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GRAND MASONIC FUNCTION IN QUEENSLAND.

Towards the end of last October, the City of Brisbane, capital of the large and important Colony of Queensland, was the scene of a Masonic function such as few, if any, of the brethren in that rising district of Australasia have ever been privileged to witness, unless, indeed, they had the good fortune to be present at the installation either of Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, or of Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., as the first Grand Master of Victoria. On these auspicious occasions there were gathered together in Sydney and Melbourne, the respective capitals of the two Colonies, some four thousand brethren, and in point of solemnity and grandeur, the scene at either ceremony can only have been surpassed by that which took place in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the day his Royal Highness was installed as M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. Queensland, however, is a more recently-established home of Freemasonry than the other Australasian Colonies we have mentioned, and though the Craft within its borders is well set and fairly prosperous, it could not hope to vie with its elder sister-Colonies in that numerical strength which adds so greatly to the impressiveness of our Masonic ceremonials. But it did well nevertheless. Nearly 700 Masons assembled together for the purpose of taking part in the installation of one of them in the exalted office of Provincial Grand Master, while the mere lack of numbers was amply atoned for by the earnestness and enthusiasm which characterised the proceedings.

We have said the occasion on which this grand meeting was held was the installation of a new Provincial Grand Master. A short while previous, Bro. the Hon. THEODORE O. UNMACK resigned his post of P.G. Master under the Irish Constitution, and our Irish brethren at once formulated a request to Bro. the Duke of ABERCORN, Grand Master of Ireland, that he would be pleased to appoint Bro. Sir SAMUEL GRIFFITH, the Chief Justice of the Colony, to the vacant office. The request was acceded to, and no sooner had the patent of appointment arrived in the Colony, than steps were taken for the installation of that distinguished brother. Invitations were issued to about a thousand brethren, belonging indiscriminately to the Irish, English, and Scottish Constitutions, while endeavours were made to secure the services of some eminent Australasian brother as the Installing Master. In these efforts our Queensland brethren were unfortunately unsuccessful, Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice WAY, Pro Grand Master of South Australia, being prevented by his official duties from leaving home, while Bro. Dr. TARRANT, Pro G.M. of New South Wales, though he accepted the invitation, found himself at the last moment prevented by the sickness unto death of an old friend from fulfilling his engagement. Under these circumstances Queensland had nothing to do but to fall back upon its own resources, and the ceremony was performed by the retiring P.G.M., Bro. UNMACK. He, however—and the statement must be held to be used in more than a mere conventional sense—appears to have fulfilled his duty with great tact and ability, and amid a display of enthusiasm, which speaks well for the heartiness of Queensland Masonry, the Provincial Grand Lodge (I.C.) being, as a matter of course, very numerous represented by its Present and Past Officers, while the District and Acting District Grand Masters under the English and Scottish Constitutions, Bro. the Hon. A. C. GREGORY, C.M.G., and Bro. THOS. MYLNE respectively, were present, each at the head of a large following of Present and Past District Grand Officers. In the course of his address, the Installing Master congratulated his Irish brethren “on the happy choice that had been made of Prov. G. Master on the occasion.” “When,” said he, “they looked at the sterling character, the honourable conduct, the industry and zeal of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, when they looked at the numerous high and important, in fact, the highest and most important positions, which he had filled so creditably that even her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN had thought fit to bestow upon him a particular mark of honour, when they looked upon all these points they could only congratulate themselves that they had been favoured with the selection of a Provincial Grand Master who occupied such a high position; they could but come to the one conclusion that he above all others would be of the greatest assistance in developing Masonry and bringing it to the greatest state of perfection that it had ever attained in the Colony.” Subsequently Bro. UNMACK referred to the past and present condition and future prospects of the Craft in Queensland in the following terms: “Although they were at the present time, and had for many years past been, working under three different forms of government in this Colony. Masonically—formally they were called three different Constitutions—it must be admitted, and it was admitted, that during all the years these three

Constitutions had been working side by side the utmost harmony, good feeling, and fraternal love had existed among their members. If any further proof were wanted they had it in the attendance of brethren of the three Constitutions that evening. Speaking as a brother Mason and as the head of the Irish Constitution in Queensland, he would be wanting in his duty and in loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Ireland were he on this occasion to omit in pressing it on his (the Provincial Grand Master's) mind that the Grand Lodge of Ireland some time ago, when corresponding with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland, emphasised their wish that at no distant date Queensland Masons would follow the good example set by the other Colonies and New Zealand (?) in establishing her independence. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had been good enough to express such a desire, and had, presuming, of course, that every step taken would have been lawfully taken, cheerfully volunteered the information that it would be ready to grant Masonic independence to the Irish Masons in Queensland when applied for and render them any assistance in its power.” Whether it was altogether wise to refer on such an occasion and in such a presence as this to a subject on which differences of opinion among the brethren in attendance may have existed is a matter on which we offer no remark. But the newly-installed P.G.M., as he could not quite ignore a subject which had been so pointedly introduced into his address by his predecessor was nevertheless far more guarded in what he said. After referring to the recent amalgamation of the three Constitutions in certain of the Australasian Colonies and elsewhere, Bro. Sir S. GRIFFITH said: “Whether it would take place in Queensland sooner or later or not at all, would practically be of little importance. Whether they belonged to one Constitution or another they would always work together in harmony and would always be glad to work with one another.” Such a remark as this was amply justified by the past history of the Craft in the Colony, and so long as this state continues it does not matter much if the brethren are ranged under three Constitutions or one. Moreover, if in the progress of this harmony, the feeling should arise that the better policy, the one more conducive to the interests of Freemasonry as a whole, will be for the formation of the three Constitutions into one independent Grand Lodge, we dare say the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom will be equally ready to accept the change, and will each of them do their utmost to promote the welfare of the new organisation. This, however, will depend on the point mentioned by Bro. UNMACK, that is, as to whether or not “every step taken would be lawfully taken?” By this we mean not that the stupid *dictum* about the regulation “three or more” lodges taking part in the movement should be observed, but that the desire for such a change of organisation should be practically unanimous among the lodges and brethren of the three Constitutions. When that comes to pass, Queensland, like its neighbour Australasian Colonies, will have its independent Grand Lodge, and we, as the organ of English Masonic opinion, shall be among the first to offer the new body our hearty congratulations on its establishment, and our sincerest good wishes for the promotion and extension of its prosperity.

As for the rest, the proceedings were shortly afterwards completed and concluded, and Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren celebrated the event with a banquet, at which the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master presided, and about one-half of those who had attended Provincial Grand Lodge sat down. Here, again, the most complete harmony prevailed, the function having been marked throughout by a success on which we gladly take this opportunity of congratulating our Queensland brethren. May it not be the last eventful day in the annals of the Craft in this important Colony!

THE TRADITIONS AND SYMBOLISMS OF THE MARK DEGREE.

The following paper, by Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M. 12, Past Prov. Grand Secretary, was read at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire, held at Huddersfield, in October last:

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—

My object in addressing you on the present occasion is not, I am glad to say, to lift, or even discuss, any portion of that vast mythical and mystical cloud which hangs around the origin of Freemasonry—a subject which has formed volumes of controversy, but rather, on my last appearance in this Provincial Grand Lodge as your Secretary, to use my best endeavours, as far as my limited knowledge and resources will enable me, to stimulate a greater interest in Mark Masonry, feeling sure that the more it is studied, the more anxious shall we be to promote its welfare and extend

its membership, since there is no branch of Freemasonry which has been so much neglected.

I desire, however, not to trench upon any of the ground so excellently occupied by our Provincial Grand Master in those very useful addresses on the Mark Degree and its lessons, which he has from time to time delivered to us at these meetings. I shall, therefore, endeavour to avoid all reference to the points which he has already elucidated in a far more capable manner than I can hope to do.

In glancing at the Traditions and Symbolism of the Mark Degree—for indeed this is all we can hope to do within the compass of a paper like this—it may be well that we should first dwell a little on its history in more modern times, resting satisfied that the Mark Degree is an essential portion of Ancient Freemasonry.

The learned and profuse writer, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, tells us that before the Union in 1813, the Degree was practised by many lodges as an integral part of the Fellow Craft Degree, which was divided into two parts—the ordinary one of Fellow Craft and that of Mark Master, which was conferred upon the superior class of Fellow Crafts—and that at that period the Master of an ordinary lodge was simply a *Menatzchim*, or Overseer, or in reality a Mark Master.

The first Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England was established in 1717, but in 1751 a schism occurred amongst the London Masons, which resulted in those who seceded terming themselves "Ancient" Masons, and designating those who had remained loyal to the Grand Lodge as "Modern" Masons. The Grand Master of the "Ancients" was the Duke of Athol—hence they are also known as the "Athol" Masons, and their lodges as "Athol" lodges; and many of the oldest lodges now on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England are descendants of Athol lodges, and some of these have, from time immemorial to the present time, continued—uninterruptedly, I believe—to confer the Mark Degree; as was done, in fact, by individual lodges, before the establishment of a Grand Lodge in 1717. For full information as to its origin and nature of the "Secession" to which I have alluded, and the doings of the "Ancients" and "Moderns," I would refer all who are anxious to make themselves acquainted with the subject to the excellent work published by Bro. Henry Sadler, P.M., the present Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

In 1813, when the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of the "Moderns," and the Duke of Kent Grand Master of the "Ancient," or, "Athol" Masons, a glorious union was effected between them under the present title of "The United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England," and the ceremonies of the Order were revised by a "Lodge of Reconciliation," which comprised members belonging to both parties.

One result of this change was that the Mark Degree was discarded, as a separate Degree, although portions of it were retained in the Master Mason's Degree, and partly in the ceremonies of the Holy Royal Arch, which latter Degree, however, has since that time been so remodelled as to contain in it now few traces of the Mark Degree.

Nevertheless, although it was thus ignored by the supreme authority of the Craft in this country, the Mark Degree has never ceased to be practised in various parts of England, and it has been always recognised as an integral portion of ancient Freemasonry by the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and America.

Matters were brought to a climax in September, 1851, when a warrant was granted by the Bon Accord Chapter, No. 90, at Aberdeen, under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, to six of its members resident in London, to establish a Mark Masters' Lodge under the title of "The London Bon Accord Mark Masters' Lodge."

The return of this warrant was demanded in 1855 by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, which the Principals of the Bon Accord Chapter declined to accede to. But in February, 1856, they returned their own warrant, which left the London Bon Accord Mark Lodge without a supreme authority.

In consequence of conflicts respecting the Mark Degree arising in Nova Scotia and Canada, between lodges and chapters under the Grand Lodge of England and those under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions, it was agreed in a quarterly communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, held on 1st November, 1855, that it was desirable to enter on the question of the Mark Degree. The Committee appointed to report upon it decided that the Mark Mason's Degree did not form part of the Royal Arch Degree, and it was resolved to refer the matter to the Grand Lodge of England.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was accordingly made in Grand Lodge on 5th March, 1856:—"That the Committee for investigating the subject of the Mark Degree are of opinion that it is a link between the Second and Third Degrees of Craft Masonry;" and it was therefore resolved "That it be added thereto" under certain regulations.

But these minutes were not confirmed at the next communication of Grand Lodge, on the ground that as it was agreed at the time of the Union "That Masonry consisted of Three Degrees and no more," and that were the Mark Degree acknowledged, other innovations might follow. With regard to this discussion, I have seen it stated that nearly all the speakers admitted that the Mark Degree was an integral part of Ancient Freemasonry, although they voted against it! And also, that the motion against its recognition was carried by a majority of one!

On account of the refusal of Grand Lodge to acknowledge the Mark Degree, the London Bon Accord Mark Masters' Lodge resolved themselves into a Grand Lodge for England and Wales and the British Colonial Dependencies, which was known by the names of "The Bon Accord Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons" and "Lord Leigh's Grand Lodge," as Lord Leigh was its first Grand Master.

This step naturally excited dissatisfaction, and soon afterwards we find Mark lodges being established in various parts of England and Wales, under warrants from the Supreme Grand Chapter.

In May, 1857, however, the newly-constituted Lord Leigh's Grand Lodge convened a special meeting, to which the whole of the Brethren of the Degree were invited, to consider whether it would be better to unite under one Constitution, or continue separately under English, Scotch, or American warrants.

The result of this meeting was that a resolution in favour of unity and uniformity was unanimously agreed to; and on 16th June, 1857, regulations were adopted, to which every Mark lodge wishing to enrol itself was required to conform, and at the regular meeting of the new United Grand Mark Lodge, held in December, 1857, we find several lodges had joined it, and that seven Provincial Grand Masters were appointed.

Since that time Mark Masonry has happily continued to prosper, all the Mark lodges in England and Wales working under warrants granted by foreign supreme bodies have returned them, and taken out new ones from the Grand Mark Lodge, which at the end of last year numbered 467 lodges, and is ruled over as Grand Mark Master by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is also Grand Master of English Craft Freemasonry.

Several theories have been propounded, as you are all probably aware, as to the source of Freemasonry. These, as I have already said, I am not going to attempt to discuss, or even allude to, beyond adverting to the one theory which is universally acknowledged as the orthodox historical creed of the Fraternity, viz., that our present division of the Craft in lodges with Degrees is to be traced to the building of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, which was commenced in the year 1012 B.C., and dedicated in 1004 B.C. I am aware, of course, that there are those who have laboured, and still labour, to demolish this theory, and to explain all our rites and ceremonies, not historically, but altogether symbolically. "But so important,"—to use the words of a writer on this subject—"and indeed essential, to Speculative Masonry is the Temple of Solomon as a symbol, that to eradicate it from Masonic Symbolism would be equivalent to destroying the identity of the Institution." The history, then, of the building of King Solomon's Temple is the orthodox and accepted history of Freemasonry, of which the Mark Degree is undoubtedly an integral part.

As the particular traditions connected with the Mark Degree are set forth in the lecture, with which you are all so familiar, I need not, I think, now enlarge upon them, further than by reminding you that the means employed by King Solomon and Hiram Abiff to regulate and control the 80,000 workmen, who wrought in the quarries of Zeredatha, form the basis of the Mark Degree, which is supposed to have been instituted seven days after the laying of the foundation stone of King Solomon's Temple, when our three ancient Grand Masters—Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff—asssembled the Masters of the Lodges of Fellow Crafts, and conferred on them the Mark Degree establishing at the same time the regulations for the inspection of the materials from the quarries.

I have just mentioned the names of Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, as those of three of the ancient Grand Masters of our Craft; but in the Mark Degree we are, as you will remember, more especially connected with Adoniram, and it may be well to consider who he was, and what his connection with this Degree.

Adoniram, as we learn from I Kings, iv., 13, was the son of Abda, and that he was one of King Solomon's Princes, and was set over the Tribute. And later on, in Chapter v., 13 and 14, we read that he was over the levy of 30,000 men which King Solomon raised out of Israel and sent to Lebanon to fell timber for the Temple. And finally we read in Chapter xiii., where he is called Adoram, that he was stoned to death by order of King Rehoboam, to appease the insurgent Israelites. Masonic tradition further tells us that he was married to a sister of Hiram the builder, or Hiram Abiff; and his name is also introduced in the Degrees of Secret and Perfect Master, and Intendant of the Building, in the Ancient Scottish Rite, and in the modern Degree of Royal Master. Adoniram, then, was one of the chief overseers at the building of the Temple of King Solomon, and one of that mighty monarch's chief Officers of State; and the W.M. of every Mark lodge is supposed to be, I imagine, his representative. And yet, brethren, in the ritual I find in use here in West Yorkshire, our lodges are closed in his name, instead of the more fitting way of closing them in the name of the Grand Overseer of the Universe. How such an omission of the recognition of the Almighty Sovereignty of God came about passes my comprehension, and I can only attribute it to some lapsus of oral teaching from a formula of this nature—"In the name of the Grand Overseer of the Universe, and by command of Adoniram," &c.

