master, and Major G. C. Davie, P.G. Secretary. That permission was officially accepted, and directed to be entered in the minutes of the lodge. The removal was stated to have arisen from the want of the extension of the accommodation of the library in the Abbey. The new Masonic Hall, a handsome and convenient suite of rooms, had been converted by the Duke of Bedford from a former ancient public-house, no longer required, annexed to the Corn Market, into excellent accommodation for the brethren. Thanks were voted to the W.M. elect, Bro. J. D. Williams for his handsome present to the lodge of a complete new suite of collars for the lodge officers. Bro. John Davey Williams was installed W.M., Bro. Thomas Chapman being the Installing Officer who conducted the whole of the ceremony in a very admirable manner. The only defect the visitors ventured to suggest was that they considered there was too much work thrown upon him, and his admirable talents somewhat overtaxed. He was supported by the Past Masters present already recorded. The new officers appointed were Bro. S. Richards, I.P.M.; J. B. Chapman, S.W.; H. Skinner, J.W.; J. D. Johnstone, Chap.; G. Merrifield, Treas.; T. Kerslake, Sec.; W. H. Backwell, S.D.; J. Morris, J.D.; B. A. Secombe, D.C.; J. A. Denny, Org.; W. Treverton, I.G.; T. H. Cranch and G. Williams, Stwds.; and J. Harris, Tyler. Bro. G. Merrifield has also been re-elected the representative at the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward.

At the close of the business, 40 of the brethren adjourned to dine together at the Bedford Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was passed. The new W.M. presided.

In the usual toasts which followed, the Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," quoted the sentiments of that distinguished Mason when he was appointed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons—"As long as Freemasonry continues as it is now, an organ of Charity and usefulness, it will flourish."

In replying for "The Visitors," Bro. F. E. Remfry, a distinguished military traveller, gave a very interesting account of his travels in noticing Masonic records. He had visited the remains of the foundations of King Solomon's Temple with other officers, and had pointed out the ancient Masonic marks it still bore. Other ancient buildings in the East, the temples of ancient Greece and Rome, our earlier cathedrals, and the Masonic records, all showed the great age of Masonry.

Bro. Allsford gave an account of the great progress of the Masonic Charities, and the important claims they had for support from every brother. In Devon they were now doing great good, and with increased support, and in some instances improved management, they could do much more.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The annual meeting in connection with this lodge was held on Monday last, when Bro. William Henry Jolliffe, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. There were present amongst others: Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Geo. R. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; John Walton, jun., S.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. J. Mends, Org.; R. Swindells, I.P.M.; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; John Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; John Fowler, Stwd.; John Bowers, P.M.; Jas. Ormrod, J. Artingstall, Gerald Biron, G. G. R. Mends, Arthur Hawkins, Hedley Jones and J. Hallard. Visitors: Bros. W. Broughton, W.M. 1345; R. E. Singleman, W.M. 2231; Jno. Roberts, S.W. 2231; A. K. Boothroyd, 1134, and S.W. 2359; A. Dunkeley, J.D. 1147; Cyril H. Beever, I.P.M. 1375, and S.W. 2363; Henry Nall, P.M., Treas. 1375 and 2363; Robert Wardle, P.M. 2216; and W. Bowden, 1814 and 2229. As in previous years, the brethren assembled in the lecture room of the Central Schools, Urmston, where the installation took place, being performed by several Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. Lloyd, in his address to the Wardens, and Bro. Slyman in that to the officers, being particularly effective. The newly-installed W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Marsh a handsome gold jewel, bearing the following inscription, viz., "Urmston Lodge, No. 1730. Presented by the brethren to Bro. John Hardwicke-Marsh, as a mark of their esteem. January 8th, 1894." On the motion of Bro. Slyman (Charity Representative), the sum of £21 was voted from the Charity funds of the lodge, as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Festival of St. John took place in the large school room of the institution, the banquet being provided by Bro. John Walton, of the Victoria Hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts succeeded, which were excellently varied by songs and recitations from various brethren, prominent amongst whom were Bros. Heywood, Nall, Lloyd, Beever and Hallard.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Arch.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This chapter held a meeting on the 12th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. Amongst those present were Comps. Francis Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cheshire, M.E.Z.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., H.; Dr. Frye, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; N. Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; and A. Hardy, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet.

