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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are afraid there is very little that is fresh or material to be added to the remarks we have already made in our former articles on the subject of the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Still, in the case of all institutions which depend chiefly on voluntary subscriptions for the wherewith to carry on their beneficent work, it is the duty of all their friends and well-wishers, as well as of their officers and Committees of Management, to keep on pegging away by appealing at frequent intervals both to those whose sympathy has already been, and those whose sympathy may at some future time be, enlisted on their behalf for a support which is always needed. In cases of this kind no relaxation in the continuity of appeal is possible or permissible if a Charity is to be maintained in a state of efficiency. It is time enough to think of giving up asking, when a whole series of appeals and addresses has been issued and no response has been forthcoming; or when a sufficient fund has been accumulated to allow of the Charity being carried on out of its permanent income. But while money is needed and subscriptions and donations are to be had for the asking, the necessary steps must be taken in order to secure these voluntary gifts, or the public will not unnaturally come to the conclusion—on the principle that “those who don't ask don't want”—that funds are no longer required. And if this is true of all institutions which look to outside support, either entirely or chiefly, for their means of maintenance, how much more so is it the case with those which do their work efficiently in return for the support they receive. The management of an institution may not be all that is desired, the moneys it obtains may not always be spent to the greatest advantage, or the Executive may be in too great a hurry to extend the field of their labours before they have made provision for the rainy day which may be expected at some period in its career. In these cases no reasonable complaint can be made if funds are not always forthcoming, or so plentiful as is desired. But the Institutions, which have been for so many years the pride of our Society, are well administered, the work they accomplish is recognised everywhere as excellent, and the permanent income is being slowly but steadily augmented. Thus the brethren who give their services as Stewards for our Masonic Charities may affirm with a clear conscience that whatever contributions they may be honoured with in response to their appeals will not only be thankfully received, but faithfully applied to the purpose for which they are given. Here, for instance, is our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which stands committed to a yearly expenditure of not far short of £19,000. Of this large sum, £16,000 or thereabouts is devoted to annuities to aged and indigent Masons and the widows of Masons, the Masons being some 193 in number and receiving £40 per annum each, while the widows are 240 in number at £32 per annum each, together with a smaller contingent of widows, which fluctuates in number from year to year, but may be set down as averaging some 25, to whom £20 each, being the half of their late husbands' annuities, is assigned annually for a term of five years, unless in the meantime they are elected annuitants on the higher scale. The remaining £3000 is expended on the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, and for the purposes of management. On the other hand the permanent income is about £5250, the greater part of which consists of the interest on an accumulated capital, amounting to £120,000, so that as nearly as possible a solid £14,000 must be raised annually to enable the Institution to pay its way. But as we have remarked on nearly every occasion on which the subject of our Benevolent Institution has been under consideration, a sum of this magnitude takes a deal of raising, even in prosperous times and when there have been no especial claims made upon the generosity of the brethren. But the times are not, just now, very prosperous, and two years ago an exceptional claim was made upon English Masons in connection with the Jubilee of this Charity. Still the expenditure in 1894 will be about the same as it was in 1893, and during the greater part of 1892. There are the 450 brethren and widows among whom the sum of close on £16,000 must be distributed in annuities, and there is the Asylum at Croydon and the cost of management to be provided, while the permanent income is neither greater nor smaller than it has been since the Jubilee Festival was held. Thus the deficit must be made good, and we sincerely trust that at the Festival which will be held in Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 28th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Col. MONEY, Prov. Grand Master of

Surrey, a fair approach will be made towards supplying this deficiency. We are well aware that Bro. Col. MONEY will bring to bear all his able advocacy in order to secure the attainment of this result. We feel sure that he will be loyally supported in his efforts by the Province he presides over—as his excellent predecessor was on more than one similar occasion, and the other Stewards—of whom we rejoice to say there are now, including London and Surrey with the rest of the Provinces, between 240 and 250—will assuredly not be sparing in their efforts to ensure the return of as large a total of subscriptions and donations as is possible in these hard times, when calls for assistance are likely to be more numerous than ever. All these will work with a will, and we hope successfully, not only because without money the Institution cannot be maintained at its present level, but because there are some 130 poor old men and women candidates who are seeking election to the benefits of the Charity, while the number of vacancies which will be available for competition amongst them at the election in May next will be by comparison small. Therefore, the greater the amount raised by voluntary subscription at the approaching Anniversary, the greater will be the prospect of the year terminating with a balance in favour of the Institution, and the greater the likelihood that the Committee will feel justified in creating a few additional annuities, and thereby reducing the balance of unsuccessful candidates who will remain after the election is over and carry forward their claims till another year. May the effort now about to be made in behalf of our youngest Institution prove successful even beyond our most sanguine expectations!