Neither have I the time to-day to say much about the traditions concerning those Masons' marks which have excited so much interest and controversy, and I should certainly hesitate to do so in the presence of many brethren learned on the subject, who are now doing me the honour to listen to me. Suffice it to say, then, that these marks have been divided generally into two classes—those of the overseers (the *Menatzchims*) and those of the workmen who worked each stone (the *Ghiblimes*); and that the truth of the traditions regarding them is amply confirmed by history, as they have been found in great abundance in various parts of the world—in England, France, Germany, India, Central America, and other countries—"and, going back further still," says Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe, in that most useful little work of his, "The Master Mason's Handbook," which ought to be in the possession of every Freemason, "in the passages of the Pyramids, on the underground walls of Jerusalem, in Herculaneum and Pompeii, in Rome, Greece, Hindostan, Mexico, Peru, and Asia Minor;" and Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., has found Phœnician and Hebrew letters on the walls of the Temple, just as they were painted by the workmen before its completion. And he quotes the following passage from a lecture on the antiquity of Masonic Symbolism delivered by Bro. Gould (the gifted author of the "History of Freemasonry"), at Glasgow on 30th September, 1889: "It is not too much to say that Masons' marks, which had long been regarded by advanced students as possessing a sentimental value out of all proportion to their serviceable worth, were now, owing to the researches of Bro. Hayter Lewis, shown to be a very important factor in the complicated problem of Masonic history." And seeing that these Marks possess a general harmony in their design, and are in many cases identical, it shows that the men who carved them did so by a system which was common to all countries and all ages.

To be Continued.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A quarterly court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treas., Vice-Patron of the Institution, presiding, and there were also present Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, Charles E. Keyser, Alfred C. Spaul, George Everett, Rev. Dr. Lemon, C. Pulman, Alexander Howell, E. M. Money, James Brett, James Burgess, H. Massey, W. Russell (Prov. G. Treas. Kent), W. Masters, R. W. Bourne, James Willing, jun., C. H. Webb, George Mickley, W. A. Scurrah, James Speller, J. S. Cumberland, and J. M. McLeod (Sec.).

The following resolution of the Council of 29th December, 1893, was on the agenda paper:—

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to remove the name of Hurst, John Henry (unsuccessful at October election) from the list of candidates, the recommendation of the lodge and province having been withdrawn."

Correspondence, however, was read which had taken place in the interval, from which it appeared that the mother was not in a position to maintain the candidate, and Bros. Le Feuvre, George Everett, C. H. Webb, and J. W. Burgess spoke on the subject. Finally it was resolved to leave the candidate on the list, it being considered a case thoroughly deserving of support.

The list of candidates for the election of April 13th was settled at the number of 43. The number of vacancies to the School will be 30.

It was announced that the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., will preside at the 96th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, which will be held on Wednesday, June 27 next. Bro. McLeod solicited the services of brethren as Stewards on the occasion.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

MASONIC CHARITY AT WORTHING.

The members of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship on New Year's Day made a most acceptable innovation by giving a free dinner to the old people of both sexes in the town and neighbourhood. The project was only set on foot at the last lodge meeting, but it was at once taken up by the brethren, an influential Committee being formed. The town was divided into districts, each being under the charge of one or more of the Committee whose duty it was to see that no persons were overlooked. The necessary funds were contributed solely by the Worthing Lodge. The following brethren composed the Dinner Committee: Bros. C. C. Cook, F. Carter, Dr. F. Hinds, G. Smith, J. H. L. Hine, Joseph Farncombe, J. D. S. Nodes, F. D. Carnell, G. B. Simpson, E. T. Cooksey (Chairman), and T. J. Lyne (Hon. Secretary).

Puntually at 4.30 the Assembly Rooms were occupied with a throng of old folks. One of the men, imported from West Tarring, was no less than 94 years of age, and one old lady had even seen 96 winters. Every means was adopted to ensure that the old people invited actually attended; those from Broadwater and West Tarring, as well as many of the infirm in Worthing itself, being conveyed there and taken home in cabs.

The number of guests invited was: From Broadwater, 44; West Tarring, 25; Worthing, Central Ward, 86; North-West, 51; North-East, 51; East, 33; West, 14; a total of 304. Of this number 281 arrived, and when all were seated the carvers found it hard work preparing the supplies of beef, mutton, and other fare to supply the 281 mouths. It was a pleasant sight to watch the gusto with which the edibles were attacked, and the evident enjoyment of the guests lent colour to the suggestion of one old lady that it was the "most beautifullest" meal they had had for years. Christmas pudding in abundance followed the meat, and appeared to be no less popular than the early courses.

The Mayor, Bro. Alderman PIPER, who is W.M. of the Worthing Lodge, took the chair, and at the close of the repast, welcomed all the guests in the name of the brethren. They had, he said, had rather a "rough" year, but they believed and hoped they would have a better one in 1894. He explained how the idea of that dinner had been originated and carried into effect, and said in the name of the Worthing Lodge he wished them all a happy, prosperous, and bright New Year.

Long "churchwardens" and tobacco were afterwards taken round by the indefatigable army of servers, and the ladies were not forgotten, a quarter of a pound of tea being allotted to each.

The Rhine Band, under the conductorship of Herr Baker, had been enlivening the meal with music, and their efforts were now supplemented by several vocalists.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. H. Chapman, T. J. Lyne, Piper, Gander, Skindle, Macdermott, and Miss Gardner, and Messrs. Chamberlain and Payne gave banjo duets, which caused a good deal of delight.

The Rhine Band again preformed, and at the close of the evening hearty cheers were given by the old people for their kind entertainers.

To one and all the helpers great credit is due, all the arrangements betokening the great care that had been taken.

Bro. J. H. L. Hine was Steward, while Messrs. Barnwell and Magness were responsible for the decoration of the room.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOHN BARNETT

was initiated, in 1869, in Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, at Plymouth; in 1884 he joined the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, of which he is now Master; in 1886 he was a founder of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, was fourth Master, and is now second Past Master; in 1889 he joined the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, in the Province of Kent, and for the last four years has been its Secretary and Representative on the Charity Committee of the province; and he was exalted in 1887 in the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59, in which he is now J. In Mark Masonry, he was advanced, in 1871, in St. John's Lodge, No. 60, at Plymouth; in 1885 he joined the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, of which he is now a Past Master; he is a P.P.G. Steward and a P.P.G. M.O. of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey, on the division of which he threw in his lot with Surrey, and was a founder and first Master of the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge, consecrated at Croydon by the present Pro Grand Master. He is one of the present Grand Stewards and a member of the Grand Stewards' Mark Lodge, also of the Croydon Ark Mariners. He has served 12 Stewardships to the Craft Charities, this year being Steward for the Domestic Lodge, to the Girls', and three for the Mark Benevolent Fund, his various contributions to the Charities qualifying him as a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools; he is a past member of the Board of General Purposes, and we understand will be a candidate as a Master next June. He is well-known in the Metropolis as the popular representative of the champagne brand "Perinet et Fils."



BRO. CLAUDE EDWIN HUNT AUDAIN

who was, on Monday, the 8th inst., installed the 105th Worshipful Master of the Confidence Lodge No. 193, has had a brief, but successful career, having been initiated in that lodge in 1888. Whilst holding the office of S.D. in 1891, he rendered his lodge valuable service by resuscitating the Lodge of Instruction, which had held no meetings for three or four years, previous attempts having proved unsuccessful. He, however, by energy and perseverance succeeded in restarting it on a firm basis, with the result that regular weekly meetings are now held at the Swan's Nest, Moorgate-street, which are well attended, and have contributed greatly to the high state of efficiency of the working of the mother lodge. Bro. Audain has paid great attention

to the working of the ritual, and from the manner in which he has discharged the duties of the various offices leading to the chair, the brethren of the lodge anticipate that their new Master will prove himself quite worthy of the office which has been filled in past years by some of the most distinguished members of the Craft. He is the son of the late Bro. Lieut. Col. Hon. John Audain, who was initiated in the Island of St. Vincent, West Indies, in 1845, in Lodge No. 262, which was held in the 85th Regiment of Light Infantry, and who was afterwards one of the leading Freemasons in the West Indian Islands. The Lodge of Confidence is to be congratulated on its choice of a W.M. whose Masonic attainments prove him to be a worthy son of a distinguished man and Mason.

Ireland.

COLERAINE.

Coleraine Lodge (No. 754).—The annual reunion of the brethren of this lodge took place in the Corporation Arms Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there was a large muster of the members present.

Bro. W. S. Stormonth, the newly-installed W.M., presided. The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and Members of the Royal Family," "The Three Grand Masters," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge," each of which was received with all honours.

"The Newly-Installed W.M. and Officers," was proposed by Bro. Fred. Cohoon, and "The I.P.M. of Lodge 754," by Bro. R. A. Taylor, J.P.

Bro. W. F. Anderson proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. W. F. Rogers, D.I.R.I.C.; Dr. Creery, and W. H. Mann.

"The Orphan Schools," was proposed by Bro. T. G. Carson, and acknowledged by Bro. Taylor.

Bro. R. H. Gilmore, I.P.M., proposed "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," to which Bros. D. C. Woods and H. Kennedy responded.

"Masonry Round the Globe," proposed by Bro. Daniel Christie, was responded to by Bro. John McClatchie; and Bro. J. G. Fyvie proposed "Poor and Distressed Brethren," which Bro. John Douglas acknowledged.

The concluding toast was "The Health of the Hostess," proposed by the W.M., and responded to on Miss McLean's behalf by Bro. Taylor.

The officers of the lodge are as follows: Bros. Wm. S. Stormonth, W.M.; Joseph A. Craig, S.W.; James Semple, J.W.; J. G. McMorris, S.D.; Hugh McKay, J.D.; John Stewart, I.G.; A. Givins, P.M., Sec.; T. Wray, P.M., Treas.; and R. H. Gilmore, I.P.M.

Scotland.

STIRLING.

Royal Arch Lodge (No. 76).—On Friday, the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, King-street, the brethren of the above lodge assembled for the installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The R.W.M., Bro. Harmens, presided, and after the lodge had been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. George Christie, Prov. Grand Master, conferred the Past Master's Degree on Bro. Harmens. Thereafter Bro. Christie installed Bro. Sir James Maitland, Bart., of Sauchie, R.W.M. in succession to Bro. Harmens. Sir James nominated Bro. John R. Ure as Deputy Master, and Bro. Ure having accepted office, the following other office-bearers were duly installed: Bros. Dr. Cuthbertson, S.M.; J. F. Mackie, S.W.; Eben. Simpson, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Robertson, Chap.; R. D. Fraser, Sec.; W. M. Rodgers, Treas.; T. W. R. Johnston, S.D.; Egbert Smit, J.D.; W. Shairp, Architect; J. Lascelles Graham, D. of M.; John Johnston, I.G.; and Wm. Watson, Tyler. The lodge, it may be stated, has been presented with new clothing by the R.W.M.

At the close of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Provincial Grand Master for his presence, and then the brethren adjourned for their annual dinner in the Golden Lion Hotel.

Bro. Sir James Maitland presided, and was supported on the right by Bros. L. Mackersy, 48; R. W. Inches, 291; H. S. Bunbury, 187, Bristol; Rev. W. E. Hall, 531; and on the left by Bros. C. Harmens; Drummond Young, Dramatic and Arts, Edinburgh; Col. Stirling of Gargunck; and G. R. Ure, 16. Bro. J. F. Mackie, S.W., was Croupier, and the others present were Bros. F. Johnston, 16; Allison, Beattie, Foster, Barker, Hethrington, Steel, and Small, all of 30; J. R. Ure, Dr. Cuthbertson, James Brown, W. M. Rodgers, M. O. Thomson, John Govan, R. D. Fraser, T. W. R. Johnston, John Johnston, J. Robertson, W. Vost, D. W. Logie, J. L. Graham, C. B. Ramsay, D. Brown, W. Watson, and others. Apologies were received from the following: Bros. Sir James Buchanan, Col. Stirling of Kippendavie, Murray Lyon, Major Middleton, Baxter, W.S.; David Chrystal, John Graham, D.G.M.S.; Col. Campbell, Perth, and others.

KILWINNING MOTHER LODGE.

On the 11th inst. a supper and ball to inaugurate the new Lodge for Mother Kilwinning was given in the lodge. Bro. William Scott, Deputy Master, presided, and there were present a distinguished company of ladies and brethren, numbering upwards of 120. The supper was purveyed by Bro. Jas. Stevenson, Eglinton Arms Hotel, and the proceedings were supervised in an efficient manner by Bro. Lawrence Mathieson, Sec. At the assembly Bro. John Milne acted as M.C.

PROPOSED MASONIC HALL FOR KIRKCALDY.

The brethren of Oswald of Dunnikier Lodge, No. 468, have in contemplation the erection of a Masonic Hall in Kirkcaldy. A Committee has been appointed to take practical steps in regard to the matter, and there is every probability that such a long-felt want of the Masons will be soon remedied. It is further proposed to hold a bazaar in autumn on behalf of the object.

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Baker, P.G.D., but the duty, nevertheless, devolves upon
us of giving voice to the very general and sincere re-
gret which is felt in all branches of the Craft at the loss
thus sustained by the Order. Bro. Baker was so well-
known and so highly respected a personage in our
ranks that it will be some time before we are able to
reconcile ourselves to his death, while a still longer time
must elapse ere the gap created in our ranks will be
filled by one as capable as he was, especially in dealing
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lodge we tender our warmest and most respectful
sympathy. Great though the loss sustained by the
other bodies with which he was connected
must be, it strikes us that the blow will fall most
heavily on our Anglo-American brethren, who, by
this sad event, are deprived of the services of their
premier member, and will never again experience the
pleasure of being cheered to enthusiasm by his genial
and kindly presence.

We are gratified at being again in a position to
announce that Bro. Terry has been making further
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We trust, however, that our readers will not permit
themselves to be over-sanguine as to the result. A
good deal remains to be accomplished in the way of
obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards, before
we shall feel ourselves justified in hoping that the
Secretary's announcement of the result on the eventful
day will, as regards the pounds sterling, assume the
dimensions of what Bro. Terry tersely described, a
short while since, as a "five-figure" total. Still it is
at least a satisfaction that we are nearer such a con-
summation now than we were a week ago, that is to
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Reviews.

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Although Berkshire is one of the small provinces, it has one of the largest and best Masonic directories published in England, and is printed, as was the two previous issues (1892 and 1893), by Bro. G. J. Cosburn, at the well-known Caxton Printing Works, Newbury. The first editor was the respected Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. J. T. Morland, M.A.), but who sits in that important chair now, and ably discharges the duties of that position, does not transpire. At all events, the work is done on the same lines as the originator of this important annual.

The "Dates of Masonic Events of Interest to Berkshire" is an excellent compilation, and begins with the institution of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, and then the lodge working at the Mitre, Reading, is recorded. The year noted is "before" 1725, and its erasure prior to 1729. If in error, doubtless Bro. John Lane, the authority, will set us right; but the lodge was not formed before 1725, and so is not the premier country lodge. Possibly Bro. Lane could and would kindly give the names of its early members in the columns of the *Freemason*.