The customary toasts received full justice. The I.P.Z. proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." He said that it was a source of gratification to all the members of the chapter that Comp. Smith had sufficiently recovered to be once more amongst them. They had to thank him for having provided them on many occasions with an excellent and delightful programme of music. He (the speaker) trusted that for many years the chapter might have the benefit of the M.E.Z.'s mature advice, musical gifts, and genial companionship.

The toast having been warmly received, The M.E.Z. duly acknowledged the compliment. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he had despaired of ever seeing them again. The Jerusalem Chapter had always been to him a most cherished institution. He had entered it as a young man, he had seen many dear friends and fellow Masonic workers leave it to join the great majority, but he was pleased to say that there were still two members left who knew him in his youthful days, viz., Comps. Harfeld and Moss. He thanked them for the vote of thanks that they had passed to him at the last meeting, and particularly for the compliment they had paid to his family for their modest musical entertainment.

Comps. Harfeld and Moss responded to the toast of "The Past Principals," and Comp. G. Davis for "The Officers." The remainder of the evening was pleasantly devoted to melody. The talented family of the M.E.Z., assisted by several friends, gave an excellent instrumental and vocal display. It is needless to say that the members were vastly delighted with the varied and charming programme.

Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Illness prevented several companions from attending, but amongst the members present were: Comps. Thos. Geo. Hodges, M.E.Z.; Wm. Simpson, H.; W. W. Lee, J.; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. Hoit, P.Z.; Reed, Turnbull, Burgess, Cotterell, Morford, Gale, Linnett, and others. Visitors: Comps. J. Hattersley, P.Z.; Cox, P.Z.; and Folkard, J. 2345.

Chapter was opened, and minutes confirmed. Ballot was unanimous in favour of Bros. J. Tattersall, P.M. 1695, B. F. Linnett, D.C. 1623, and J. Gale, J.W. 1695, for exaltation, and the two latter being in attendance, they were impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was closed, and after an excellent repast, the customary toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. N. Green, P.Z., paid a high tribute to the excellent working of Comp. Hodges, who throughout his connection with the chapter, had showed a zeal and interest in it which those who succeeded him would do well to follow.

Comp. T. G. Hodges, M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions for their kindness, and expressed his regret that illness had caused the absence of several members. He was exceedingly gratified at the complimentary remarks made respecting his working, and was of opinion that if the companions coming on for office would seriously endeavour to learn the duties, there was no reason why the chapter should not retain its reputation for good working. Proceeding to propose "The Exalted," he cordially welcomed Comps. Gale and Linnett into the chapter, and hoped they would become shining lights in Royal Arch Masonry.

Comps. Gale and Linnett responded, and having remarked upon the deep impression made upon them by the excellent rendering of the beautiful ritual, said they would earnestly strive to attain the principal chair in the chapter.

In giving "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. extended to them all a cordial welcome, and heartily thanked Comp. Hattersley, P.Z., for his kind assistance rendered as P.S.

in the chapter, thus proving the necessity of Past Principals keeping up their knowledge of the working after they had passed through the various chairs.

Comps. Hattersley, P.Z.; Cox, P.Z.; and Folkard acknowledged the toast, thanking the companions for the kind hospitality shown them, and complimenting the officers on the admirable working of the ritual.

Comps. W. Simpson, H., and W. W. Lee, J., replied for "The H. and J.," and Comp. N. Green, P.Z., for "The Past Principals."