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Gen. Randolph, and Col. Noel Money, C.B.; Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., was in the G.S.E.'s chair; Comps. Thomas Fenn acted as G.S.N.; Peter de L. Long, as G.P.S.; Baron de Ferrieres, as 1st A.G.S.; R. Loveland Loveland, as 2nd A.G.S.; and there were also present upwards of 150 Grand Officers and brethren, many from the Provinces.

After Comp. LETCHWORTH had read the minutes of the November Convocation,

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE rose to move “That that portion of the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation relating to the resolution reducing the period which must elapse before a Master Mason is exalted to the Supreme Degree from 12 months to one month be not confirmed.” He said that, notwithstanding the agenda papers were sent out before the last November meeting, a large majority of Royal Arch Masons in the country were quite unaware of the proposition that was to be brought forward by the Committee of General Purposes. Of course, if they had looked at the paper they would have seen it. Now, with regard to alterations, Comp. Fenn himself had stated in Grand Chapter, in most emphatic terms, against any alteration with regard to robing. At a later meeting—last November meeting—Comp. Fenn was present, but he was silent on this proposed alteration, and he (Comp. Le Feuvre) thought his silence was most eloquent. He hoped from that fact that Comp. Fenn would now support the present amendment. By the Article of Union in 1813 Royal Arch Masonry was considered to be an essential portion of pure and ancient Masonry. Ever since then 12 months had to elapse between a brother's taking the Third Degree and his being exalted in the Royal Arch. What had occurred lately to justify an alteration of the regulation which had lasted 80 years, and could not be proved to be detrimental to the Order? The principle of the old regulation lay in a considerable amount of delay occurring between the Craft and the Royal Arch Degree. For instance, one rule was that three years must elapse between the founding of a lodge and the granting that lodge a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter, the reason being that unless a lodge had existed three years it could not have three installed Masters to take the Three Principals' chairs in the chapter. It had been stated that the principle underlying the present proposed alteration was that the Royal Arch might the better compete with the Mark and other Degrees. He thought that they should compete with the Mark Degree on altogether different grounds; for instance, in the disposal of Grand Chapter funds. He could not help suspecting that the present was the first step towards the abolition of the Royal Arch Degree altogether—(no, no); he would use the word absorption in the Craft. He thought three months instead of the proposed one month would be better.

Comp. J. S. CUMBERLAND opposed the amendment. He thought it was a very good reason for altering the time as proposed. He presumed that any chapter would have the power so to frame its by-laws that they could not be compelled to take in a brother at the end of a month, but might delay him for three or four months as they might think proper. The proposed alteration would enable brethren going to the Colonies to take the Arch Degree before going. There would be another advantage; a brother would like to take his R.A. Degree in the chapter attached to his mother lodge.

Comp. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., doubted whether it would be in the power of any chapter to make a by-law to the effect mentioned by Comp. Cumberland.

Comp. CUMBERLAND sincerely hoped the amendment would be negated, otherwise a stumbling block would be placed in the way of a Master Mason taking the R.A. Degree. Surely if a brother was good enough to be made a Master Mason he was good enough to have the Royal Arch. When he was there give him the final conclusion of the matter. If he was not fit to be a Royal Arch Mason in a month he would not be in twelve months, or at all.