There are now 15 lodges in the province, and there were also 10 more in the "days of yore." Particulars as to all of these bodies are given, and much else that is interesting to the brethren in the county. The succession of the Prov. Grand Masters, and of all the Prov. Grand Officers, from 1791, as far as possible, must have taken some time to trace and arrange, and should be of great value to the members; as also the meetings which have been held from 1837 to 1893. There are only three chapters, Bro. Morland being the Grand Superintendent. There are double the number of Mark lodges, viz., six, but then the province includes Oxfordshire. There are, however, four Mark lodges in Berks, the Viscount Valentia being the Prov. Grand Master. The information is carefully and ably arranged, and is a credit to all concerned. The Charity votes are detailed in full, and prove the devotion and generosity of the Berkshire Craft.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR MIDDLESEX, 1894.

This most compact and well-arranged booklet is edited by Bros. H. H. Room, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E., and all who know these brethren will feel assured the work is ably done. There are 39 lodges in the province, about all of which there are numerous particulars, statistical and general. The membership is 1335, which is not a large average per lodge. The 14 Royal Arch chapters return 286 companions, and there are nine Mark lodges. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., is now the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master being Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D. of C. Clearly the province is well off in having such a Guide, and it is to be hoped fully acknowledge its indebtedness to the editors.

MASONIC ALMANAC, PROVINCE OF SUSSEX, 1894.

Farncombe and Co., Lewes, are the artistic printers of this welcome little annual, which is literally "full as an egg" of information, and cannot fail to prove a boon to the province. There are now 30 lodges in Sussex, by the accession of No. 2433 at Pevensey, so the additional collars at the disposal of their Royal Prov. G.M. will be most acceptable, as there are not a few working brethren deserving of recognition for their important service to the Craft. There are nine Royal Arch chapters and 10 Mark lodges, the latter Degree being very popular in the province. The name of the editor does not appear, but the quality of his work is patent to all.

PROVINCE OF DUMFRIESSHIRE FREEMASONS' DIRECTORY, 1894.

Bro. James Smith, P.M. 63, &c. (the Historian of his province), has issued a most useful Directory for Dumfries province, and doubtless if it is appreciated as it deserves, he will considerably increase the work another year. As it is, however, it cannot fail to be of great service, the dates of all the lodges, places of meeting, roll of officers, and other particulars being most interesting. All the Degrees are duly attended to, and in the eight pages of printed matter there is compressed a wonderful lot of information.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Belton, Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, presiding. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among those present were Bros. Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, W.M. elect; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Ralph Gooding; Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale; Pritchard Morgan, M.P.; J. D. Langton; J. Holah, P.G.S.; Geo. Raitcliff Ste-J., P.G.S.; Bradshaw Brown, P.G.S.; Edwd. Finner, P.G.S.; R. M. Bishop, P.G.S.; Sir Walter Wilkin (ex Sheriff), P.G.S.; and H. Homewood Crawford, P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. L. G. Dundas, P.M. 370; G. T. Bent, 2433; William Markham, 1362; T. G. A. Burns, P.M. 23, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; J. T. Barrett, P.M. 395; R. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Frederick Penn, 1797; W. Masters, P.M. 60; H. Beadell, P.M. 1530; G. F. Nixon, P.M. 76, Sec. 2022; Thomas Jenkins, P.M. 299; E. W. Oppert, P.M. 1027; F. J. Barron, P.M. 2, P.G.D.; R. Loveland Love and P.G.D.; Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D.; W. E. Morris, 916; Henry D. Rose, P.M. 2000, Prov. G.O. Beds.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Gordon Mi, P.M. 267; F. Stoyan, 1971; H. Partridge Barnett; O. Cohen; H. I. Newman, W.M. 499; Thomas Fenn, P.P.G.P.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick,

O.C., G. Reg., and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. The lodge first voted 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Chas. Belton then installed Bro. Major-General Frederick Gadsden, P.M., P.G.S., W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master, and the following brethren were invested with the collars for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles Belton, I.P.M., T. Poultney Griffin, P.M., P.G.S., S.W.; Joseph Rock, P.M., G. Stwd., J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., P.G.S., P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., I.P.M., Sec.; Richard Creed, S.D.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P.P.G.S., J.D.; Bradshaw Brown, P.M., P.G.S., D.C.; T. Dinwiddy, I.G.; Ernest M. Morriss and A. P. Youle, Stewards; Goddard, P.M., Tyler; and Goddard, jun., P.M., Asst. Tyler.

Immediately after the installation ceremony was completed by the delivery of the usual charges by the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, and enjoyed some beautiful music, under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.M., P.P.G.O., Hon. Org., by Bros. Reginald Groome, Arthur Oswald, Lester, and Franklin Clive.

The customary toasts followed the banquet. Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," referred to his approaching Chairmanship of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution on February 28th, and asked the brethren to give that Institution their assistance by opening their hearts and purses.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., who also replied, first spoke highly of the excellent work done by the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, which were deserving of all support, and then advocated the candidature of Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale for the Grand Treasurership. The great difficulty the Craft had was to select a good Grand Treasurer, and he hailed with great pleasure the fact that Bro. Dimsdale, P.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, was a candidate for the office. There were four candidates altogether, all of whom he knew, for he met them frequently. The brethren were asked who could best fill the office of Grand Treasurer of England, one of the most honourable that could possibly be filled in the list of Grand Officers, but he did not know anyone who could fill it better than Bro. Dimsdale. He was a gentleman they had had the pleasure of meeting frequently in that lodge, and the more they met him the more they felt he would become a shining light in Freemasonry as he was in the Corporation of London. He knew of no man who could fill the exalted position of Grand Treasurer better than Bro. Dimsdale, and he trusted he might meet with acceptance, for he knew he would sustain the prestige of that Grand office well. When his year of office expired it would be found he had discharged his duties with that amount of *déjà* which they might expect from him. He (Bro. Eve) felt sure the brethren would take care that Bro. Dimsdale's position was secured. Having filled the office of Grand Treasurer six or seven years ago, he looked upon it as one of the greatest in Grand Lodge. He put aside all other positions next to the position of Grand Master, as it was a position to which a brother was elected by the Craft. He was glad Bro. Dimsdale had put himself forward, and he hoped the brethren would support him, knowing he would maintain the position with honour and dignity.

Bro. Belton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said Bro. Gadsden was initiated in that lodge 41 years ago. Shortly afterwards he went to India, where he remained for many years; but during all that period he continued his connection with that lodge, and still promoted the cause of Freemasonry in India, where he became District J.G.W. of Madras. On his return to England he made no claim to promotion in the lodge, on account of his seniority, but accepted, with pleasure, the position of Junior Steward, and since then worked up through all the offices to that of W.M. He had been President of the Board of Grand Stewards, and for many years Vice-President of the Colonial Board. That was a record it would be difficult to beat.

Bro. Major-Gen. Gadsden, W.M., in reply, said it was rather difficult, in fact it was most difficult, for him to respond in words to a toast so kindly proposed and so handsomely received. Mention had been made of his Freemasonry abroad. Well, he would ask the brethren to excuse him if he trespassed a little on their patience, and transgressed the rules which he had laid down of having short speeches. He had served a great many years abroad, and when he left that lodge, having been then a Mason only for about a year, he made it a distinct rule to join every lodge in every station he might happen to be sent to, in order that he might in some feeble way extend the influence of the cause. He knew very few present, but it was known he was senior to some few, that there was no class of Mason abroad who laboured under greater difficulties and disadvantages in their Masonic career than the military Masons. At the same time, he felt it an honour to his profession that there was no class of Mason who did more for the spread of the tenets and principles of Freemasonry abroad than the military. Moved about from station to station every second or third year just as he got to the position of Master disheartened and disgusted many, but still there were many, who, like himself, adhered to the spirit of Freemasonry, and helped it by joining a lodge at every station they might be sent to. He did not make those remarks at all with an egotistic feeling, but only to show the great disadvantages military Masons were under. There were many lodges abroad which had been in a drooping condition, but had been revived, resuscitated, kept in existence, and prevented from expiring by the arrival of the military. As to his length of service in that lodge it might interest some of the brethren to know that that night he completed his 40th year as a Master Mason, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on the 16th January, 1854, and he looked back to the reminiscences of those years in some great pleasure and some little sorrow—with great pleasure on his having been initiated in an old and honourable lodge like the Grand Master's Lodge, and also with great pleasure on the reception he had had, and which he should always recollect, and of the kindness and assistance he had met with among Freemasons abroad, both in India and New South Wales. But, at the same time, he could not but look with sorrow on the fact that he was nearly the sole representative of that old lodge, for he could only find one Mason on the muster roll who was a member when he was initiated on the 16th of May, 1853. He could assure the

brethren not a stone would be left by him unturned to uphold the prestige and honour of the Grand Master's Lodge, and he could only repeat his heartfelt thanks for the way the brethren had received the toast.

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

Domestic Lodge (No. 177).—This old established lodge held its installation meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 12th inst., when Bro. John Barnett was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. The former included Bros. Alfred Piper, W.M.; John Barnett, P.M., S.W.; W. E. Wigmore, J.W.; George Everett, P.G. Treas., Treas.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; George Gardner, P.P.G.S.B., S.D.; T. H. Hobbs, P.M., J.D.; F. N. Morris, I.G.; Jas. Stephens, Prov. S.G.D. Bucks, D.C.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. Anley, jun., Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; N. Salmon, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; Wm. Foxcroft, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; A. Lundie, W.M. 1381; Thos. Rendell, J.D. 1589; H. Murrell, W.M. 30; C. Fulton, P.M. 2022; A. A. Nottingham, P.M. 2206; R. Whiting, P.M. 87; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167; A. Whaley, 2455; J. K. Hooper, 1426; W. Avery, Sec. 463; J. Thwaites, W.M. 2087; Geo. Gregory, P.M., Sec. 2087; C. C. Piper, G. E. Spurr, 1507; J. C. F. Tower, W.M. 2421; W. Vogt, W.M. 55; F. Attwater, 2245; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; W. Shurmur, P.M. 2374; J. W. Ryder, 2048; G. Mansford, P.M. 1512; E. Humphrey, P.M. 538; C. A. Legg, 2321; David R. Lowe, 1587; J. Mills, 1614; T. Glass, 1003; E. H. Trotter, S.D. 1512; D. Jones, 1586; H. Ansell, P.M. 1305; N. J. Hodgson, W.M. 1613; H. Burdick, 2145; G. R. Scott, 889; N. T. Thorne, P.M. 1332; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; G. F. Vine, 2271; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; and S. H. Baker, P.M. 1260.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bro. Alfred Piper, W.M., on behalf of the brethren presented Bro. Thomas Morris, Sec., with a handsome gold watch, bearing a suitable inscription, as a mark of esteem and respect and in recognition of long and faithful services rendered to the lodge. The gift was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Morris. Bro. John Barnett was impressively installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. Alfred Piper and invested the following officers: Bros. W. E. Wigmore, S.W.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; T. H. Hobbs, P.M., S.D.; F. N. Morris, J.D.; Jas. Stephens, P.M., I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; W. S. Andrews, D.C.; J. Anley, jun., A.D. of C.; W. Hanes, Stwd.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. Bro. H. N. Price, P.M., was appointed Wine Steward, but was unavoidably absent through serious illness, this being the first occasion for 20 years on which he has missed an installation meeting of the lodge. On the suggestion of Bro. Everett, the Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the brethren to Bro. Price, and their earnest hopes for his speedy recovery. Messrs. F. G. Newell and P. V. Newell were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who subsequently delivered the ancient charge. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Piper, I.P.M., the W.M. said that no brother had ever earned a jewel more thoroughly, and the members hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. Piper returned thanks, and on the motion of Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., the sum of 25 guineas was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was served in an admirable manner under the personal superintendence of Bro. Clemow.

The usual toast list was interspersed with a selection of music, admirably rendered under the direction of Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Org. (who gave several of his well-known performances on the silver bells), assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. Alfred Moore and Richard Evans.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said there was no doubt the noblemen at the head of the Craft took an active interest in Freemasonry, and had each presided over Festivals of the Masonic Charities. The Grand Officers tried to do their best in the interest of the Order, and the kind manner in which this toast was always received, proved that their efforts were thoroughly appreciated.

Bro. A. Piper, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said their old lodge now possessed an excellent Master in Bro. Barnett, who could talk eloquently to the brethren and also talk good sound sense. Their W.M. was a jolly good fellow in the best sense of the word, and had been connected with Freemasonry for very many years, being a P.M. of several lodges, and identified with the Craft in every way.

Bro. John Barnett, W.M., in response, said: I thank you with all my heart for the kind reception you have been good enough to give this toast, and I thank the I.P.M. for the kindly terms in which he proposed it. I am not altogether prepared to talk about my own character, but I know more about myself than my friend on my left. My services whenever wanted are at your disposal, and I shall always be in touch with members of this lodge. Being W.M. I am the servant of the Order also, and I am desirous to the best of my ability of conducting the affairs of the lodge with decorum, with credit to myself, and I hope, not to the disadvantage of the Order.

"The Initiates" having been honoured,

The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," which, he said, were never forgotten by that lodge. He thanked the brethren for their vote that night, and hoped that when the time arrived he should have a list satisfactory to the Order and creditable to the lodge. Having been appointed Steward for the Girls' School he should be supporting the Pro Grand Master at the next Festival, and that was a reason alone why the members should be energetic in sending up a good list. He must say how grieved he was that Bro. Terry was absent on account of ill-health, for he had been associated with Bro. Terry in active Masonic work, and there was no brother to whom he was under more personal obligations. The Secretaries of the Institutions were some of the hard worked members of the Order, and they in that lodge were considerate enough to bring in that toast at a reasonable hour.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., regretted with the W.M. the absence of Bro. Terry, and especially the cause, and joined in the hope for his speedy recovery. He also regretted the absence of Bro. Hedges, who would have placed before the brethren facts and figures respecting the Girls' School, which would have justified the appeal made by the W.M., and added largely to his list. That day was the 12th January, but he (Bro. McLeod) had already attended six lodges that year, and at three of them it had been his lot to appeal on behalf of the Girls' School. On behalf of their Institutions, he should like to say how thankful they were, despite bad trade and other disadvantages, to acknowledge at the commencement of another year the generous support they had received. When they reflected that nine-tenths of the amount received during the year was realised from voluntary contributions, surely they had reason to be satisfied and grateful to the brethren. It was a matter of great satisfaction to know that, although the Craft increased largely in numbers, yet possibly the claims did not increase in proportion, and they were always able to meet the demands made upon them. He was not going to speak of the work of the Benevolent Institution or allude to the Boys' School, but would call their attention to the fact that the Girls' School had on its books 265 girls, and that it was generally admitted that the work was done in a most liberal manner that justified any appeal for support. It was true it was in a fairly good position compared with the Institution he represented, but there was no doubt good work done. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that during the last few years the Girls' Institution had not received that full measure of support which was wanted to carry on the work. He might go a little further back, and take the returns for seven years, and point out that the total income was something like £6000 more than the income for the Boys. It was his duty to acknowledge the handsome list sent by that lodge last year, and the excellent services rendered by the I.P.M. He also thanked that lodge for another good feature—the early time at which that toast was proposed. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the brethren would send the W.M. up with a good list for the Girls' School.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was next submitted by the W.M., who remarked that if there was one circumstance more than another likely to encourage a Master, it was the knowledge that he had only to turn to his left where any information he required was always at his disposal. A satisfactory feature that evening was that he had been installed by the I.P.M. in a manner that could not be surpassed by any member of the Order who rendered that ceremony for the first time in his life. Personally, he was not only gratified, but thanked the I.P.M. with all his heart for the care and attention he must have given to that special duty. The Past Masters were all old Masonic workers, who expected that every Mason should do his duty as the I.P.M. had done.