The Janitor's toast terminated a pleasant evening, which was enlivened by several songs rendered by the members.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Terry, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Boehm, J.W.; Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; Kraus, S.D.; Gwennell, J.D.; Tidy, I.G.; Wilby, Hon. Sec.; Hemming, P.M.; Thom, P.M.; Evenden, P.M.; Mason, Osborne, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Evenden, Hemming, and Mason respectively. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Evenden being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Gwennell, Tidy and Kraus were elected joining members, and each briefly acknowledged the compliment. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when the S.W., Bro. Hill, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. It was agreed that Bro. Osborne, W.M. 1287, be invited to work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. C. Dickey, W.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; H. Schieren, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hinds, S.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; and James Banks.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Lovendahl answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was partially rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Dickey as W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the investment of officers was rehearsed. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. D. M. Forbes, W.M.; J. T. Frost, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; Walter Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; G. J. Hanson, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; W. Rapley, E. Faux, A. Oliver, P.M.; E. G. Young, J. W. Clarke, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Young 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. Young being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coxon, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Clarke being the W.M. elect. Bro. Frost was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Walden, W.M.; Biggs, S.W.; Dickey, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Hillier, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Larkham, I.G.; Whiteley, Clark, Dennis, and Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. This being the mother lodge officers' night, the officers, according to the by-laws, occupied their respective offices. Bro. Whiteley being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dennis being the candidate. Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the usual rising, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whiteley for his kindness in having had the tracing board remounted, and the lodge was closed in due form.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present: Comps. Grumant, M.E.Z.; Bannister, H.; Hill, J.; Hilton, S.E.; North, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; H. Martin, Chabot, Elgar, and Salmon.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Salmon personating the candidate. Comp. Bannister rehearsed the installation of the first chair, Comp. H. Martin being installed. Comp. Bannister was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when, after the exaltation, an installation ceremony will be rehearsed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

LIVERPOOL.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 359).—This lodge held a meeting at the Bear's Paw, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. James H. Barrow, W. Commander. After the elevation of eight candidates, Bro. John C. Robinson, P.M. 65, P.P.G.D.C., was duly installed as W. Commander by Bro. Capt. J. D. Murray. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old conclave met at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Amongst those present were Sir Knights Purrott, M.P.S.; Robinson, V.E.; J. J. Pakes, S.G.; N. Prower, M.A., as J.G.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S., G.C., Treas.; John Mason, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Scurrah, Prelate; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., G.S., Std. Br.; Phillips, Herald; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The amended by-laws were then discussed, and an unanimous vote taken thereon. The names of Sir Knights Pakes and Scurrah were submitted as members for the Grand Senate, and were nominated accordingly. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights G. Graveley, L. Steele, C. Keyser, P.M.P.S.; and many others.

The conclave was then closed, and the Sir Knights partook of an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Mantel and assistants.

The usual toasts followed.

Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, M.A., responded on behalf of "The Grand Council." In the course of his remarks he stated that the Order appeared to be reviving. That was no doubt to a great extent due to the interest taken in it by Sir Knights Lords Euston and Dunganvan, who occupied the highest positions in the Degree. There were other distinguished members who also had done a great deal of good sound work. He was pleased to say that the Premier Conclave had furnished several. Personally, he liked the Degree very much, and he felt gratified in having had his name coupled with the toast.

Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., acknowledged "The Health of the Grand Senate" in a speech of some point and humour.

The toast of "The M.P.S." was submitted by Sir Knight Dr. Mickley, and responded to by Sir Knight Purrott.

"The Health of the Past Sovereigns" followed, and Sir Knight Nelson Prower responded. In the course of his speech, he touched upon the long services of many of his colleagues. He said that the M.P.S. in his kindness had coupled his name with the toast, but there were several present who were his (the speaker's) seniors in the conclave, and who would no doubt have dealt with the toast far more eloquently. He then dwelt at length upon the beautiful tenets of the Christian Degrees.

Sir Knight Robinson replied for "The V.E.," Sir Knight Shirley for "The Treasurer and Recorder," and Sir Knights Scurrah and Phillips for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Obituary.

BRO. A. H. MOYES, D.P.G.M. CAMBS.