Comp. MCINTYRE NORTH, P.Z. 1275, seconded the amendment, he said, for several reasons. The resolution passed at the last convocation was utterly opposed to the regulations laid down for their guidance by the sainted Duke of Sussex and other authorities. At the convocation of May last the highest authority, after parading the King of Prussia for Grand Chapter's edification, laid down *ex cathedra* that it was the thin end of the wedge they had to dread; he insinuated that even to look at the regulations and ritual would overwhelm the whole fabric, and all interference was sternly prohibited. At the next convocation the minutes were confirmed. Two chapters were reprimanded for exalting candidates before the expiration of the twelve months, and in that day's agenda paper they found that the Committee had not only ordered two chapters to be reprimanded for the same offence, but one was fined a guinea in addition. If the companions confirmed the minutes, were they to confirm the action of the Committee or no? Would not these two chapters be justified in moving for a commission *de lunatico inquirendo*? But the sanity or insanity of the Committee was of small moment compared with the effect the resolution of the last convocation might or might not have on the power of Freemasonry. A most powerful speech was made on that occasion by that excellent companion who thought that "he who fights and runs away, shall live to fight another day." In it a nameless one said, "Well, about a month after I was made a Master Mason, I took the Mark Degree, and then the Allied Degrees, and other Degrees, and I have been at some considerable expense in Masonry, and now at the twelve months I do not feel I can afford to go further into the Order." Was that reckless style of extravagance to be encouraged or curbed? Was it the true spirit of Masonry that they should enter into competition with those very respectable but illegitimate so-called Degrees? The success of the Freemasonry of to-day was without a parallel, but its future would greatly depend on the wisdom of those who held the helm in this flood time of prosperity. The question was this, who were fit and proper persons to be made Royal Arch Masons? Were they to encourage, by the resolution passed at the last convocation, that spirit in the brethren which was as long lived as Jonah's gourd, or the crackling thorns under the pot, or a spirit like unto that which animated our ancient brethren, slow in growth, but steady and firm in principle, a spirit which would enable their Order to stand for ages like unto a stately oak, a shelter for those who fainted under the heat and burden of the day? If intoxicated with success, they strove to extend their influence by illegitimate means and by encouraging unworthy motives, then the writing would soon appear on the wall; but if they continued on the lines laid down by the wisdom of their ancient brethren, the future prosperity of the Order would be assured for years to come. He contended that the resolution passed at the last convocation was a retrograde movement, which would tend to the discredit of Royal Arch Masonry, and that if any alteration at all was made, it should be done after consideration by a regularly appointed Committee, and not by a hasty discussion in convocation.

Comp. BEACH said that on a point of order, Comp. Le Feuvre could not now move that it be three months instead of of one month, but if his amendment was carried for non-confirming the minutes, he could then move the other part. As to the point about what was to be done with those chapters which had been admonished and fined, they were subject to the regulations as they stood at the time the penalty was inflicted. With regard to the period of 12 months, he thought it was rather long, but still, he considered that Grand Chapter had gone to the other extreme, and he would have recommended the substitution of three months. That period gave a candidate time to reflect on the Degrees through which he had already passed.

On a division the minutes were confirmed by 83 votes against 65.

The following part of the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes was then agreed to:

1st. From Comps. Charles Henry Reid Todd, as Z.; William Fountain Woods, as H.; Charles Henry Cumberland, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Imperial Lodge, No. 1694, London, to be called the Imperial Chapter, and to meet at Clout's Restaurant, Victoria-street, London.

2nd. From Comps. Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., as Z.; Lennox Browne, as H.; Henry Walter Kiallmark, as J.; and sixteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410, London, to be called the Æsculapius Chapter, and to meet at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London.

3rd. From Comps. Samuel Gerard Kirchhoffer, M.A., 1st Grand Standard Bearer, as Z.; Major Oswald James Henry Ball, as H.; Lieut.-

Col. Stephen James Melville Jopp, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, to be called the Wellesley Chapter, and to meet at the Wellington Hotel, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter Stone of Friendship Ezel, No. 287, Stockport, Cheshire, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received memorials with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

"The Elias Ashmole Chapter," No. 148, Warrington, from the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, to rooms in St. Austin's Chambers, Bold-street, in the same town.

"The Prince Frederick William Chapter," No. 753, London, from Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, to the Frascati Restaurant, No. 32, Oxford-street, London.

"The Bedford Chapter," No. 282, Tavistock, from the Private Room, Abbey, to the Freemasons' Hall, No. 84, West-street, in the same town.

"The Alexander Chapter," No. 1651, Newark-on-Trent, from the Saving's Bank, to the Masonic Hall, in the same town.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have likewise received the following applications, viz.: from the Shakespeare Chapter, No. 284, Warwick, and from the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry.

1. A memorial praying that the Shakespeare Chapter, No. 284, may be detached from Lodge, No. 284, Warwick, and attached to the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham, both lodges having given their consent, and that the chapter may be called the Temperance Chapter, and meet at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

2. A memorial praying that the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry, may be detached from the Lodge No. 254, and attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1630, Coventry, Warwickshire, and that it be called the St. Michael's Chapter—both lodges have given their consent.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of these memorials be granted subject to the receipt of the consent of the Grand Superintendent in the case of the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry.