Bro. A. Piper, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. most heartily for his kindly expressions respecting the installation ceremony. He felt that would be somewhat of a trial, but he had rendered it to the best of his ability.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., having responded, The W.M. cordially gave the toast of "The Visitors." He should call upon Bro. Shurmur to respond, with whom he had been directly associated in active Masonic work, and who had always been kind and considerate to him. He should also call upon Bro. Scurrah, and, while doing so, must express his regret that Bro. Stiles was not present with them.

Bro. W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, in replying, said: I am grateful to you for having given me the opportunity of responding on behalf of the visitors. I feel sure we have all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We unite in congratulations to the W.M. for having attained the honourable Degree of W.M. of such an ancient lodge. We know he will fulfil the duties with grace and dignity and add prestige to the lodge. We also combine in wishing this lodge a long career of unclouded prosperity. You, W.M., have been good enough to refer to my candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer. I was very sorry, indeed, to hear that an accident had happened to my friend, Bro. Stiles. We are friendly rivals, and very old friends indeed, and it is our privilege to enjoy the goodwill and esteem of a large circle of influential brethren, many of whom would have voted for Bro. Stiles had they not been pledged to me, and others would have supported my interest had they not already promised Bro. Stiles. Last year he was good enough to stand aside for Bro. Cochrane, the present Grand Treasurer, and many of our mutual friends were of opinion that it would be graceful on my part and a practical expression of brotherly good feeling, if I withdrew my candidature this year in favour of Bro. Stiles, and thus enable them to give me their undivided support for 1895. It was with very great pleasure that I acceded to that request, and I earnestly hope that all the brethren who had kindly promised to vote for me will transfer their allegiance to Bro. Stiles, and thus secure his election by an overwhelming majority. I trust this will meet with the approval of my many good friends, and if I am spared until next year I shall then hope to receive their valued suffrages.

Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; Lundie, W.M. 1381; Hodgson, W.M. 1613; and others also returned thanks.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., on behalf of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he entertained no doubt they would have a prosperous year under the W.M., who was the very embodiment of geniality and large heartedness. He had the honour and the pleasure of proposing Bro. Barnett as a member some years ago, he had always been very popular amongst them, and they all regarded him as a most capable Mason and good working brother. He thanked him for the more than kind words he had said of him, as Treasurer of the lodge, in proposing the toast.

Bro. T. Morris, Sec., thanked the brethren again for their handsome present, but thought he should ill requite their kindness by making a long speech at that late hour.

Bros. Wigmore, S.W., and George Gardner, J.W., acknowledged "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast terminated a very successful gathering.

Confidence Lodge (No. 193).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this centenary lodge at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 8th inst. There was a numerous attendance of members, including Bros. W. Belchamber, W.M.; C. E. H. Audain, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Haines, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M.; Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Plowright, S.D.; T. Kingston, J.D.; A. Rae, I.G.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., D.C.; John E. Fells, P.M.; Sam. Webb, P.M.; W. A. Cubitt, P.M.; S.

Smither, P.M.; E. J. Davey, P.M.; J. Hart, I.P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. C. Wise, P.M. 1158; J. Eade, J.W. 901; H. Pannell, P.M. 1089; A. J. Wakeley, 184; A. Farr, 411, Melbourne; H. White, 1891; H. Jay, 174; J. Morris, 1624; A. Verdon, 1892; W. Hammett, 15; H. Broadway, 1320; E. Dukeson, 2000; J. K. Pitt, 463, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. Adams, P.M. 1687; W. W. Morgan, 177; F. Swinford, 2272; L. Lake, 87; M. Cox, 2147; W. A. Thomson, 1643; A. Weston; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and a lengthy agenda of work was gone through. Bros. Cutting and Cornish were raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Nimmy was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Mr. G. Reed was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. W. Belchamber, W.M., having performed these three Degrees in a very impressive manner, completed his arduous labours by installing his successor, Bro. C. E. H. Audain, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Belchamber, I.P.M.; F. Haines, S.W.; F. S. Plowright, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; T. Kingston, S.D.; A. D. Rae, J.D.; E. Pennock, I.G.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., D.C.; J. Westley, A.D.C.; John E. Fells, P.M., and G. Spice, Stwds.; and G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and a well served banquet was heartily enjoyed. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and were cordially given and received.

Bro. W. Belchamber, I.P.M., briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing his assurance that in Bro. Audain the lodge possessed a Master who would conduct the duties to the satisfaction of all the brethren.

Bro. Claude E. H. Audain, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been received. He could assure them that much as he prized the title of Worshipful Master, there was one title he prized still more, and that was, Worshipful Master of the Confidence Lodge. He was more closely associated with this lodge than any other for in it he was initiated, and had worked through the various Degrees, and he should always remember the kindness of the reception he had always received. He thought, without doubt, the brethren might have elected a Master who would have been more competent to perform the duties, but there was one thing they could not have done. They could not have elected a Master who would more closely or more carefully guard the interests of the lodge than he should. He highly esteemed the honour conferred upon him, and would endeavour to show them in a practical way that he had the interests of the lodge at heart.

Bro. G. Reed appropriately responded for "The Initiate," after which the Master gave "The Visitors," and said that as long as he occupied the chair the visitors would always be heartily welcome.

Bro. C. Wise, P.M., 1158, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present, knowing as he did the capabilities of the I.P.M., who was also an initiate of his own lodge. He was also acquainted with the abilities of other members, not forgetting Bro. Woods, with whom he had worked in a lodge of instruction. With Bro. Woods' help a Benevolent Association was started, which sent up £420 to the Charities in four years.

Bros. Pannell, P.M. 1089, Adams, P.M. 1087, and J. K. Pitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, replied,

After which Bro. A. Farr, 411, Melbourne, Australia, returned thanks for the honour done him in coupling his name. He was sure that when he returned to Australia and informed his lodge, they would be delighted, and if any of the brethren present that evening had the good fortune to visit Australia, he could promise them a hearty welcome in his own lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master and Immediate Past Master," and said the I.P.M. had rendered the installation ceremony to the satisfaction of them all. Bro. Belchamber had been associated with that lodge for many years, and was known to many personally, as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. It was his pleasure to invest the I.P.M. with the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge. Although they had had many distinguished Past Masters, there had been none more so than Bro. Belchamber, for he had worked hard for the lodge and for the promotion of the younger members. He (the W.M.) had very much pleasure in investing the I.P.M. with the jewel, as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held, and as a poor recompense for the instruction they had all received at his hands.

Bro. W. Belchamber, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said the W.M. had presented him with a jewel as a slight token of their esteem, but he did not accept it as such, for he esteemed it a very high token indeed. He thanked them for their kind attention to him during his year, and was sure that the newly-installed W.M. would exceed their anticipations.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was submitted by the W.M., who said that in their lodge the reigning Master relied very safely upon the assistance of the Past Masters. There were few meetings held where the Past Masters were not present to assist in satisfactory working. He was sorry that the Treasurer could not remain to banquet, but it was within the knowledge of all that for many years Bro. Kershaw, P.M., had rendered efficient service as Treasurer, which entitled him to retirement. Bro. Kershaw's health had, unfortunately, been so unsatisfactory that he had expressed a wish to retire, but added that if they desired him to remain in office he would do so, although he could not dine with them. He was glad to see the Secretary, Bro. Woods, P.M., present, for he occupied an office on which he (the W.M.) would have to rely more than any other, and it was a relief to his mind to find his duties lightened by such an efficient Secretary as Bro. Woods.

Bro. W. Woods, P.M., Sec., in response, said that as the senior Past Master as well as Secretary he was entitled to a double length of time, but would not weary them with a long speech. The Treasurer had asked him to express his recognition of the value they had always placed in his services by re-electing him, which was the greatest proof that those services were appreciated. Speaking personally he did everything he could for the lodge, and should continue to do in the future what he had done in the past.

Br. S. Webb, P.M. (who occupied the chair of the lodge in 1867), and other P.M.s. also replied, and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. A. Weston and F. Swinford delighted the brethren with several vocal selections, and Bro. Hopkins once more evinced his ability in the manipulation of the silver bells.

Bank of England Lodge (No. 263).—

VISIT OF BROS. THE LORD MAYOR AND ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF DIMSDALE.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. H. Pritchard, I.P.M., Sec.; F. T. Rushton, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Drysdale, J.W.; Col. James Peters, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Kennedy, S.D.; J. Sharpe, J.D.; C. A. Rhodes, I.G.; R. C. Sudlow, P.M.; G. L. Kennedy, P.M.; J. Waterhouse, A. Leighton, W. E. Boucher, R. M. Minton-Senhouse, and F. P. Lysaght. Visitors: Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, 778; Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, I.P.M. 1, P.G. Steward; N. P. Hodgson, W.M. 1613; Temple C. Martin, W.M. 1768; G. S. Williams, W.M. 1494; H. S. Wellcome, I.P.M. 8; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B. 1893; G. Cook, P.M. 823; T. Greenwood, P.M. 357, P.P.G.R. Oxon; W. Hicklin, P.M. 1261 and 1415; E. A. Hughes, P.M. 1494; W. H. Kirby, P.M. and Sec. 1965; J. Russell, P.M. 8; C. H. Denny, S.D. 1671; C. Cope, J.D. 2192; G. Ashby-Darby, 34; W. P. Fuller, 8; R. L. Garner, 470, U.S.A.; H. Jay, 2271; E. Lankester, 99; G. Readon, 38; J. S. Robertson, 1415; and Horace Smith, 148.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. R. Clay Sudlow occupied the chair, and opened the lodge. The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. P. Lysaght as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimously in his favour, and he was duly initiated, by the acting W.M., into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. H. Pritchard, I.P.M., then took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. F. T. Rushton.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room.

After the toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master,"

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and was pleased to note the fact that the Bank of England Lodge possessed two members of Grand Lodge, and it was a source of pleasure to him to recognise in the persons of Bros. Col. J. Peters and R. Clay Sudlow two brethren who commanded the highest esteem of every member of that lodge.

Bro. Col. J. Peters responded in suitable terms.

Bro. H. Pritchard, acting I.P.M., having obtained possession of the gavel, proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said that at the last meeting he ventured to prophesy that he would, probably, not again have the privilege of presenting that toast, but in consequence of the absence of Bro. James Kennedy, who was on the Continent, he, unexpectedly, found himself in the chair of the I.P.M., and considered that Bro. James Kennedy had lost a great deal in not having had the pleasurable duty of installing Bro. Rushton that evening; but his loss had been his (Bro. Pritchard's) gain, and he felt it to be not only an honour, but a very great pleasure to install a brother whom he had known for so many years, both in and out of Masonry. During the ceremony of installation it had been his duty to declare the necessary qualifications for every candidate for the Master's chair, and he felt sure that all present who knew the W.M. could truly assert that he was a man of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation amongst his brethren and fellows. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink the health of the W.M.

This was most enthusiastically done.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked Bro. Pritchard for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the overwhelming cordiality with which they had received his name. During his year of office it would be his chief desire to uphold the traditions of the Bank of England Lodge with scrupulous care, and he trusted that a year hence when he laid down the gavel in favour of his successor the brethren would have no reason to regret having placed him in that honourable position.

"The Health of the Initiate" was heartily accepted, and a most cordial welcome extended to him on becoming a member of the Craft, and of the Bank of England Lodge.

Bro. F. P. Lysaght, in thanking the brethren, said that it had been for many years his intention to join the Craft, and having done so he could assure them he had never found such a true spirit of friendship and cordiality extended to him in any society as he had experienced that day. He knew he should make several valuable new friends, and he felt that Freemasonry would further cement the ties of friendship now existing between himself and many members of the Craft.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given in cordial terms, and the names of Bro. H. Pritchard (installing Master), and Bro. R. Clay Sudlow coupled with the toast.

Bro. H. Pritchard, in returning thanks, said that he felt he was receiving for himself, personally, more credit than he was entitled to. It had been a great pleasure to him to install such a worthy brother in the chair of that lodge, but he would remind the brethren that as regards Masonry he was a child compared with the W.M. He considered it a great honour to be classed amongst the Past Masters of the Bank of England Lodge, and also to be asked to say a word or two in response to the toast. He was pleased to know that the majority of the Past Masters of that lodge continued to take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge and did not lose all interest in the lodge immediately they had passed the chair and obtained the highest honour it was in the power of the lodge to confer.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., said he considered that that night it was a special compliment to have his name coupled with any toast, because, naturally, the W.M. was anxious to make the evening a success, and consequently, he took it, he would only call upon those brethren whom he considered would suitably respond, and commended these remarks specially to the visitors who would follow him. It was a matter of regret to him that so few Past Masters of the Bank of England Lodge were present that evening. It was a very old lodge, and visitors would naturally expect to see many Past Masters standing up in response to the toast which had been so kindly proposed; but through one cause or another the Past Masters were not present in such force as could be desired. There were, however, some left, and to those standing up at the present moment this was a red letter day in the Bank of England Lodge, having assisted in installing a brother whom the Past Masters and members of the lodge not only knew, but loved and esteemed, and the Past Masters were looking forward to the year when they would embrace amongst their number the present W.M.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," which he considered of special importance that evening, and said that there were present that evening several visitors who were distinguished Masons, and also others who were distinguished in different directions, especially in the City in which the meetings of the Bank of England Lodge were held. That lodge had been in existence over one hundred years, and on searching through its records he could not find one instance in which the Chief Magistrate of the chief city of the chief empire of the world had honoured the lodge with his presence. On that occasion the lodge was doubly honoured, the civic authorities had deigned to come amongst its members, including Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, and he, in conjunction with every member present, extended to them a most cordial welcome. The W.M. took that opportunity of referring to Bro. Dimsdale as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and asked all present to do everything in their power to assist his election.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor thanked the W.M., Wardens, and members on behalf of himself and the other visitors for the very kind way in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, and the kind and generous manner in which it had been received. He believed he was the youngest member of the Craft present, and felt a certain amount of diffidence in responding to the toast in the presence of so many members of the Craft who had for years obtained distinction in the difficult offices they had held, but especially thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitality and entertainment which had been provided, and Bro. Pritchard for having given him an invitation to such a very happy evening.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," alluded to the kind words spoken by the W.M. respecting his nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer, and promised that if it was the wish of the brethren of the Craft in general that he should occupy that important office it would be his endeavour to so conduct himself as to maintain the dignity and position of one of the most important posts in the Craft, and trusted, if he was so fortunate as to enjoy the confidence of the Craft by their returning him to that office, they would never regret their choice.

Bro. Garner gave a most interesting response, during which he informed the brethren of the close kinship which existed between the wild tribes of Africa and Freemasonry; and although the words, signs, and methods were different, still there was a likeness between them, and undoubtedly the same spirit, which is the life of Freemasonry, existed, in a great degree, amongst the tribes which were generally considered wild and savage, and for whose customs he felt very great respect.

The W.M., in suitable terms, proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, responded, and alluded to the satisfactory returns which the three Institutions had received during the past year, and to the great pride felt by every brother of the Order that nine-tenths of the income was subscribed voluntarily to carry on the work which was admirably done in an efficient manner. When consideration was given to the large amounts dispensed in every form of Masonic benevolence, it was small wonder that the Craft continued to grow in numbers and influence. After giving particulars of the work performed by each of the Institutions, Bro. McLeod laid stress on the greater advantages now given to the Boys at Wood Green, and particularly with regard to the different branches of technical education, which had been started, and already produced good results. Pointing out how essential it was to further these branches, and acknowledging that the great City Companies had done a splendid work in endowing schools to that end, he ventured, in the presence of one or two of the "City Fathers," to direct their attention to the fact that at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys a progressive management was in existence, and might fairly claim consideration at the hands of those bodies which, though not Masonic, knew no bounds in the liberality which prompted the disposal of their funds for the welfare of the community at large. He specially invited attention to the printing and bookbinding departments at the Institution, which under the practical and energetic supervision of Bro. Pritchard (a zealous member of the Board of Management, and P.M. and Secretary of that lodge) had been the means of several boys gaining a good knowledge of these trades to the advantage of their after life.