As briefly stated in our last issue, Bro. Andrew Helenus Moyes, late Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, died on Thursday morning, the 4th inst., at his residence, No. 28, Petty Cury, Cambridge, from aneurism of the heart. He had been in failing health for the past two years, and had found it necessary to relinquish public duties in connection with the Town and County Councils, and also with Freemasonry. A son of the late Mr. John Moyes, of the Bull Hotel, Cambridge, the deceased gentleman was born at Edinburgh in January, 1830, was educated at the City of London School and at Dane Hill, Margate. He married a daughter of Mr. Trafford, of Lincoln, who survives him, as do several sons and a daughter. He was in business nearly 40 years, the greater part of the time as proprietor of the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. Some years ago he was a churchwarden of St. Mary's, and in recent years he was the selected of Market Ward and St. Andrew's Division on the Local Councils. Bro. Andrew Moyes was a prominent and zealous Freemason. He was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, on the 10th of April, 1854, and was, at the time of his death, its oldest subscribing member. He declined office in the early part of his career, so that 26 years elapsed between the time of his initiation and his becoming the Master of his lodge in 1880. He then advanced rapidly. After serving as Prov. G.S. of Wks. and Prov. S.G.W., he was in 1886 appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, which office he fulfilled with great fidelity until last November, when failing health compelled him to relinquish the post. In 1887 he was appointed Grand Std. Br. of England. Bro. Moyes was also a member of the John Carpenter Lodge. His zeal for Royal Arch Masonry was remarkable. He was not only a P.Z. of the Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88, but as Scribe E. he took the liveliest interest in all the concerns of the chapter, and was always anxious to assist those companions in office to discharge their duties efficiently, he himself being quite an expert in Royal Arch work, for which his old chapter is rather famous. He was P.P.G.H. of the Province of Cambridgeshire and a Past Grand Officer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. The deceased was also one of the founders of the York Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 334, of which he afterwards became Master and Treasurer. He was likewise P.P.S.G.W. of the Province of East Anglia. Proceeding to the Rose Croix Degree, he became one of the founders and P.M. W.S. of the Cantabrigia Rose Croix Chapter, No. 112. Bro. Moyes showed great interest in the Masonic Charities, and, although he relinquished almost all other offices, allowed himself to be re-elected Vice-President and Treasurer of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association last November. He was a Life-Governor of all the Royal Masonic Charities, and had

served some four or five Stewardships. The Province of Cambridgeshire will by his death lose more than 100 annual votes in these Charities. Two sons of the deceased are members of the Craft, namely, Bro. A. J. Moyes, of Stamford, and Bro. J. H. Moyes, of Cambridge. The installation meeting of the Scientific Lodge, which was to have been held on Monday, the 8th inst., was postponed by dispensation until Monday, the 15th inst. The funeral took place on Monday, the 8th inst., and, although of a private character in deference to the wishes of the departed, was largely attended by brethren of the Order in the town and district. The first part of the Burial Service was read at Great St. Mary's Church, and the interment took place at the Mill-road Cemetery. Among the beautiful floral tributes of respect were elegant wreaths from the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Scientific Lodge, the Pythagoras Chapter, the York Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and the Cantabrigia Rose Croix Chapter.

The Lodge of the Three Grand Principals, No. 441, and Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, also sent wreaths. The Burial Service was read by Bro. the Rev. W. Cunningham, D.D., Past Prov. G. Chap. Amongst those attending the funeral were Mr. S. L. Young, ex-Mayor of Cambridge, Messrs. R. R. Rowe, A. Deck, G. W. Fitch, W. C. Hall, H. S. French, A. T. Ellis, W. W. Gray, and the following brethren: Bros. Col. R. T. Caldwell, Prov. G.M. Cambridgeshire; B. Chennell, T. Hunnybun, T. Nichols, J. N. Pryor, A. Thompson, O. Papworth, F. Piggott, W. P. Spalding, C. H. Banham, A. Jones, T. Lucas, W. H. Jarrold, Col. Beales, B. W. Beales, jun., A. E. Chaplin, A. J. Lyon, C. W. Redin, F. J. Moden, W. James, W. R. Bright, T. W. Alsop, J. Bester, C. S. Palmer, and M. D. Bradford, of No. 88; J. Vail, J. Sheldrick, T. Watts, C. A. Vinter, J. Taylor, J. S. Youngman, P. H. Young, H. E. Greef, F. Dewbery, W. C. Dewbery, J. E. L. Whitehead, G. Whitmore, G. R. Barnes, F. Palmer, J. F. Miller, F. W. Miller, Jas. Catling, G. L. Olive, and H. W. Dewberry, of No. 441; W. H. Francis, 859; and Col. W. M. Fawcett, 1492. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, and Bro. W. B. Redfern, W.M. 88, were unable to attend, the former being detained in London and the latter being unwell.

BRO. GEORGE ROGERS.