The following chapters having exalted candidates before the expiration of twelve months from the dates of raising, viz.:

The Fletcher Chapter, No. 1031, Birmingham.  
The Chapter Harmony, No. 220, Garston.

in violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered that the chapters be censured and the candidates re-obligated, and that the Chapter Harmony, No. 220, Garston, be fined £1 1s. also.

On Comp. ROBERT GREY proposing "That Grand Lodge having increased the salaries of the clerks in the office of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter pay its proportion of the same, viz., one-fourth,"

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE objected. The receipts of Grand Chapter in two years had been £3200, and the cost of the office £2100, or two-thirds. Grand Chapter did not make the best use of its money. Last year it invested nothing, but it paid £150 to the Benevolent Institution. Another special grant was 100 guineas to the same Institution on its Jubilee; another was 100 guineas to the Shadwell Clerke Fund; the handsome sum of 10 guineas to the Boys' School, and the same handsome sum to the Girls'. The expenses of the office were largely out of proportion to the amount that should be paid for the management of the Royal Arch Degree. The present was not the time for increasing these office expenses.

Comp. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., rose to second Comp. Le Feuvre.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK said the only question was whether Grand Chapter should pay its proportion. Whatever resolution was come to, it would not affect the office salaries.

Comp. RICHARD EVE said that was a cunningly-devised statement of the Grand Registrar. The expenses of Grand Chapter were perfectly astounding, and that should be driven home to the minds of those present, and of every one throughout the country. With an income of £1600 a year they found £1000 for office expenses. They paid enough, and too much. He would suggest the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the office expenses. He would not have the Committee of General Purposes, but a Special Committee to enquire, and report to next convocation.

Comp. THOMAS FENN ventured to doubt the necessity of the Committee of General Purposes bringing this subject before Grand Chapter. Many years ago Grand Chapter agreed to pay a proportion—it used to be a fifth, it was afterwards a fourth, as the chapters were a fourth in number of the lodges. When the Special Committee of Grand Lodge sat which enquired into the office expenses, he thought it as well to have a member of the Royal Arch Committee on it, so that everything might be properly enquired into. That member did not object. Grand Chapter having once agreed to pay a fourth of office expenses, that would apply to the increase as well as the original sum.

Comp. EVE said Grand Chapter had never been asked about the increase. This showed the loose way everything was done. Grand Registrar tried to shut everyone up, but he (Comp. Eve) was not to be so easily shut up. He repeated that the salaries were enormous.

Comp. PHILBRICK denied the imputation as to shutting up. The idea of shutting up discussion where Comp. Eve was concerned was absurd. The Committee sat many days—months, and investigated the whole matter, and in Grand Lodge their recommendation was carried, notwithstanding the opposition of Comp. Eve. The increases amounted to only £150 a year, and Grand Chapter was recommended to pay a fourth of this sum.

After a few remarks from Comp. R. GREY, in which he said the Committee had looked at the matter as business men, the recommendation was carried by 74 against 29 votes.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Frascati's, 30, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. F. S. Jarvis, W.M.; W. Truman, S.W.; L. Hewson, J.W.; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; C. Bonham, S.D.; E. J. Gittins, J.D.; L. Conradi, I.G.; E. G. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Klein, P.M.; F. Hewson, L. Engel, J. Swift, J. Jacobs, and A. Terry.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Klein being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Jacobs answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Jacobs being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. Jacobs and Myers, previously proposed, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Truman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. G. Copley, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; R. H. Catling, J.W.; G. F. Higginson, Preceptor; G. Cockrell, Treas.; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Wedmore, S.D.; R. N. Larter, J.D.; J. Campbell, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M.; C. B. F. Mount, L. P. L. Cordes, T. Kington, H. R. Elkin, W. Wood, T. Rayner, and G. Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, with Bro. Kirkham acting as the candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barber was elected to take the chair at the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Davis, W.M.; Terry, S.W.; Kraus, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Hill, S.D. and Treas.; Wilby, Sec.; Mason, J.D.; Tidy, I.G.; Fowles, P.M.; Osborne, P.M.; Thomson, P.M.; Thom, P.M.; Boehm, Sturges, Sandland, and Truman.