The toast of "The Officers," was suitably responded to by Bro. Drysdale, S.D.

During and after the banquet, an excellent band, under the able direction of Bro. J. A. Hamilton, performed some exquisite selections, assisted by Bros. A. Weston and E. J. Wood as vocalists, and it was generally felt that too much praise could not be accorded Bro. Hamilton for the efficiency of the musical part of the programme. It was as follows: Song, "Tommy Atkins," (Porter), Bro. Arthur Weston; Violin Solo, "Serenade," (Pierne); Intermezzo, "Cavalleria Rusticana," (Mascagni); Song, "E dunno where 'e are," (Elen), Bro. E. J. Wood; Serenade for cello and flute; Song, "Twilight Echoes," (Deacon), Bro. Arthur Weston; Song, "My Old Dutch," (Chevalier), Bro. E. J. Wood; and Czardas, "Ungarische," (Michiels). Accompanied, Bro. Turle Lee.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—The opening meeting of the present year of the above well-known lodge, was held at the Town Hall, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The previous meetings had been held on Wednesdays, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, for many years past, so that a new departure was made in two respects. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. E. Turriff, W.M.; Bros. A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; F. R. H. Gooch, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; Geo. Palmer, P.M.; Somerset W. Simson, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; and Pasfield, P.M., supporting. The officers were: Bros. G. J. Anderson, S.W.; G. H. Seage, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. D. Burges, S.D.; J. Lancett, J.D.; S. W. Bull, D.C.; A. Bebbroth, I.G.; G. E. Morrow, Stwd.; and C. L. Nelson, Asst. Sec. The members included Bros. A. Timson, J. W. Hockley, H. Ives, J. Spurgeon, sen., W. H. Mitchell, jun., W. P. Griffiths, J. McLean Carvell, J. G. W. Chapman, J. H. Cook, W. H. Thrift, D. C. Thompson, T. C. Richards, H. W. Rance, C. J. Carr, F. W. Rendall, J. Salter, J. W. Shaw, E. Martin, H. Halford, R. T. Reader, J. R. Bullen, A. Jacobs, J. R. Reedman, T. H. Cooper, J. Hussey, H. J. Jacobs, F. H. Hughes, G. F. Hughes, J. E. Spurgeon,

jun., T. Howells, T. Huett, jun., K. T. Knight, Gardiner, Robertson, Mills and Thompson. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Smith, 716; B. Loader, 1259; H. H. Wood, 898; J. Mills, 1765; T. Hallett, 1816; J. Falconer, 379; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Shuttleworth was passed. Bro. C. L. Nelson then read and presented the W.M. with a petition signed by some considerable number of the brethren asking him to appoint a meeting when the expediency of the removal of the lodge may be discussed. The W.M. having agreed to this, other Masonic business was transacted, and the lodge closed.

After which the brethren adjourned to the London Tavern where an admirable banquet awaited them. Having duly honoured this interesting part of the evening's work, the brethren acknowledged the loyal toasts and those of "The Grand Officers" with Masonic enthusiasm.

Bro. Gooch, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," took occasion to congratulate him on the initiative taken by him that evening. It marked a step in advance in the progress and success of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master having briefly responded, he gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Smith, Loader, Hallett, and others replied.

Responding for "The Past Masters," Bro. A. H. Shepherd, while expressing his personal approval of the change proposed, hoped it would, on fair consideration, be accepted by the brethren as a permanent one.

Bro. Pringle thought the W.M. had, by acting as he had done, earned the gratitude of the brethren.

Bro. Daniell felt sure it could but meet with the satisfaction of the lodge generally.

Bros. Palmer, Breden, and Timson enlarged on the same topic from a similar point of view.

For "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Daniell felt proud to have his name thus connected with them. He had from the time he became a Freemason subscribed to the Charities and worked for them. They deserved their best support; all could contribute according to their means. To maintain such noble Charities a large amount of money was required.

Bros. Anderson, Seage, and the remainder of the officers present took occasion to say a few words, approving of the change proposed.

During the intervals Bros. Chapman, Anderson, Nelson, Hallett, and Shepherd contributed to the vocal part, and Bro. Grout to the instrumental, until the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, presided over by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.G.D. Herts, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. Loomes, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Harding, I.P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., P.P.G.W. Essex; C. Horst, acting J.D.; C. Isler, acting I.G.; W. C. Hiller and E. J. Harrison, Stwds.; H. S. Trego, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; G. A. Hopkins, F. Simmonds, W. J. Barnes, W. Taylor, W. Pannell, Geo. Yexley, D. C. Attwater, F. Meyer, C. Weber, J. Amand, T. E. Newman, T. W. Brown, T. Hunt, W. Jarvis, and H. Dore. The visitors present were Bros. Arthur Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S. of W. Somerset; H. J. Kimbell, 2348; John Hatch, 1538; J. T. Frost, 157; John Petch, P.M. and Treas. 2278, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; A. B. Salmen, 1017; H. T. Nell, W.M. 2278, Prov. G. Stwd. Herts; and T. H. Lloyd, 2374.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Geo. Yexley and G. A. Hopkins were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. R. Loomes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. A. C. Halestrap, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer (he to the great regret of the brethren being absent through illness); and Bro. G. Couchman was re-elected Tyler. A candidate for initiation was then proposed, and an application for assistance from a former member of the lodge was discussed and decided upon. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. in recognition of his services during the past year, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

An excellent dinner was then partaken of, after which the W.M. proposed the customary toasts.

Bro. Harding, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very kindly terms, and it having been cordially received by the brethren,

The W.M. said that he thanked the brethren for the loyal support they had given him during his year of office. He had done all in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge, and to economise its funds so far as was consistent with the desire to make their meetings attractive and enjoyable. He had endeavoured not to weary them by much speaking. Of course, in proposing the customary toasts there must always be a strong family likeness in the series of speeches a W.M. has to make. It was hardly possible for anyone to be always harping upon the same string without repeatedly producing the same note. If he had sometimes bored them it had not been by the repetition of phrases. He had endeavoured to impress them with the idea that they had been listening to remarks which had, at least, the appearance of being new. He hoped to be spared to enjoy the pleasure of meeting them, and to see many of them then present fill the chair he had then so soon to vacate.

"The Health of the W.M. Elect" was proposed by Bro. Blinkhorn, P.M., who initiated him, and was replied to by Bro. Loomes, who promised to do his best to emulate his predecessors, and to do his duty faithfully in the position to which they had that evening elected him.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. H. T. Nell, Prov. G. Stwd. Herts, J. T. Frost, and J. Petch, P.P. G.S.B. Herts, made brief but excellent speeches in acknowledgment of the cordiality of the welcome they had received.

A very good programme of music had been arranged by Bro. T. E. Newman. Bro. Bury gave "Three Sailor Boys;" Bro. Isler, "Santa Lucca," and "Oh! Oh! Hear the Wild Winds Blow;" Bro. Attwater, "Thy Fate," "Lovely Spring," and an encore; Bro. Newman, "The Lost Key;" Bro. Nell, "Dear Homeland;" Bro. Lloyd, "The Admiral's Broom," and an encore; and Bro. Yexley recited "Love in a Balloon." Bro. H. S. Trego accompanied. The musical arrangements of the lodge have become a most attractive feature, and afford very great pleasure to the brethren and visitors.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne."

Leopold Lodge (No. 1571).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Monday, the 8th inst. Bro. H. Colley, W.M., occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Walter T. Johns, S.W.; A. Watts, J.W.; H. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; W. Carey, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Morris, acting S.D.; J. Hampson, J.D.; T. Duffield, P.M., D. of C.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; H. T. Meadows, I.G.; G. Horwill, Steward; Edmund J. Morgan, I.P.M.; J. T. Dormer, P.M.; J. Penney, P.M.; C. W. Kent, P.M.; Pummell, Clarke, Martin, Leach, Speck, Low, Davy, Mand, Copper, Truckell, McKenzie, Gilbert, Hall, Barnes, Lyon, Gee, Tucker, and Presland. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Holford, P.M. 1607; Frank Rose, I.P.M. 1607; Ingleton, 1625; Pitt, P.M. 463; Bradley, 1209; Cattle, W.M. 1538; Grais, 112; Poole, 1901; Weeks, 1585; Ford, 171; Clarke, 30; Reckie, 511; Jones, P.M. 2398; and Ward, 1348.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and other business transacted, Bro. Walter T. Johns, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation with the usual addresses being rendered by Bro. Colley, P.M., in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Johns, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Colley, I.P.M.; Arthur Watts, S.W.; H. T. Meadows, J.W.; H. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; W. Carey, P.M., Sec.; J. Hampson, S.D.; F. P. Langford, J.D.; C. E. Martin, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Marshall, A.D.C.; C. M. Morris and George Bull, Stewards; and Young, Tyler. The W.M. having signified his intention of representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to Bro. Johns out of the lodge funds. Intimation having been given that a "Ladies' Night" would shortly be held in connection with the lodge, the W.M. trusted that the brethren would assemble in large numbers at the February meeting, when arrangements would be completed.

After receiving the hearty congratulations of the assembled brethren, the W.M. closed the lodge, inviting an adjournment to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. J. Pearce in a manner eliciting general satisfaction.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been appropriately given and heartily received,

The I.P.M., Bro. H. Colley, rose and very feelingly proposed the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master," congratulating Bro. Johns on his attainment to the chair of the lodge, after a faithful service of nine years, during which he had held many and varied offices, in all of which he had given every satisfaction, and also on the able manner in which he had invested his officers that evening, which proved that the trust of the lodge in electing him as W.M. was fully merited. Bro. Colley, on behalf of the assembled brethren, trusted that there was before Bro. Johns a happy and prosperous year of office, with plenty of Masonic work, promising in the name of the members of the lodge and his own name all the support that could be rendered.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. Johns, W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Colley for the very kind words he had given expression to in submitting "The Worshipful Master," and the hearty manner in which the brethren had received the toast. He was fully conscious of the onerous position to which he had aspired, being the highest honour a lodge could confer upon any of its members; but trusting to the kind assistance of the brethren of the lodge which had served him in such good stead in the past, he would endeavour to promote the prosperity of the lodge during his year of office to the best of his ability, sincerely trusting that when he should leave the chair of the Leopold Lodge he might carry with him the best wishes of all its members.

In submitting the toast of "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Colley," the W.M. referred to the valuable services rendered to the Leopold Lodge, its lodge of instruction, and affiliated Charitable Association, for several years past by their I.P.M. Bro. Colley had been a zealous and faithful member of the lodge since 1884, and had done much to bring the lodge to its present flourishing condition. The installation ceremony had also been rendered in an admirable manner, and in presenting to Bro. Colley the Past Master's jewel of the lodge he expressed the sentiments of all the brethren in hoping that he might long be spared to wear it, and to continue his valuable services to the Leopold Lodge.

In response, Bro. Colley sincerely thanked the brethren of the lodge for the handsome jewel which had just been presented in their name by the W.M. as a token of their appreciation of his services during his year of office, and which he would ever look upon as a memento of very pleasant times spent in the Leopold Lodge. Although not an initiate of No. 1571, he had, as a joining member, thrown in his lot with the lodge, and had done all in his power to promote its efficiency and usefulness, and he was glad to find that the brethren of the lodge appreciated his services, which would ever be at their disposal. Believing as he did in Freemasonry, he looked forward to the time when his sons would be members of the Craft and probably of the Leopold Lodge, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part, although a Past Master, to promote the best interests and prosperity of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who referred to the presence of many highly esteemed brethren who had done good suit and service to the Craft.

In reply, Bro. F. W. Rose warmly congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to the honourable position, a position, which though it brought many responsibilities and duties, brought also many of the greatest pleasures which a Freemason cherished. He trusted that the Leopold Lodge might long flourish, and that the grand principle of the Order might ever shine forth from her banner. Freemasons made no claim to the monopoly of the virtues which were supposed to characterise their Order, but at any rate they made a greater profession of them, and therefore there was all the more need that they should show to the world that such profession was something more than an idle boast.

Bros. Ingleton, Jones, and Ford also responded.

"The Masonic Institutions" next claimed the attention of the brethren. The Worshipful Master regretted the absence of Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., through

ndisposition, and claimed the support of the brethren in his Stewardship at the next festival of that Institution. While thanking the lodge for the donation which it had placed on his list, he appealed to each individual brother to become a subscriber to the funds of that Institution, and to maintain the Charitable reputation which the Leopold Lodge enjoyed.

Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., replying to the toast, referred to the three Institutions, viz.: the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which were the ornaments of the Craft, and which he was glad to find were so evenly supported. While they had that night been celebrating the auspicious occasion of their installation ceremony, they should not forget their unfortunate brethren, their widows, and offspring, but do all in their power to alleviate the genuine distress existing. The W.M. having thrown in his lot with the Old People's Institution, no words were necessary to commend that Charity to their generous support. From 15 annuities granted in 1843, the Institution had made such rapid strides, that at the last election the number of annuitants had increased to 193 males and 240 females, involving an annual expenditure of over £15,000, London taking a third of the amount, the remainder going to the provinces, the Channel Islands, and the Colonies; thus forcibly demonstrating the universality of the science. Easy means of becoming Life Subscribers or Life Governors of the R.M.B.I. were afforded, by the new association just started in connection with the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, and it was to be hoped that every member would join the Charitable Association. The Leopold Lodge, Bro. Morgan urged, had an especial interest in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, having one of its Past Masters and founders on the funds of that Institution. Days of adversity might fall upon any one present—God forbid that they ever should. If, however, any one of them had to make an appeal to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, might it be said of each one of them that in the day of his prosperity and opportunity he had done what he could, and might the appeal not be in vain. In conclusion, he commended to the brethren those significant and never-to-be-forgotten words of the Apostle Paul: "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is Charity," and earnestly entreated the brethren of the Leopold Lodge to strengthen the hands of their W.M., sending him up to the festival with the record Steward's List.

In feeling terms the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was submitted, the W.M. claiming their valued assistance which had been so ungrudgingly given in past years.

Able responses were made by Bros. C. W. Kent, father of the lodge; J. T. Dormer, W. Carey, Sec.; and T. Duffield, each promising to lighten the task of their newly-installed W.M. by doing all they could to assist him during his Mastership.

Last, but not least, followed "The Officers," of whom the W.M. was justly proud as zealous and worthy brethren, who would give a good account of themselves during his year of office.