We have to record the death of Bro. George Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.P. Jersey, a founder and one of the oldest Past Masters of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1003, which took place at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on the 30th ult. The late brother had taken a very active part in Craft and other branches of Masonry since his initiation in 1860. He had been caretaker of the Masonic Temple for nearly 17 years. He was P.G.T. as well as Tyler of all the Craft lodges and other Masonic Orders in the island. The demise of this much-esteemed brother leaves a gap which it will be found hard to fill. Bro. Rogers was interred on the 3rd inst. at Mont-à-l'Abbé Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering. The Past Masters, W.M., and brethren of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 1003, as well as a number of other brethren, attended the funeral, and discharged their last duty to a brother. The brethren carried wands and acacia, which they cast on the coffin at the end of the service.

The Craft Abroad.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The *Melbourne Argus* of December 2nd contains the following serious allegations. It appears, however, that it is the late English District Grand Lodge that is referred to. The others having very little money:

"It will be remembered by a large number of Freemasons that when the various Masonic bodies which were working under the English, Irish, Scotch, and Victorian Constitutions amalgamated in March, 1889, under one Grand Lodge—the United Grand Lodge of Victoria—the four Constitutions dissolved and went into liquidation. Committees were then appointed by each of the dissolved Constitutions to wind up the affairs, and the arrangement was made that after the collecting of all dues from the various lodges and the discharging of all liabilities in connection with the respective Constitutions the Masonic Charitable Institutions were to share in the surplus funds. It now appears that, although nearly five years have elapsed since the resolutions to wind up were passed, little or nothing has been done to carry them into effect. The four Constitutions named still remain in liquidation, and the Committee of only one of the four has displayed any energy or evinced any determination to go on with and finish the work it was appointed to do. The liquidators in this case have within the past few weeks set vigorously to work and bid fair to accomplish their task very shortly. They, however, have had a most unpleasant surprise in the course of their investigations, and they have assured themselves that there has been a very serious tampering with the Benevolent Fund, which shows a large deficit, amounting to nearly £1000. The matter is causing considerable sensation amongst the Masonic Fraternity, and there is no doubt that at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, which takes place on the 18th inst., the whole matter will be thoroughly ventilated."

Sir Clare Ford, the newly-appointed British Ambassador to Italy, will to-day (Friday) be received in audience by King Humbert, and present his credentials.



Bro. Penley, thoroughly recovered from his recent indisposition, appeared again last Monday night as "Charley's Aunt" at the Globe Theatre, receiving a most cordial welcome.

The Army summer manoeuvres will this year take place at Aldershot, under the supervision of the Duke of Connaught, the General commanding the camp, and the War Office have given their sanction to an expenditure of £6000 in carrying them out.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck has very kindly consented to be present at a concert to be held in the Surbiton Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, the 31st inst., in aid of the London and South-Western Railway Widows' and Orphans' Society and Orphanage.

A banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of M. Stockinger, the Austro-Hungarian Consul-General, to celebrate the literary jubilee of the most distinguished writer of Hungary, namely, Moritz Jokai. A large number of the most distinguished Hungarian residents in London were present.

Lord Penrhyn is in communication with the Duke of York with a view to securing the presence of his Royal Highness at the Welsh National Eisteddfod, which will this year be held at Carnarvon. At a meeting of the executive on Tuesday evening a letter was read from his lordship, in which it was stated that arrangements were being made for fixing the dates.

The Queen has been pleased to signify her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood upon Bro. Henry Thedy Prinsep, lately a judge of the High Court at Calcutta. Bro. Prinsep, whom we heartily congratulate on receiving this mark of recognition from her Majesty, has been District Master of Bengal ever since 1878, and Grand Superintendent since 1879.

A memorial tablet to the late Earl of Lichfield, which has been erected in Great Heywood Church, Staffordshire, by public subscription, was dedicated on Saturday afternoon last by the Bishop of Lichfield, among those present being the Earl and Countess of Lichfield, the Dowager Countess of Lichfield, Lady Vernon, Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Lieutenant of the County, the Earl of Harrowby, and other relatives and friends of the deceased peer.