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 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hill. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sturges being the candidate. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor, and afterwards the 4th Section. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Davis was elected a joining member, and briefly returned thanks. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Terry was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Davis for the manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The W.M. having risen the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Earl Russell, 2, Pancras-road, N.W., when there were present Bros. Cole, W.M.; Barnes, S.W.; Swift, J.W.; Edwin Styles, P.M., Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Maurice, J.D.; G. Smith, I.G.; Mulvey, P.M.; Griffiths, and Rutherford.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Smith, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Rutherford answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rutherford acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the W.M. resumed the lodge to the First Degree, Bro. Griffiths gave the three charges in the installation ceremony. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and it was proposed and seconded that the S.W., Bro. Barnes, be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hyde, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; H. Bone, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; T. Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; H. Scharien, J.D.; D. Cronin, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; W. G. Coat, P.M.; Edward Fox; R. Josey, P.M.; W. Hinds, F. Blackmore, H. Blackman, W. Beattie, W. C. Dickey, W.M. 2012, and John Davies, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fox acting as candidate. Bro. Jobson having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was duly examined and entrusted. Bro. Hyde vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Dickey. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed in the same. It was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**FINSBURY LODGE (No. 861).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, E.C., when there were present Bros. M. A. Krellwitz, W.M.; E. G. Cherry, S.W.; E. Sims, J.W.; W. B. Pratt, S.D.; H. Salter, J.D.; A. Bayfield, I.G.; J. Knight, H. Whitney, and H. Groome.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Whitney worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Knight being candidate. Bro. Whitney worked the 5th, 6th, and 7th Sections of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was elected to occupy the chair

at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Windealt, W.M. 1793, W.M.; G. Weaver, S.W.; H. Campbell, J.W.; J. W. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Dep. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Major E. Reed, S.D.; T. M. Lamble, J.D.; S. Manne, I.G.; J. J. Hough, Stwd.; D. Gellion, 1425; A. W. H. Jones, M. Rosenberg, S. N. Isaacs, A. Clark, and H. Ward. Visitors: Bros. W. Hancock, I.P.M. 2191, Preceptor 1471; T. C. Climpson, 1828; and A. Goddard, 1763.

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. Bro. Goddard was examined. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jones being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, at the request of the W.M., Bro. Rosenberg assumed the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard being the candidate. The following were elected members: Bros. Hancock, Climpson, and Goddard, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Windealt for the able manner he had rehearsed the ceremony of raising for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. Bro. Weaver was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. D. M. Forbes, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; E. Faux, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G. D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; J. T. Frost, S.D.; E. J. Harrison, J.D.; W. Rapley, I.G.; C. T. Barlow, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; J. W. Clarke, W.M.; H. Dove, J. Birks, C. Isler, S. Napper, P.M.; R. Chenery, R. P. Upton, J. H. Whadcoat, G. T. Peall, C. Smith, M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. H. Frye, P.M.; C. G. Zander, A. H. Robertson, V. J. R. Longman, and W. G. McCombie.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Birks answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Peall being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. Loomes and Whadcoat each rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bros. Frye and Zander were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. J. Osmond, W.M.; S. Ellis, S.W.; Boardman, J.W.; J. O'Dea, S.D.; F. Williams, J.D.; Benedict, I.G.; W. Roote, Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; Barnard, J. Youlden, J. Hattersley, Hearn, Frey, Gale, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Barnard, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Barnard acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed by Bro. Osmond. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Hearn was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Hearn returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M. 834, W.M.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, S.W.; H. G. Danby, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Dennis, W.M. 2108, S.D.; W. B. Neville, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; J. J. Rumbal, Hugh Taylor, Lewis Beale, P. J. Davies, P.M.; C. Woods, W. H. Dresden, P.M.; and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hillier was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Taylor was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. J. W. Blott, W.M. 742, W.M.; C. G. Hatt, W.M. 865, S.W.; W. Higgins, W.M. 1891, J.W.; Jesse Collins, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Bates, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; Philip Howard, I.G.; T. C. Dyer, A. C. Brown, F. Buxton, P.M.; S. Sidders, A. Williams, W.M. 834; T. E. P. Bell, T. W. Lightfoot, F. W. Whitcher, D. F. Norrington, P. J. Davies, P.M., and T. Jobson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bell acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lightfoot, having undergone the usual examination, was entrusted. The lodge opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hatt was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Whitcher was elected a joining member. It was resolved that this lodge of instruction be removed to the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, after Monday, the 20th inst., and that its meetings be held on Fridays, instead of Mondays. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; Reid, S.W.; Hyde, J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.;