Bros. Watts, S.W.; Meadows, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; and Morris, Stwd., suitably responded.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

A highly entertaining musical programme was provided by the W.M. for the brethren, which was much appreciated, the artistes being Mrs. Evan Owen, Miss Maggie Jones and sisters, Messrs. Evan Owen, J. Owen, and J. Williams, and Bro. H. Mervyn Ward. Bro. W. F. Packer, P.M., in his usually excellent manner acted as accompanist, Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., having charge of the arrangements.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 1743).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst., Bro. John Stait, W.M., in the chair. After the usual business was concluded, Bro. C. F. Ferry, P.M., Sec., delivered a lecture, illustrated with large water-colour drawings and diagrams, upon Stonehenge, one of the earliest examples of operative Masonry in Britain, and its relation to ancient mysteries similar to those of Freemasonry in the present day. The lecturer described its geometrical ground plan, its appearance when in a perfect state, and in its now ruinous condition; its probable astronomical and religious uses, and finally its similarity in five points to our present proceedings, this latter part being, of course, entirely esoteric. At the conclusion the brethren unanimously passed him a cordial vote of thanks for an intellectual evening. The visitors present were: Bros. E. C. Talbot, W.M. 65; John Roberts, P.M. 65; J. R. Johnson, P.M., Sec. 2005; E. Kearney, P.M. 1541; T. W. Allsop, 88; W. J. Barnes, 1227; and J. Walton, 1366.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the New Masonic Hall. There was a very large attendance indeed, no doubt for the reason that at the meeting Lord Stanley was present, and he was admitted as a joining member, and eventually he was appointed S.W. of the ancient lodge. The brethren having assembled, the lodge was opened by Bro. T. Murphy, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. The affairs, under the careful management of Bro. Major J. Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., were found to be very satisfactory indeed. Bro. J. Booth then occupied the chair as Installing Master, and appointed Bros. James Walker, P.P.I.G.W., as S.W.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.; and James Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec., as I.G. Bro. J. W. Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Murphy, and was duly installed in an effective manner. The newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees under the able direction of Bro. Wm. Forrest, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The working tools were presented by Bro. Rev. R. W. Clayton, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. We were glad to see the W.M. invest and address his own officers as follows: Bros. T. Murphy, I.P.M.; Lord Stanley, S.W.; H. L. Hinnell, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Booth, P.M., P.P.

S.G.D., Treas.; F. W. Briscoe, Sec.; F. W. Broadbent, S.D.; G. E. Greenhalgh, J.D.; J. M. Hardcastle, D. of C.; W. Forrest, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., A.D. of C.; T. Cooper, jun., I.G.; F. W. Isherwood, Org.; J. Walker, J. E. Spencer, G. J. French, C. F. Murphy, and J. Johnston, Stewards; and Rawthorne, Tyler. Bro. W. Forrest addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

The following were present: Bros. T. Murphy, W.M.; J. W. Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Barnes, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; John Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; H. Hinnell, Sec.; W. Forrest, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; F. W. Broadbent, J.D.; G. E. Greenhalgh, I.G.; F. W. Isherwood; H. W. Briscoe, Org.; S. Rawthorne, P.M.; W. Slater, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; G. J. French, John Walker, Stanley Cooper, W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; R. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. A. Dobson, Lord Stanley, Roger Banker, J. Naylor, P.M.; and W. Goulding, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Allen, W.M. 62; John Miles, W.M.; Chas. Holgate; W. H. Brown, P.M.; G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Wm. Campbell, P.M., P.A.G.D. of C.; J. B. Goulborn, P.M.; Robt. Johnson, P.M.; H. J. Cooper, John Peak, and W. E. Bland.

There was, during the evening, a lovely Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. Murphy, I.P.M., in appreciation of his valuable services as W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was held, admirably served by Mr. Wolmsley, and during the evening a programme of music was ably gone through. The brethren who took part were Bros. Johnson, Murphy, Goulborn, Dobson, Slater, and Forrest.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a most enthusiastic manner, and a most interesting meeting closed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—By virtue of a dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of this lodge (originally called for the 8th inst.) was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury. The brethren assembled at half-past four, with Bro. W. B. Redfern, W.M., in the chair, and, after opening, proceeded at once to pass a sincere vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.M., late D.P.G.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, whose death was the cause of the postponement of the lodge. The late brother was referred to in the highest terms.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed, and Bro. G. A. Allen was elected Tyler in succession to Bro. C. H. Ellis, resigned. It was agreed that the annual subscription of £2 be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At the close of the general business, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Henry Banham, S.W., Prov. G. Reg., was proceeded with in the presence of a large muster of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The attendance included Bros. Rev. J. H. Gray, Deputy Prov. G. Master; Rev. Sedgwick, Past Grand Chap.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; G. Carrick, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Vail, P.S.G.W.; W. Bray, P.G. Treas.; C. H. Vincent, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; P. H. Young, W.M. 441; A. Hill, W.M. 859; J. R. Bambridge, S.W. 809; T. E. Worledge, S.W. 1492; Capt. Gane, P.M. 838; and Kettwood, 2098. The duties of Installing Master were ably and efficiently discharged by Bro. B. Chennell, P.P.S.G.W. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Banham, afterwards appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. W. B. Redfern, P.P.G. Purst., I.P.M.; J. L. Rutter, P.P. A.G.D.C., S.W.; B. W. Beales, jun., P.A.G.D.C., J.W.; T. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; W. Sindall, P.P.G. Std., S.D.; J. H. Moyes, J.D.; F. Piggott, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., D.C.; H. S. Davison, P.G. Std., Std. Br.; J. Morley, Org.; A. J. Lyon, I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.P.G. Treas., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Tyler. The three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren were impressively delivered by Bro. T. Nichols, P.M., Chap. A Past Master's jewel was subsequently presented to Bro. W. B. Redfern, the out-going W.M., on behalf of the lodge, by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, to which about sixty brethren sat down.

DORCHESTER.

Faith and Unanimity Lodge (No. 417).—On Thursday, the 4th inst., there was a large gathering at the Masonic Hall, to witness the installation of Bro. J. F. Young as W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. W. Young, P.P.S.G.D. The following officers for the year were invested: Bros. Huxtable, I.P.M.; Knight, S.W.; Neville, J.W.; Rev. G. Pickering, Chap.; Lock, Treas.; Evans, S.D.; Kingdon, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Robinson, P.P.J.G.W., D. of C.; E. Newman, P.P.G. Org., Org.; Stroud and Hunt, Stewards; and Talbot and Longman, Tylen.

The annual banquet was afterwards held.

GOSPORT.

Gosport Lodge (No. 903).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th instant at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, when Bro. F. Hazzard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of about 40 brethren, including many visitors from other lodges. The ceremony was duly performed by Bro. M. Hart, the retiring W.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. W. J. Iago, S.W.; J. Maleng, J.W.; W. A. Rowe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; E. G. Collins, Sec.; S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; S. M. Bunch, S.D.; W. L. Finmore, J.D.; J. E. Thornton, P.M., Org.; A. Pearce, I.G.; T. E. V. Broadway and A. H. Dove, Stwds.; and G. Slimm, Tyler.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast had been provided by Bro. F. Taylor.

After dinner, the usual toasts were honoured.

A musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bro. G. Pearman, P.P.G. Org.

GRANTHAM.

Doric Lodge (No. 362).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Freemasons' Rooms, on Thursday, the 4th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Lyne), the chair was taken by Bro. E. T. Wigelsworth, P.P.S.G.D., supported by Bros. F. W. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect; H. H. Garton, J.W.; T. Vincent, acting Sec.; J. Rayner, S.D.; Bliss, J.D.; R. F. M. White, I.G.; Anderson, P.M.; Beeson, P.M.; Beaumont, P.M.; Collingwood, P.M.; Lincoln, Palmer, Trotter, James, Heaton, Lethem, Bailey, Evans, Rothernburg, Willson and Dann. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Rayner, P.M. 297, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Hardy, 1386; Warne and Taylor, 1405; Heath, 704; and Jackson and Lockton, Tylen.

The lodge was opened and minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Captain Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., then kindly undertook the duties of Installing Master, and, having assumed the chair, and with Bro. Wigelsworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., acting as S.W., and Bro. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., acting J.W., installed Bro. F. W. Robinson as W.M. in an impressive and excellent manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. Garton, S.W.; Rayner, J.W.; Wigelsworth, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Vincent, Sec.; Elsmere, Chap.; Beeson, Org.; Lincoln, S.D.; Palmer, J.D.; and Heaton, I.G.

The lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where the annual banquet was held under the presidency of the W.M. The toast list was of the customary kind.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who suitably replied.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed and warmly received.

"The Officers of the Doric Lodge," submitted by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Lyne, Garton, and Rayner.

Bros. J. L. Rayner, Hardy, Taylor, and Heath, replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

"The Masonic Charities," submitted by Bro. Elsmere, was responded to by the Treasurer, who gave a very pleasing account of the working of the Doric Benevolent Fund, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

LANCASTER.

Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, and was an exceptionally representative assembly of the brethren in and around Lancaster. Both the W.M. and the S.W., W.M. elect, being well-known brethren, and the Installing Master, Bro. William Goodacre, P.G.S.B. and P.G.S., being noted for the efficient way in which he performs the ceremony, no doubt combined to bring about one of the largest private lodge meetings held in the town. The members present were Bros. Wm. Atkinson, W.M.; J. W. Wearing, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. H. Parker, J.W.; Heald, P.M. and Treas.; J. R. B. Pilkington, P.M. and Sec.; C. Grime, S.D.; Henry Lea, J.D.; Henry Gooch, P.M. and D.C.; Armstrong, Org.; Huntington, I.G.; C. Compston and George Harrison, Stwds.; B. Hamer, Tyler; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.P.G.R.; John Hatch, P.P.G.S. of W.; Richard Nicholson, P.P. G.P.; James Hatch, P.M.; George Kelland, P.M.; Edward Cardwell, P.M.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M.; James B. Shaw, P.M.; A. Mcraith, P.M.; Alfred T. Relf, P.M.; B. Gregson, P.M.; Richard Stanton, P.M.; James Taylor, P.M.; Joseph Barrow, T. G. Thompson, H. Sumner, G. C. Hatton, H. Wood, J. Birkett, O. Gardner, Joseph Bewsher, Hy. S. Oglethorpe, and others. Visitors: Bros. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; A. B. Ewart, W.M. and P.G. Org.; Lane, P.M. 764; P.P.G. S.W. Durham; Greaves, W.M., Penrose, S.W.; C. Gibson, J.W.; A. W. Kershaw, P.M.; N. W. Helme, P.M. and Treas.; J. Bennett, P.M.; and L. H. Bruce, of 1051; J. L. Barrow, S.W.; George Jackson, J.W.; A. L. Price, P.M. and Treas.; W. Linaker, I.P.M.; J. E. Miller and C. J. Watson, of 1353; A. Gorton, W.M., and J. F. Willan, P.M., of 1561; and A. Hunt, 425.

The lodge being duly opened and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. W. Atkinson, W.M., presented Bro. J. W. Wearing, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, who was installed as W.M. in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Parker, S.W.; Grime, J.W.; Heald, Treas.; J. R. D. Pilkington, Sec.; Lea, S.D.; Armstrong, J.D.; Gooch, Dir. of Cers.; Hy. S. Oglethorpe, Org.; Compston, I.G.; Harrison and Clark, Stwds.; and Hamer, Tyler. Bro. Pilkington was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee.

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

The brethren, about 50, adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a *recherche* repast was supplied by Messrs. Ducksbury, and was enjoyed, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

After the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were honoured.

A charming programme of music was rendered by Bro. H. B. Ewart, Prov. G. Org., on the piano; songs by Bros. Parker, Wood, Grime and Harrison; and sketches by Bro. Bewsher.

A pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

LONGTON.

Etruscan Lodge (No. 546).—The annual festival and installation of Bro. James E. Hodson, the W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 11th inst., in a full lodge, including a number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, testifying to the respect in which Bro. Hodson is held by the members of this and neighbouring lodges. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. M. Wood, P.G.R., in a Board of 19 Installed Masters, the heartiest Masonic greetings being given to the newly-installed Master. The officers were invested by Bro. Hodson as follows: Bros. G. E. Walters, S.W.; W. Brickell, J.W.; W. R. Blair, Treas.; J. Wetherley, Sec.; G. C. Kent, D.C.; J. W. Bromley, S.D.; J. S. Boughiey, J.D.; W. Garn r, Org.; G. H. Frewer, I.G.; A. L. Harber and T. I. Cope, Stewards; and T. Warren, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in the usual form, the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where well-spread tables awaited them.

The toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were all proposed by Bro. Hodson in loyal and Masonic terms, and heartily honoured.

Bro. Wetherley, in proposing "The Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M. designate of Staffordshire," gave a short interesting sketch of the Prov. Grand Masters of the province during the past 30 years, and congratulated the province upon the appointment of Lord Dartmouth, who he had no doubt, from the manner in which he was doing his work as Lord Lieutenant of the county, would do excellent work as the head of the province in Freemasonry.

Bro. Brickell, who proposed the toast of "Lieut.-Colonel Bindley, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," spoke of the admirable manner in which the affairs of the province had been administered by the D.P.G.M. since the death of the late Col. Gough, nearly two years ago, and the excellent way in which the Prov. Grand Officers did their work.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Prince, Brandon, Kent, and Ingamells.

The toast of the evening—"The W.M., Bro. Hodson"—was then proposed by the I.P.M., who said that in placing Bro. Hodson in the chair the brethren did so with a feeling that he would do his work well; with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. Hodson, in acknowledging the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him to that onerous position—a position he had looked forward to ever since he had joined the lodge, and assured them that he would endeavour, to the best of his ability, to maintain the high standard to which the lodge had attained.

The remaining toasts were "The I.P.M.," "The Visiting Brethren" (amongst these being a brother from Queensland), "The Masonic Charities," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers."

LINCOLN.

Witham Lodge (No. 297).—The annual meeting for the election of Master was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Bro. E. P. Dalton, I.P.M., in the chair. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge confirmed, Bro. W. H. H. Moore was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. J. Davison, Treas., and Bro. W. Strangward, Tyler. The brethren recorded their regret at the death of two Past Masters—Bro. R. C. Carline, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. J. M. Wilkinson, P.P.G.W. A telegram from the W.M., who was at Moscow, was read conveying "Hearty good wishes" to his lodge. Bro. Dalton reported to the lodge that there appeared very good prospects of the building of new lodge premises.

SALFORD.

Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, The Crescent. There was a very large attendance of brethren present, we presume on account of the great popularity of Bro. Beardmore, W.M., who installed his successor in a most admirable manner.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, and being favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Willis, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. W. H. Booth, P.M., and after the usual routine, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. John Blackwell, P.M., presented the working tools. Bro. Woolley, P.M., addressed the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Thomas Pike the brethren generally. Bro. C. H. Wheeler, P.M., invested and addressed the officers in an effective manner as follows: Bros. J. S. Willis, W.M.; James Beardmore, I.P.M.; R. B. Robinson, S.W.; A. W. Sidebottom, J.W.; W. H. Fulford, Treas.; G. Hackin, Sec.; J. Leach, Chap.; J. Conney, Dir. of Cers.; T. Hulme, S.D.; W. Ison, J.D.; T. Turner, I.G.; W. Laycock, Org.; James Bradbury, Griffiths, Jno. Bradbury, Willan, Ingle, Walmsley, Denton, and Watson, Stwds.; and C. H. Wheeler, P.M., Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous visitors present, and subsequently the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which had been splendidly served.

During the evening there were two jewels presented—one a magnificent Past Master's, presented to Bro. Beardmore, I.P.M., in solid 18-carat gold, of very chaste design and workmanship. This was presented by subscription from the brethren; and the other was one presented by Bro. Beardmore, I.P.M., to his Secretary during the past year.

The usual toast list was gone through, and some very capital speeches were the order of the evening. And under the direction of Bro. J. Conney, P.M., Dir. of Cers., all went as smoothly as it was possible to do.