The annual ball of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, was held in the large hall or the Sawley-road Board School, Long Eaton, on Friday night, the 5th inst., when some 50 couples assembled, principally from the homes of the brethren connected with Lodge No. 2224. Bro. J. W. Chambers, W.M., was the M.C., Bros. E. Williams and Dr. Bloomer being the Stewards. On Saturday night the annual children's ball took place in the same hall.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Byng, one of the attachés of the British Embassy at Paris. The deceased only arrived in Paris five weeks previously, dined with the Marquis of Dufferin on the Sunday following his arrival, and the very next day took his bed, from which he never rose, having, it is supposed, taken with him to Paris the germs of typhoid fever. He was the son of Bro. Col. the Hon. H. W. J. Byng, P.G.W., and was only 23 years of age.

The two new windows presented to Kew Church, the one by soldiers and sailors, and the other by parishioners and members of the congregation, in memory of the late Duchess of Cambridge, were formally uncovered on Sunday last, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Teck and their son, Prince Alexander. The complete set consists of four windows, of which the other two were presented by the members of the late Duchess's family and Mr. Coleman, of St. Aubyns, respectively. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. C. Weldon, Master of Harrow, and among those present were General Lynedoch Gardiner, representing her Majesty.

The Prince of Wales returned to Marlborough House from visiting Earl Howe, at Amersham, on Saturday last, and travelled for the first time on the Underground Railway. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. the Earl of Lathom and suite, and attended by Col. Ball, the general manager of the line, and Mr. W. H. Gates, the chief engineer, a special saloon carriage being provided for the Royal party. Later, the same day, the Prince went on a visit to the Duke of Rutland, at Belvoir Castle, returning to town to-day (Friday). Among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness were Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Bro. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., and the Marchioness of Granby, Lady Edith Henniker, Sir Henry James, M.P., and Miss James, and others.

The members of the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, held their annual musical evening in the banquetting room of the Royal Pavilion on the 4th inst. The proceedings opened with a dinner, over which the W.M., Bro. J. Flinn, presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. A. J. Carpenter, I.P.M.; E. M. Fennell, S.W.; T. Shrivell, J.W.; W. Bedford, Treas.; T. B. Colbran, Sec.; E. Garrett, J.D.; J. Olliver, D. of C.; W. P. Smith, I.G.; W. Norman Roe, Org.; T. H. Tuxford, E. R. Eley, W. E. Stace, and H. W. Butler, Stwds.; and W. Stanton, Tyler. Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, there was a fairly large attendance of members of the lodge, and also of visiting brethren. The pleasures of the evening were, however, considerably marred by the cold atmosphere of the banquetting room, many of the brethren being compelled to sit in their overcoats. Under the direction of Bro. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O., a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was sustained.

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

A great amount of interest was manifested in Manchester on Monday on the occasion of the arrival of the first cargo of cattle by the Ship Canal. The beasts were from Belfast.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Duke and Duchess of Bedford and their infant son, the Marquis of Tavistock, are fast recovering from their attack of influenza, the son, however, being still confined to his bed.

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster have been entertaining a numerous house party at Eaton Hall, among the latest guests being Lord and Lady Arthur Grosvenor, Bro. Viscount Brackley, Lady Edward Cavendish, and Viscount and Viscountess Newport.

The attempt to secure the Albert Palace and adjacent grounds for the use of the public has failed. The premises are now in possession of the First Commissioner of Works, and, by his order, notice boards have been erected announcing that the site is for sale for building purposes.

The Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, daughter of the Grand Duke of Baden, has been ordered by her medical adviser to visit Algiers on account of the unsatisfactory state of her Royal Highness's health, and will leave for the south towards the end of the present month.

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

The funeral of the late Lord Crewe took place on Monday in Barthomley Churchyard, about six miles from Crewe, the principal mourners including Lord Houghton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, nephew of the deceased peer, Sir Gerald Fitzgerald, the Hon. A. H. Henniker-Major, and Canon Blackburne.

A Masonic ball, under distinguished patronage, is announced to be held at the George Hotel, Bangor, on Monday, February 5th. Full information and tickets are to be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Langford Jones, Tanygrraig, Bangor; and Mr. R. G. Thomas, Menai Bridge.

A fire broke out on Saturday morning last at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, but such was the energetic action of the officials that no extensive damage was caused the room in which it broke out, that immediately below it, and the board-room, being the only apartments that suffered.