Hillier, S.D.; Hutton, jun., J.D.; Kington, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M.; Hutton, sen., Larter, Dennis, and Kirkham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., the 2nd Section by the Preceptor. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed to the Second Degree. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and, after the usual rising, Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., on the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. R. Manuel, I.P.Z. 1196, M.E.Z.; J. R. Roberts, H. 1196, H.; F. R. Farrow, J. 1196, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. Hillier, S34, S.N.; A. J. Turner, P.S. 1196, P.S.; Major E. Reed, 1st A.S. 2021, 1st A.S.; J. C. Tilt, J. 862; G. Gregory, S.N. 862; J. Pickett, M.D., 419; W. J. Stratton, H. 753; J. Crutenden, 779; G. N. Watts, P.Z. 1196; J. Bailey, I.P.Z. 1602; and W. J. Ferguson, P.Z. 1056.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Reed being the candidate. Comp. Manuel, of the Urban Chapter, No. 1196, expressed thanks for the kindness extended to them by the companions of the Hornsey Chapter. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, the chapter closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were present: Comps. Bannister, M.E.Z.; Schadler, H.; Stokoe, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Cureton, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; North, H. Martin, Chabôt, Barr, Wal. Davies, Lewis, Lazenby, Towers, and Bruty.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barr personating the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. Comp. Schadler, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

**DEDICATION OF A LODGE ROOM AT BIDEFORD.**

A lodge room in Bridgeland-street, Bideford, recently acquired by Lodge of Benevolence, No. 489, was dedicated on Thursday, the 18th ult., in the presence of local and district brethren. Formerly the lodge was held in the Music Hall, but some time ago premises hitherto used as the School of Art became vacant, and it was decided to secure the building as a Masonic Hall for Bideford. Three rooms on the first floor have been converted into a lodge room, and a fourth furnished as cloak room. A handsome old oak staircase leads to the ante-room. At the back provision has been made for the caretaker, and underneath are apartments available as offices. The alterations have been conducted by Mr. M. Wilson, architect, and executed by Mr. W. L. Fulford, Mr. Pickard having charge of the painting and decoration.

At three o'clock the dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, Prov. G. Master, amongst nearly 100 brethren present being Bros. G. C. Davie, Prov. G. Sec. and A.G.D.C.; W. Gregory, Prov. G. Treas.; Sir William Williams, P.S.G.W.; J. Brewer, 251, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. T. Russell, 251; C. Burt, 538; H. H. Morse, P.G. Chap. Eng., W.M. elect; G. Malom Wilson; G. Pollard, P.M.; H. P. Tardrew, P.M.; J. Brook, P.M.; W. C. Coles, P.M.; H. Ascott, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. M. Burrow, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. G. Duncan, P.M.; G. H. Andrew, E. Trapnell, Carver, R. W. J. Smart, G. Leigh, W. H. Puddicombe, R. Harper, 251, P.A.G. Sec.; N. H. Matthews, 1885; Rev. T. W. Lemon, 189, P.P.J.G.W.; Prov. G. Chap.; G. M. Wilson, W.M. (pro tem.); J. Henderson, R. Grant, W. Squibb, J. H. Cock, J. W. Field, F. G. Cock, J. Groves Cooper, W. Ascott, W. R. Williams, P.S.G.W. 251; W. A. Roberts, P.M. 251; H. Grant, 1885; C. L. Atherton, 328; S. L. Taplee, P.M. 1885, P.P. A.G.D.C.; C. H. Chichester, 251; and others.

A procession, formed in the ante-room, perambulated the lodge room, after which the lodge was opened and the Prov. Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of England saluted.

After the minutes had been read, the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN read the first portion of the dedication prayer, and corn, wine, and oil, emblems of plenty, joy, and happiness, and peace and unanimity, respectively, were sprinkled.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN read the second portion of the dedication prayer, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER declared the building duly dedicated. This was followed by the salutation of the P.G.M.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chap. England, P.P.S.G.W. Devon, was then duly installed by Bro. G. C. Davie, Prov. G.S., A.G.D.C. England.

The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Ackland, I.P.M.; E. Rouse, S.W.; E. Trapnell, J.W.; Rev. R. W. J. Smart, Chap.; H. Ascott, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; H. M. Burrow, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; G. H. Andrew, S.D.; F. Trapnell, J.D.; J. C. Clark, P.M., D.C.; I. Brook, P.M., Org.; G. Pollard, P.M., and G. Leigh, Stwds.; W. H. Puddicombe, I.G.; and R. Grant, Tyler.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1894.