The following brethren were present: Bros. James Beardmore, W.M.; John Blackwell, I.P.M.; John Sam. Willis, S.W.; T. A. Turner, Sec.; A. W. Sidebottom, S.D.; T. Hulme, J.D.; Wm. Ison, I.G.; J. R. Leach, Chap.; J. R. P. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Pike, P.M.; J. W. Booth, P.M.; J. A. Woolley, P.M.; James Conney, P.M.; W. H. Fulford, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; J. Hullora, A. Downs, B. T. Barrett, John Bradbury, George Hackin, John Ingle, James Smith, D. Entitt, Thomas Williams, John Robinson, George Sidebottom, William Walmsley, W. Dean, E. Denton, J. Laycock, James Bradbury, Joseph Potts, James Cooper, James Ind, James Metcalfe, D. Barron, W. Savage, P.M., P.P.G.T.; T. Archer Lowe, P.M. P.P.G.S.B.; W.M. of Duchess of York, No. 2482; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. D. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T.; J. W. Millward, P.M.; B. Eckersley, W.M. 1134; A. Lewtas, P.M.; Thos. Garrett, W.M. 1086; Thos. Howarth, H. Heard, E. Waterton, C. Driver, S.W. 1134; J. D. Walley, F. Swindells, John McCullough, T. T. Seltan, W.M. 1773.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Corporation Arms on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell is the first W.M. of the lodge, and had caused a great deal of interest to be taken in the meeting, as the

lodge met at 2.30 in the afternoon for the purpose of raising six brethren and also an initiation.

The lodge was opened at the time appointed, and the minutes and correspondence were read by the Secretary. The ceremony of raising three of the brethren (singly) was completed at 5 o'clock.

A "call off" then took place, and tea was partaken of.

The lodge was resumed at 5.30., when three other brethren were raised by the W.M. The initiation of Mr. George Nicholson was done by Bro. W. E. Morrison, P.M., the I.P.M. of the lodge.

The lodge was closed at 8.10., and supper followed, at which the W.M. and officers were congratulated upon the impressive manner the work in the lodge had been carried out.

The lodge was consecrated in September last, and Bro. Nicholson was the 11th initiate.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, on the 4th inst., when Bro. Edwin Berry, S.W., was installed W.M. for the present year. There was a good attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, among whom were: Bros. Fred. T. Beck, Prov. G. Stwd.; E. Berry, S.W.; E. F. Coleman Sec.; T. C. Bigwood, S.D.; W. Skett, J.D.; Sidney Dean, Org.; T. E. Lowe, I.G.; R. M. Lord and J. N. Lester, Stwds.; H. M. Lord, Thos. Knight, Thos. Dobbs, H. Vale, William Howell, P. de la Haye, J. Bigwood, J. H. Skidmore, Alf. Orme, W. B. Mears, W. E. Allen, A. C. Skidmore, H. Caffisch, B. G. Bradley, J.W. 526; A. T. Molineaux, Org. 526; W. H. Hewitt, 526; and H. C. Reynolds, 526.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Fred. T. Beck, the retiring Master, proceeded with the ceremony of installation. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of: Bros. Fred. T. Beck, P.G.S.; J. Bradney, W. Corke, P.G.R.; R. Gibson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Beattie, P.P.G.S.; H. Willcock, G. H. Stanger, P.P.G.R.; Geo. Vaughan, P.G.D.; S. Parkes, J. J. Smith, 526; F. G. Liddington, 526; Thomas J. Barnett, 526, P.P.G.S.W.; M. Barker, 1792, P.P.G.W.; C. J. Hewitt, 726, P.G. Stwd.; G. W. Walker, 526, P.G. Sec.; John Smith, 1523; J. Bates, H. P. Smith, 1838, P.G.S.; Harry Sheppard, 641, P.P.G.D.; J. Dunbar Steen, P.A.G. Sec.; C. W. Graham, H. Hall, 526; and B. A. Willcock, P.P.A.G.D.C. After being inducted into the chair and saluted, Bro. Edwin Berry invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Fred. T. Beck, I.P.M.; E. F. Coleman, S.W.; T. C. Bigwood, J.W.; Rev. J. Jeddson, P.P.G.C.; R. A. Willcock, P.P.A.G.D.C.; William Howell, Sec.; C. A. Newnam, P.G. Treas.; W. Skett, S.D.; T. E. Lowe, J.D.; R. M. Lord, I.G.; Sidney Dean, Org.; and J. W. Lester and H. M. Lord, Stwds. Bro. F. T. Beck was then presented by the W.M., on behalf of the officers and brethren, with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his very efficient services to the lodge during his year of rule. The gift was acknowledged in appropriate terms. The report of the Audit Committee, including the balance-sheet, was then presented by Bro. R. A. Willcock, P.M., and accepted by the brethren. The W.M. gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting a candidate for initiation.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet which did honour to the manageress.

The toasts of "Queen" and "The M.W.G.M." having been loyally and heartily honoured,

Bro. Coleman, S.W., proposed that of "The Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," in the course of which he gave expression to the wide-spread satisfaction felt by the brethren throughout the province generally, and by those in Northampton particularly, at the appointment of the Earl of Dartmouth as P.G.M., and was quite convinced that he would become one of the most popular of the Provincial Grand Masters of our native land.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. A. Willcock said he was sure the brethren were all pleased to see the chair occupied by one who had already done good work in the various offices which he had held in the lodge. He had been in no hurry to reach the position he held that night. He believed that he placed the interests of St. Peter's first and foremost, and they had had an instance of that that evening in the appointment of his officers. He knew Bro. Berry 30 years ago, when a boy at School, and he was now, as a man, pleased to acknowledge him once more as Master.

The W.M., in reply, said that he had felt anything but comfortable while Bro. Willcock—his senior in Masonry, but junior in age—had been speaking, but, the ordeal passed, he thanked him for the excellent opinion he had formed of him; he also thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had welcomed him in the chair of St. Peter's Lodge. It had been his ambition to occupy that position, and he was proud of being the Master of a lodge now 60 years old, and which had been ruled by so many able Past Masters, amongst whom he might mention the celebrated Dr. Oliver, the author of many excellent books on Masonry. He would do his level best to keep up the prestige of the lodge, and hoped the brethren would give him plenty of work. He was grateful for past kindness and consideration, and felt assured that his officers would faithfully support him, without which all his efforts would be vain.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was cordially given by Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., P.G.R., and suitably responded to.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" were duly honoured.

The musical programme, which was an excellent one, was ably rendered by Bros. Molineaux, Dean, Howell, W. Strutt, and Dobbs.

The marriage of Bro. the Hon. R. A. Handcock, younger son of the late Lord Castlemaine, with Ethel Violet, only daughter of Colonel Bainbridge, R.A., of the Royal Arsenal, was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church, Woolwich, on Tuesday afternoon, the band of the Royal Artillery being present on the occasion. On the same day in St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, were married Mr. Charles H. Farrer, and Miss Kathleen Leslie-Melville, daughter of the Hon. Norman and Mrs. Leslie-Melville.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst. Among those present were: Comps. Birch, M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. B. Stevens, J., H. elect; A. H. Larcome, S.N., J. elect; W. J. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; S. Cochrane, G. Treas., P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., 1st A.S.; C. W. Mapleton, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Graves, P.Z.; and F. McDougal, P.Z. Comps. Cleghorn and Hay were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. Heming installed the Principal in a highly impressive manner. The following investitures took place: Comps. W. J. Collins, P.Z., S.E.; Capt. Walls, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., 1st A.S.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, 2nd A.S.; G. B. Heming, D.C.; and H. Nash, Stwd. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Birch. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

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

Comp. S. Cochrane, G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," in a speech of some length, in the course of which he stated that he had to thank very sincerely several members of the old Fidelity Chapter for their kind support, valuable hints, and exertions on his behalf during his candidature and subsequent testimonial presentation.

The I.P.Z. proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." He said the Fidelity Chapter was proud of having at its head so painstaking a worker and genial a man as Comp. Radcliffe. He had been most punctual in his attendance, and had discharged the minor offices most admirably. He augured for him a most pleasant and successful year of office.

The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals," to which toast Comps. Stevens, and Larcome replied.

Comp. Cleghorn made a neat speech in replying for "The Visitors."

In proposing the toast of "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. particularly alluded to the services of Comp. J. Heming, who had so ably installed him that day. He also had to thank Comp. W. J. Collins for many acts of kindness both in and out of the chapter. The chapter was fortunate in securing the latter companion's services as S.E.

This toast having been duly acknowledged, the toast of "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Comp. Collins assisted by Mesdames Maisie Turner, Hannah Jones, and Mr. Harrison Brockbank. The latter has a most magnificent baritone voice. His rendering of "The Village Blacksmith" gave great satisfaction.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at the City Terminus Hotel, E.C., when there were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; W. Hayes, H.; H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., acting J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., acting P.S.; Thos. Cohn, P.Z., acting 1st A.S.; John Taylor, P.Z.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, I.P.Z.; W. R. Dixon, P.Z.; John Kent, Fredk. Hughes, H. Lotery, W. J. Sowden, and G. Grant. Visitors: Comps. F. Arthur King, 1489; W. H. Dolve, 1489; J. H. Donaldson, Victoria Chapter; J. J. Whitworth, 554; and B. Forster, Mount Lebanon Chapter.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick installed the Principals for the ensuing year, ably assisted by Comps. Garrod, Taylor, and Birdseye. Bros. W. J. Sowden, 2264; H. Lotery, 2264; and Fredk. Hughes, W.M. 192, were exalted to the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. Four members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting in April.

The companions dined together, under the gavel of the newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. W. Hawes.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. J. Markland, jun., W.M.; S. M. Austin, S.W.; A. Saunders, P.M., J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, P.M., Sec.; Macfarlane, S.D.; J. Thomas, J.D.; Ingram, I.G.; F. Stutfield, W.M. 144; Murrell, Matthews, and Ham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews being candidate. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Matthews and Murrell were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Austin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was proposed by Bro. Stutfield, and seconded by Bro. Tucker, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Macfarlane for the efficient manner he had occupied the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. G. Hill, W.M.; Kraus, S.W.; Boehm, J.W.; Thos. Clear, S.D.; Geo. Ridout, J.D.; T. Smale, I.G.; J. Paul, Preceptor; Wilby, Sec.; Thom, P.M.; Godwin, P.M.; Godwin, P.M.; Hoggins, W.M.; Osborne, W.M.; Terry, Cross, Sturgess, Mason, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of

the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the 1st Section of the Lecture being worked by the W.M., and the 2nd Section by Bro. Hoggins. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Osborne, W.M. 1287, who then rehearsed in an able manner the ceremony of installation, Bro. Ridout being the W.M. elect. The appointment and investiture of officers and the concluding addresses, &c., having been rehearsed, and the lodge resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Cross and Sturgess were elected joining members of the lodge. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Kraus was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—On the 3rd inst. a very efficient rendering of the Fifteen Sections took place at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, when Bro. C. L. Nelson, a comparatively young Mason, of about two years' standing, undertook the trying duties of W.M., and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all present. He was ably assisted by Bros. J. Lancett, as S.W.; G. Seage, as J.W.; and J. H. Pringle, as the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, as I.P.M. With two or three exceptions the various Sections were worked by members of the lodge. The excellence of the working may be estimated when it is stated that Bros. Shepherd, Seage, Lancett, Pasfield, Pringle, Behrouth, Robinson, and Gooch, among other well-known experts in Freemasonry, took part.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Clark, W.M.; W. Hinds, S.W.; W. Beattie, J.W.; John Davies, P.M., acting Preceptor; T. Johnson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; James Banks, J.D.; W. Hide, I.G.; Robert Reid, G. C. Stafford, H. Bone, H. Lovendahl, S. Cochrane, G. Treas. Eng., H. Blackman, A. H. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor, and F. Blackmore.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bone acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Williams assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hinds was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Clark for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; E. G. Young, 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.; E. P. Woodman, J.D.; W. Rapley, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; A. Wolter, P.M.; G. T. Peall, H. Dove, G. H. Cox, A. Ingram, M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. T. Frost, P. F. Holmden, R. W. Nicole, R. Chinnery, D. C. Attwater, E. J. Harrison, H. B. Harding, P.M.; and J. W. Clarke.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Ingram being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cox answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cox being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. H. Dore was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. R. P. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767, W.M.; W. G. Vassie, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; L. Beale, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; W. H. Drenth, P.M.; H. G. Danby, P.M.; W. Fayers, A. J. Turner, W. Beattie, and J. G. Bean.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bean answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Denniss was elected at the last meeting to the position of W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was closed in due form.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Hide, W.M.; Whiteley, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Woods, I.G.; Reid and Dennis. Bro. Milbourne, 2012, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and also to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid being the candidate. Bro. Dennis being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Milbourne was elected a joining member, and Bro. Whiteley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 12th inst., when there were present: Comps. Bannister, M.E.Z.; Murché, H.; Salmon, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; H. Martin, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; W. Davies, Curton, Barr, Coombs, F. Williams, Pullen, and Chabot.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cureton personating the candidate. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Salmon for so ably performing the duties of the third chair for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

Obituary.

BRO. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D.

Not many days of the new year have passed ere the sad duty devolves upon us of recording the loss of one of the most distinguished Masons of our time, that of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., who died at his residence, 8, Belmont Park, Lee, on the 10th inst., at the ripe age of 82 years. Bro. Baker had been a member of our Order for well nigh 40 years, having been initiated in a lodge under the Irish Constitution in Hamilton, Canada (West), in August, 1854, when the lodges in what is now the Dominion of Canada were still in allegiance to their respective parent Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. On coming to London he was accepted as a joining member of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, and was installed its W.M. in January, 1862, in which year he also represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in 1857 in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, but joining the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, not long afterwards, he worked his way gradually through the subordinate offices in the latter, and in January, 1865, had the satisfaction of being installed in the chair of First Principal. In 1869 the late Bro. the Earl of Zetland appointed him J.G.D. of Grand Lodge and Grand Asst. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. In the meantime he had been installed a Knight Templar in the Faith and Fidelity Encampment of that Order, and was appointed a Grand Standard Bearer the following year, while in 1860 he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Old Thistle Lodge, and perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But his most valuable services were rendered on the Colonial Board, of which he was a member, except for a brief interval in 1864, from his first election in 1862 till his death. He further enjoyed the unique distinction of being the representative at our Grand Lodge of the following Grand Lodges, namely, those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the Dominion of Canada; and in the United States, those of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, and Tennessee. For the services he rendered to the Craft in Quebec, on the occasion of his visit in 1864, the Grand Lodge of Canada conferred upon him in 1868 the rank of a Past Senior Grand Warden. His later services, as one of the founders and first Worshipful Master of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, which was constituted in 1886, with a view to bringing about a still closer union between the brethren of the United States and this country, are too fresh in the recollection of our readers to need more than a passing reference. It is necessary, however, that we should add that Bro. Baker was a staunch supporter of our three Institutions, having qualified as a Life Governor of all three, and served three Festival Stewardships for the Boys' School, two for the Girls' School, and one for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As regards his extra-Masonic career, we may state, briefly, that after having received his education at the Charter-house and a private school at Southampton, he matriculated as a student of science and natural philosophy at the University of London in 1833. He then adopted the profession of a civil engineer, in the course of which he was connected with several continental undertakings, and became a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers. About the year 1850 he was appointed Secretary of the Great Western Railway Company of Canada, and retained the office till 1880 when he resigned and became its Auditor. He was also Auditor of the Mutual Life Association and the London Institution, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and a Past Master of the Turners' Company, in the labours of which, for the encouragement of technical education, he took a very deep interest. In the neighbourhood of his home at Lee he was well-known and highly respected, having been for many years a member of the Lee Vestry, while he was largely instrumental in bringing about the erection of St. Mark's Church, College Park, Lewisham, in which parish he held the office of Vicar's Warden from 1871 to 1886.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, at Lewisham. Had a longer notice been possible, it is quite certain that a much larger number of Grand Officers and others would have been present to pay the last fraternal tribute to the memory of a brother who had so well served the Craft, but Grand Lodge was represented in the persons of the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, and the Grand Tyler, Bro. H. Sadler, while Bro. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., Past Master of the Turners' Company, was present as representing that body as well as a churchwarden of St. Mark's Church.