The brethren of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, have arranged for their fifth annual ball, in aid of the Masonic Charities, to take place at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on Tuesday, the 30th inst. Application for tickets should be made to Bro. W. Freemantle, Railway Hotel, Southall, or to the Secretary, Bro. W. J. Sanger, Three Tun's, Southall.

The funeral service in honour of Baron Henri Solvyns, Belgian Minister in London, took place in the Brompton Oratory on Monday, when there was present a large gathering of the representatives of the Diplomatic Corps as well as of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Christian. The interment afterwards took place at the Kensal Green Cemetery.

The customary offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were made on behalf of the Queen at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Saturday last, being the Festival of the Epiphany. The gifts were presented by two of the Queen's Gentlemen Ushers-in-Waiting, and the Bishop of London, as Dean of the Chapel Royal, assisted by the Sub-Dean and the Priests-in-Waiting, officiated.

Bro. Durcan Macdonald, who completed his year of office as W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Freemasons at Merthyr on the 4th inst., was not only presented with the usual jewel by the general brethren of the lodge, but was also presented with a jewel by the Scottish members to signalise the fact of his being the first occupant of the chair who had hailed from "across the border."

A correspondent writes.—"It may interest the *Freemason* to know that Captain Edward Augustus William Lendy, D.S.O., who has just met his death in the unfortunate encounter with French troops in Sierra Leone, was initiated in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, on the 25th October, 1892, only a few days before he left to take up his appointment as Inspector-General of Border Police. He took his other Degrees in a lodge in Sierra Leone. He was, I believe, a son of Lieut.-Col. Lendy, of Sunbury."

The barque Colleen of Belfast was wrecked a mile west of Bally Coolton on Thursday, only four of the crew being saved, the remainder, 10 in number, including the captain, being all drowned. The vessels lie about 200 yards from shore. Shortly after midnight on Monday a Norwegian steamer, laden with timber, grounded off Dungeness, there being at the time one of the densest fogs ever known in the Channel. It is also feared that a foreign vessel was run down in the Channel off Whitstable, two bodies and much wreckage having been washed ashore.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been good enough to grant a dispensation, applied for on behalf of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, to wear Masonic clothing at a service to be held in the parish church of St. James's, Garlickhithe, Upper Thames-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, 25th inst., at eight o'clock, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the distinct understanding that no Masonic clothing be worn outside the church. All brethren who desire to be present and to bring with them any friends (ladies or gentlemen) are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. James Weaver, when the cards to admit, so far as space permits, will be forwarded. The collection will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, without any deduction whatever, the expenses being guaranteed from other sources, and contributions to be added to the collection may be sent by brethren unable to attend. Arrangements will be made for the brethren to clothe in the vestry and lobbies of the Church. Full Masonic Craft clothing to be worn. The church is situated in Garlick-hill, Upper Thames-street, E.C. We understand the following rev. brothers will take part in the service: Bros. Rev. Canon Macnamara, Rev. F. Heywood, Rev. J. H. Smith, S.W., Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, Chaplain of Spectacle-makers' Company, and Rev. Dr. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G.C., rector of Basingstoke.

We are pleased to hear of the continued progress towards recovery of Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.C.D., and trust he will soon be completely restored to health.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are entertaining a distinguished shooting party at Chatsworth, including Prince Hohenlohe, the Earl and Countess of Westmorland, Earl and Countess de Grey, Viscount Chelsea, Lady Mary Annette de Trafford, Viscount Dungarvan, the Hon. Humphrey Sturt, Baron de Hirsch, and Mr. L. V. Harcourt.

On Tuesday evening, the 45th annual grand Masonic ball, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, under most distinguished patronage. A very large company assembled, and as nearly all the gentlemen guests were in full Masonic clothing, a very brilliant spectacle was the result. It is expected that the funds of the Institution, as in former years, will benefit very materially by the ball. A report appears in another column.

Bro. Daniel Alston, merchant and miller, of Glemsford, died somewhat unexpectedly on Tuesday, the 9th instant. Bro. Alston was a prominent Mason, being a P.M., and took great interest in the Craft. Bro. Alston took cold a few days since; it was hoped he would soon be out again, but he succumbed on that day at his own residence, The Mill, Glemsford, at half-past four o'clock. He died of pneumonia. The deceased brother leaves a wife and five children. He was about 46 years of age. Bro. Alston was the proprietor of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Sudbury.