**Masonic Notes.**

We consider, for the reasons we stated last week, that Grand Chapter has acted wisely in confirming the minutes of its November Convocation, and with them, of course, the resolution then passed for reducing the period of probation through which a Master Mason must pass before being exalted to the Royal Arch Degree from 12 calendar months to four weeks. The new law, as we have been at the trouble of pointing out, is permissive, not compulsory, and, as the majority of our chapters meet only three or four times in the year, there is very little likelihood of its being applied except in cases of emergency. Indeed, it appears to us to be almost certain that the interval between raising and exaltation under the law as now amended will be, practically, at least three months, as Comp. Le Feuvre proposed. Under these circumstances, we fail to see how any valid objection could be taken to the proposed alteration.

We are also satisfied that Grand Chapter has acted wisely in adopting the recommendation of its Committee of General Purposes to the effect that Grand

Chapter shall contribute its proportion of one-fourth towards defraying the salaries of the Grand Secretary's staff under the new scale adopted by Grand Lodge. Here again the opposition to the proposal was led by Comp. Le Feuvre, who found an eloquent, if not an altogether convincing supporter, in Comp. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer. Grand Chapter, however, had little difficulty in setting aside the objections taken by these companions, and the proposal of the Committee was carried by a substantial majority.

This is as it should be. When the Committee of the Board of General Purposes brought forward their revised scale of salaries for the Grand Secretary's staff in Grand Lodge, Bro. Eve opposed it on the ground that it was unbusinesslike to pay away in salaries so large a proportion of one's annual income. We considered—and still consider—this reason was not in point, firstly because Grand Lodge is not a commercial undertaking, and secondly because, having a large income, it is its duty to pay its officers on a fair scale, especially when it is patent to everyone who knows anything of the working of the Grand Lodge office, that those officers discharge their duties efficiently. Why should Grand Lodge buy its labour in the cheapest market, when it can afford to pay for it what is a fair, but not exorbitant, price? No, Bro. Eve, "sweating" may be all very well in the case of tenth-rate commercial houses, but it will not do in Masonry.

One other matter in connection with this question of salaries may be mentioned. We have a dim recollection of having on some former occasion suggested that the brethren who, form the Grand Secretary's staff, should be liberally remunerated. If so, we may congratulate ourselves that the hints we threw out have been acted upon, and that an improved scale of salaries has been awarded to the experienced and meritorious brethren who form the staff of our Grand Secretary.

We learn from the columns of the *New Zealand Herald* that at the time of writing, the retirement of Bro. George S. Graham from the office of District Grand Master of Auckland (North Island) was expected to take place at the close of last year, the reason for his adoption of this step being the bad state of his health. Bro. Graham was installed in office by Bro. John Lazar, the then D.G.M. of Westland (South Island) on the 30th November, 1877, and his retirement, especially at a time when Freemasonry is in such a disorganised state in the Colony, is very generally regretted.

Bro. G. S. Graham is described as having been firm in maintaining the rights of our Grand Lodge during the crisis brought about a few years since by the irregular establishment of a New Zealand Grand Lodge, but at the same time he was not averse from taking a conciliatory course, if, by his so doing, a restoration of the old harmony among the Masons in the Colony were at all possible. But we fear that until a better state of feeling becomes apparent among the various sections of the Masonic community, there will be but small chance of so desirable an event happening.

We warmly congratulate the *Indian Masonic Review* on the position it has won for itself among Masonic periodicals. On the 1st of January of the current year it entered upon the third volume of its present series, while previously it had been in circulation in a smaller and less ambitious form for three years, having made its first appearance in 1889. Its contents, whether they relate to the policy that should be pursued by Grand and District Grand Lodges and Chapters, or take the form of lodge records present or past, are always welcome reading, and we trust the measure of support it has hitherto received from the brethren in India will be very substantially increased during the present and succeeding years.

At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, E.C., held in the Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on December 6th, Bro. Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., District Grand Master, presiding, the following resolution, moved by the District President of the Board of General Purposes, and seconded by the District Grand Secretary, was carried: "That this District Grand Lodge, having heard that it is in contemplation to make an alteration in Article 219, *Book of Constitutions* (Ed. 1884), desires to express its perfect satisfaction with the rule as it now stands, and its hope that no change will be made in the rule."