The Duchess of Teck has kindly consented to give away the prizes of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers at the regimental headquarters, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 10th prox.

The new Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Malta, Lieut.-General Lyon-Fremantle, held his first levee on Sunday afternoon last, among those present being the Archbishop and clergy of the island, General Knowles, General Nicholson, and the officers of the garrison regiments, Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, and a number of naval officers, the nobility, judges, and magistracy, members of the Council of Government, the foreign Consuls, and the leading civilians. The attendance was exceedingly numerous.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, January 27, 1894.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1320, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
2308, Viator, Anderson's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
2396, Bishopgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.

MARK LODGE.

4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kebleton, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, North End Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
40, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
2108, Empire, Criterion.
2121, St. Stephen's, Green Man, Lewisham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street.
218, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
830, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.
1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

16, Stewart, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 26th inst., at 4 p.m.

We learn that Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., has just purchased the Wharton Hall, Hilton Hall, and Merton Hall Estates, of the Earl of Lonsdale.

The first cotton ship which has entered the Manchester Ship Canal arrived in it on Monday—the steamer Finsbury, of 1909 tons, carrying 4170 bales, or 1000 tons, of cotton.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., who has been laid up for a long time with a sharp attack of influenza, will be able to leave town shortly for change of air.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Mr. William Lane Booker, C.M.G., who has been for several years past her Majesty's Consul-General at New York.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has kindly promised to preside at a bazaar which will be held at the Albert Institute on Thursday, the 5th prox., in aid of the Windsor Infant Nursery.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., has left town for Scotland for the recess, while Bro. the Right Hon. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., has gone to Gibraltar. The Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone are at Biarritz.

The celebrated herd of Shorthorns belonging to the late Bro. the Earl of Bective will be sold by public auction early in the approaching summer, at Underley Hall, Westmorland. The herd is one of the finest in the world.

The installation of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 26th inst., when Bro. F. C. Collingwood will be installed W.M., in succession to Bro. G. Blizzard Abbott. Lodge will open at 4 p.m. sharp.

The installation meeting of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 503, will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Berkhamstead, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., when Bro. the Rev. C. J. Langley, P.P.G.C. Herts, will be installed W.M., in succession to Bro. William Lowndes, P.J.G.V.

All doubts as to the fate of Major Wilson and his scouting party have been set at rest by the announcement that the whole of them were slain in the attack made upon them by the Matabele. The party consisted of some 37 officers and troopers, including Major Wilson himself.

The Duke of Cambridge, attended by Colonel Fitz-George, left Victoria Station for Cannes on Monday. There were present to take leave of his Royal Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Lord Methuen, and Bros. Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Evelyn Wood.

The Masonic jewels belonging to the late Bro. Welch, the victim of the recent tragedy at Colchester, which were supposed to have been stolen with the £100 in the cash-box, were on Thursday discovered by the police whilst searching some drawers on the premises where the fire took place.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's party at Chatworth during the present week included the Duchess of Manchester, the Earl and Countess of Westmorland, the Earl and Countess of Gosford, Bro. Lord and Lady Burton, and the Hon. Nellie Bass, Lady Frederick Cavendish, Mr. G. J. Goschen, and Mr. Arnold Morley.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, returned to Sandringham on Saturday last, and with the Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and the Duke and Duchess of York, attended Divine Service on Sunday, which was the second anniversary of the death of the lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

An important meeting of representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and other industrial concerns throughout the country was held, by permission of the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the recommendations of the Select Committee on Railway Rates were inadequate to meet the public requirements.

Among the flowers with which the coffin of the late Mr. J. G. Y. W. Byng, son of Bro. Col. Henry J. W. Byng, P.G.W., was covered at the interment in St. Katharine's church, Savenake Forest, on Saturday afternoon last, were wreaths sent by the Queen, the Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Marquis of Dufferin and Son, and the staff of the Embassy at Paris.

It is not so very long ago that M. Waddington resigned his post as French Ambassador in London, and on Sunday last he died after a very brief illness in his 68th year. The deceased was of English parentage but French nationality. He was educated at Rugby and Cambridge, and at both distinguished himself as an athlete, being of the Cambridge crew which defeated Oxford in 1849. He was appointed Ambassador in London in 1883, and only quitted his post and returned to France last year. General sympathy is felt with Madame Waddington in her bereavement.

A funeral service for the late Georgiana, Lady Wolverton, was held in St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, on Monday, the officiating clergymen being the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr-Glyn, the vicar, and the Rev. Canon Pelham. Among those present were the Duchess of Albany, the Hon. Mary Thesiger, representing the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, the Marchioness of Conyngham, Lady Norreys, and several members of the Glyn family, together with 100 lads from the House Boys' Brigade, of which the deceased lady was the founder, and a deputation from the Eastern Central Institution for Telegraph Boys.

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Mr. Sims Reeves will sing at a limited number of concerts in the provinces, commencing at Easter, under the management of Mr. Daniel Mayer.

The Worcester Masonic Buildings Company, Limited, has been registered with a capital of £3000 in £5 shares. The object is to acquire, or build, and maintain a Masonic hall and other buildings in the city of Worcester.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are entertaining a large party at Sandringham this week. The Princess of Wales has recovered from her recent illness, and is now quite well.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded the second service clasp to Mr. Richard Roberts, coxswain of the North Deal Lifeboat, in recognition of his long-continued and gallant services in saving life.

The Duke of Connaught has issued to the troops at Aldershot a new set of rules and regulations for the musketry training of the year, which will commence on the 1st March, the musketry inspection to take precedence of all other exercises.

Bro. William Harling Sissons, D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the said county. Bro. Sissons was last year installed by his immediate predecessor, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons of Lincolnshire.

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.

A terrible railway disaster occurred on the line near Jersey City, U.S.A., on Monday, the Orange express from Roseville running into the Dover express and two of the carriages of the latter being completely telescoped. It is reported that some 20 passengers were killed and at least 25 seriously injured.

The prizes and certificates awarded at the recent Science and Art, the Society of Arts, and the College of Preceptors' Examinations to the pupils of the Polytechnic Day Schools were distributed by Sir Horace Farquhar in the new hall of the Polytechnic Institute, Regent-street, on Tuesday, Mr. Quintin Hogg being in the chair.

An address was delivered by the Marquis of Lorne, on "The Affairs of the Empire," at the Imperial Institute, on Monday, a vote of thanks being passed to his lordship. Among those present, were: Lord Knutsford, who presided, Bro. Sir F. Abel, Sir J. Garnett, Lord R. Gower, Sir A. Adderley, Sir J. Bower, Bro. Sir Somers Vinc, and Colonel Washington.

The Council of the National Rifle Association have decided that, at the next Bisley meeting, no rifle admitted for the "military breechloader" competitions shall exceed in length from muzzle to butt 52 inches, or be less than 48 inches, the maximum being thus reduced three inches from last year. The maximum calibre is to be .315 inches, and the maximum weight, with or without a magazine, 10lb. Last year weapons of this class unprovided with a magazine were not allowed to exceed 9lb. 4oz. in weight.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., in response to invitations from the members of the Olicana Lodge, No. 1522, about 70 children were entertained during the earlier part of the evening at the Middleton Hotel, Ilkeley, with a tea, games, a Christmas tree, &c.; and at night some 120 adults were present at a ball at the same place. The brethren wore Masonic regalia, the costumes of the ladies were in capital taste, the music and supper arrangements were quite satisfactory, and altogether a very enjoyable time was spent.

At the annual meeting of the West Kilbride Royal Arch Lodge, No. 314, held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the King's Arms, Kilbride, Scotland, the following brethren were elected office-bearers: Bros. James Stirling, Breanmill, R.W.M.; Wm. Barbour, P.M.; Alexander Brown, S.M.; Hugh Stevenson, S.W.; George Bell, J.W.; Wm. A. Miller, Treas.; Wm. Phairn, Sec.; Thomas McNaught, Chap.; James Strong, B.B.; Thomas Donaldson, S.D.; Robert Armstrong, J.D.; James Wilson, I.G.; Archibald Taylor, Tyler; and Archd. Gray and James Wilson, Auditors.

Although, of course, the management are not likely for some little time to receive any official communication on the subject, it is understood that one of the most important public functions to which the Khedive will be invited during his visit to London next June, will be a "Command" performance at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden. The young ruler of Egypt is a devout lover of music in general, and of opera in particular, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, who is a past master of this sort of work, may be trusted to make the "levee dress or uniform" spectacle held in honour of Abbas II. a very brilliant one.

CARDIFF MASONIC BALL.—The annual Masonic ball, which will be held at the Park Hall, Cardiff, on the 30th inst., is certain to be as well attended and as enjoyable as any of its predecessors. The band of the Royal Engineers, from Chatham, one of the finest in the country, will provide the music, and the catering will be, as usual, entrusted to Mrs. Hunt, manageress of the Park Hotel. Profiting by previous experience, the Committee have made arrangements by which the company, which will be limited to 250, will take supper in three sections. The Secretary on this occasion is Bro. W. B. Ferrier, whose energy and geniality are a sufficient guarantee for the success of the ball.

To celebrate the formation of the new Colne Lodge, No. 2447, of which Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, J.P., is the Worshipful Master, the officers of the lodge arranged for a ball to be held on Thursday the 4th inst., and for which the Earl of Warwick, the Prov. Grand Master, gave a special dispensation. The ball, which was a very successful affair, was held in the New Board Schools, and both the ball room proper and the supper room was extensively flagged and decorated by nautical brethren of the lodge, and presented a very pleasing appearance. The officers of the lodge who attended were: Bros. Claud E. Egerton-Green, W.M.; W. Johnson, I.P.M.; Harold Francis, D.C.; Gustavus Pratt, S.W.; Turner Ennew, J.W.; J. T. Bailey, Sec.; W. H. Ham, S.D.; R. Pearson, J.D.; J. A. Houston, Org.; H. Harlow, I.G.; and J. Turf, Dick Ham, and G. Rayner, Stwds.

The Marquis of Lorne will open the new Marylebone Labour Home of the Church Army.

Lord Mount Stephen has presented a handsome silver communion service to Cabrach parish church as a memorial of the late vicar.

Sir John and Lady Thursby have been presented with a handsome silver bowl by the servants and tenants on their Scotch estates in honour of their silver wedding.

Over £500 has been subscribed by the townspeople of Burton-on-Trent for a wedding present to the Hon. Nellie Bass, and at a meeting of the subscribers it has been decided that the gift shall take the form of a diamond necklet.

Sir Philip Currie, Ambassador to Constantinople, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Earl of Dartmouth arrived at Cowes, yesterday, in the Royal yacht *Alberta* and proceeded to Osborne. Sir Philip Currie will return to London to-day (Friday) with the Earl of Rosebery.

M. Michel Debernoff, a Russian journalist, and son of General Debernoff, who started some time ago on a walking tour round the world, has arrived at Gibraltar from Cadiz. He has already visited the principal capitals of Europe, and is leaving Malaga *en route* for Africa.

Midshipman A. P. Addison, the youngest officer of H.M.S. *Garner*—he is only 16—is a gallant youth. During a storm in Victoria, British Columbia, a bluejacket was blown overboard. It was seen that the man was drowning, and, despite the furious gale, Addison jumped overboard and supported him until help arrived.

The first Calendar Court of Alderman during the present year was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday afternoon under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler. Bro. Sir W. Wilkin was appointed a Manager of the Haberdashers' Hoxton Schools (Aske's Charity) in place of Sir Richmond Cotton.

Bro. Edward Frank Brewster Fuller, W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, has been unanimously elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year. The Wardens elected are Bros. Col. Phineas Cowan, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor George Robert Tyler, and James Bishop.

The death is announced of the Dowager Viscountess Sidmouth. Her ladyship, who passed away at Bath at the advanced age of 100 years, was the widow of the Right Hon. William Leonard Addington, second Viscount Sidmouth, who died in 1864. She was born in 1794, and married in 1820.

The consecration of the Wirral Lodge, No. 2496, will take place at the Music Hall, Claughton-road, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 8th prox. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Dep. Prov. G. Master. The officers designate are Bros. Thos. Shaw, W.M.; T. E. Tomlinson, S.W.; and James Gamlin, J.W.

Comp. Major F. W. Allan, Prov. Grand Superintendent for the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, gave a lecture on Monday evening last in the Athenæum Hall, Glasgow, on "My Tour in Switzerland," with lime light views. Mr. James Provan presided, and there was a large attendance. The proceeds of the lecture were for the benefit of the Commercial Chapter Benevolent Fund.

The second annual banquet and ball of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432, of which Bro. George Ransford, 238, Great Portland-street, is the W.M., will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel on Wednesday, the 31st inst. The band of the 2nd Life Guards have been engaged to play, and the Secretary informs us there are a few more tickets left.

Lord Hannen passed a bad and sleepless night on Wednesday. In consequence of his lordship's relapse, Dr. Broadbent and Dr. Boulton visited him on Thursday evening, and subsequently held a consultation. It was stated that his condition showed no signs of improvement, and that he was restless with pain.

A serious accident occurred to the Hon. H. R. Arden-Baillie-Hamilton, of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, whilst out with the Guards' Dragoonals at Windsor, on Thursday afternoon. His horse, in taking a gate, fell and rolled on its rider, breaking his thigh. Mr. Hamilton was conveyed in a carriage to a hospital close by.

At the meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1087, on the 12th inst., at the Criterion, a very interesting memento of the Sir John Franklin Expedition of 1852 was presented by Bro. Soper to the lodge in the shape of a gavel made from the timber of H.M.S. *Resolute*, which went in search of the former expedition. Bro. M. J. Willing moved that a suitable inscription be affixed to the gavel. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

The engagements of the principal artists for the Handel Triennial Festival, which will be held at the Crystal Palace June 22nd-29th, were finally completed on Thursday. The list of sopranos includes the names of Madame Albani, Miss Anna Williams, Miss Emma Juch, Madame Clara Samuelli, and Madame Melba, while the contraltos will be Madame Marian McKenzie and Miss Clara Butt; the tenors Messrs. Lloyd and Ben Davies, and the baritones Messrs. Norman Salmond, Andrew Black, and Santley. The cast will thus be a very strong one, stronger, perhaps, than at any Handel Festival for several years past.

Despite the hard times in the United States, the farewell tour of Madame Patti seems to have been from a pecuniary point of view highly successful. So much is this the case that, according to a letter which her English agents, Messrs. Harrison, have received from M. Nicolini, Mr. Marcus Mayer has begged the prima donna to extend the tour by giving eight extra concerts, and if, as is anticipated, she consents, Madame Patti will not return to Craig-y-Nos Castle till April.

TOO MANY COOKS spoil the broth is a saying handed down to us from the Ancients. Although it is crude in substance, it is significant in fact. Most of us in our daily experience of life have noted many instances of business failures through more than one manager being allowed to govern matters. We see the truth of the saying still more plainly in the treatment of sick people. When two or three doctors are called to attend a critical case, they sometimes argue and squabble, whilst frequently the patient dies in the midst of the wordy warfare. This sad catastrophe, however, can never happen when Holloway's medicines are used. They never fail, no matter what complaint they are called upon to treat.