The medals and funds to be given at the anniversary meeting of the Geological Society of London on the 16th prox. have been awarded as follows: The Wollaston to Professor Karl A. von Zittel, the Murchison to Mr. W. T. Aveline, the Lyell to Professor John Milne, F.R.S.; the balance of the proceeds of the Wollaston Fund to Mr. A. Strahan, that of the Murchison Fund to Mr. G. Barrow, that of the Lyell Fund to Mr. William Hill, and a portion of the proceeds of the Barlow-Jameson Fund to Mr. Chas. Davison.

The Duchess of Teck was present at the Albert Hall, at an entertainment given by the members of the Young Helpers' League, of which her Royal Highness is President, on behalf of the waifs and strays in Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Lord Rookwood welcomed the Duchess on her arrival in the name of the Reception Committee. The programme included a musical drill of "little women" from the Girls' Village Home at Ilford, and a game of Association football in the arena, with seven players on each side. During an interval in the entertainment the Duchess of Teck received purses presented by companions of the League.

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, M.P.—A very handsome and altogether unique illuminated address congratulating Sir J. Blundell Maple upon his recovery from his recent serious illness, and welcoming his return to Tottenham Court-road, has just been presented by the employés of Maple and Co. (Limited). The address, which was enclosed in a very beautiful carved and painted satin-wood casket of late Louis XV. period, bears signatures representing nearly 3000 employés, and is an eloquent testimony to the popularity of Sir J. Blundell Maple, as well as to the excellent feeling existing throughout the vast establishment.

On Saturday last the remains of Bro. John M'Ewen, of Crieff, who for a long period of 60 years had taken a prominent part in the affairs of that town and district, were interred in Crieff Cemetery with Masonic honours. The deceased had been a member of Crieff St. Michael's Lodge, No. 38, for the long time of 54 years, and no longer back than St. John's Night Bro. M'Ewen, who was present, stated that he had taken part in all the annual general meetings during that period with the exception of one. There was a large turn out of the brethren, as well as of the general public, and the service at the grave was conducted by Bro. Rev. Dr. Cosans, of St. Columba's Episcopal Church, the Chaplain of the lodge.

A dainty and prettily got up "Practical Cookery Book" has just been issued by the Liebig Extract of Meat Company, Limited. It contains some 180 recipes, most of which will well repay a trial. To show the many different uses the Liebig Company's Extract of Meat can be put to, we may mention just a few of the dishes named in the book. Starting with asparagus soup, we find ox-tail soup, baked red mullet, mutton pilau, jugged hare, shepherd's pie, dressed vegetable marrow, Parmesan omelette, caper sauce, savory custard and aspic jelly, a few among the many dishes which Liebig Company's Extract improves. The book can be had free on application to the Company, at 9, Fenchurch-avenue, London, E.C.

The officers and members of St. Kew Lodge, Weston-super-Mare, in accordance with annual custom, invited about 300 poor persons to a meat tea in the Victoria Hall on Monday evening. There was a general response to the invitation, and the tea, cake, meat, &c., were provided by Bro. Huntley. During tea the Grosvenor Quintette Band played selections of music. After tea an excellent musical entertainment was given, the old folks being thoroughly delighted. During the evening, in a neat little speech, Bro. W. E. Perrett, jun., presented the W.M., Bro. J. P. Capell, with a handsome oak and silver tobacco box, to be used on similar occasions, and to be considered the property of the lodge. The W.M. accepted the gift with thanks.

The recent spell of hard frost and snow must have greatly exercised the minds of all who possess plants, even in greenhouses, where the most extensive arrangements are made for heating, but to the ordinary householder whose possessions, although equally treasured, are limited to a conservatory or greenhouse dependant on improvised heating arrangements it must have come as anything but a welcome visitor. The happy owner, however, of one Mr. Sam. Deard's "Little Samson" hot water heating apparatus could at any time during the frost look at the thermometer with indifference. The best results from their use is reported, and as they are reasonable in price, will go a week without retelling, and require little or no attention, they should be in the hands of everybody.

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