**Correspondence.**

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I be permitted to ask through the medium of your valuable paper for information respecting the management of Masonic libraries? I shall be very grateful to the Secretary of any lodge where a library exists for a copy of any rules or regulations which may be in force, and to any brother for information on the subject.—Yours fraternally,

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**Reviews.**

"LESSONS TAUGHT IN FREEMASONRY AND OTHER MASONIC ADDRESSES."—This readable work is by Bro. Alexander Morgan, who is the Past First Grand Principal (or Past G.H.P.) of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and contains numerous addresses delivered by our eloquent brother in lodges, chapters, and the Grand Chapter. They are not after the usual order of such lectures, but are quite original in design and character, making most pleasant reading, and instructive withal. Bro. Morgan is at times historical, then didactic, at other times descriptive, but always interesting, and, what is more, has a firm grasp of the subjects he refers to at more or less length, and determined to do his part to discharge the duties incident to the honourable positions he had been called to fill. Such a brother, in the prime of life, of ripe experience and reflecting disposition, with a sincere love for the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and a warm attachment to his own Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in particular, has done well, not only in delivering these excellent addresses—many would call them orations—but also in having them printed and circulated. What the terms are for sale does not appear, but the publishers are Burk and McPetridge Co., of 306-S, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A., and the volume is copyrighted by the author, a capital portrait of whom is the appropriate frontispiece to the work.

THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO THE BIBLE.—This remarkable volume, rigidly condensed, and yet running to six to seven hundred pages and more, according to the size of the type, is a marvel of compactness and varied information, covering an enormous range, and dealing with the subject in all its aspects, such as: 1. The Structure of the Bible; 2. Its Limits and Growth; 3. Preservation and Translation; 4. Introductions to the Several Books and full Summaries; 5. Bible History; 6. The Chronology of the Bible; 7. Antiquities; 8. Natural History; 9. Glossary of Bible Words; 10. Index of Proper Names; 11. Index of Subjects; 12. Concordance; 13. Nine Maps, coloured and ably arranged and drawn by Stamford, and, 14. List of Biblical Names of Places, &c. To make a selection from these great divisions and treat of any in particular is not easy, when all are so thoroughly done, brought down to date, and admirably written by several of the most foremost scholars of the day. We may, however, refer especially to the conspicuous merits of Part III., devoted to the "Preservation and Translation of the Bible." The information as to the old manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments, in whole or part, thus clearly exhibiting the materials available for criticism, is simply invaluable and is not obtainable elsewhere in such a condensed, handy, and reliable form. The two divisions of this part are by the Rev. Dr. Sinker, and the Rev. J. O. F. Murray, M.A., followed by an important article on "Ancient Translations," by the former, and closing with what may fairly be termed the gem of the series on "English Translations and History of the English Bible," by the Rev. W. F. Moulton, D.D. So much is given in this grand work, that not a few books in one's library may be discarded with this on the shelves. Brethren who are interested in the early history of the Jews in relation to Masonic Antiquities and Traditions will be glad of the attention paid to such points by Dr. Lambly and the Rev. F. Watson, D.D. In fact, every point has been ably treated, the result being a volume of great value and importance.

**NORTH LONDON MASONIC BALL.**

The ninth annual Masonic ball, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 25th ult., was brilliantly attended, and was a complete success. At the supper, Mr. Herbert Sprake occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Hon. W. F. B. Massey-Mainwaring, Lady Temple, Miss Mainwaring, and others.

The company also included Bros. Fred. Forge, J. Larcott (Hon. Sec.), Fred. Humphreys, A. Cooke, Davis, A. Holder, W. Lee, J. Dixon, C. Townley, Hunter, C. Dearing, Hunter, Von Joel, L. Perry, H. Cosens, Cattermole, Herbert Campbell, H. Randall, H. Sanders, G. R. Dix, A. Oliver, G. Cook, W. B. Watts, and many others.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the President (Bro. SPRAKE), and responded to by the Hon. MASSEY-MAINWARING, who congratulated the Masons of North London upon the fact that the whole of the proceeds of the ball would be devoted to these excellent Charities.

Other toasts followed. The list of dances was a long one, and the company did not separate until an early hour of the morning.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Prosperity Lodge (No. 65).**—This old-established lodge—which musters considerably over 100 members—met on the 25th ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Bro. E. C. Talbot, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. J. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Thomas, S.D.; W. J. Greig, I.G.; C. Martin, A.D.C.; G. Kinipple, Stwd.; C. J. Rich, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; C. Daniel, P.M.; W. Chicken, P.M.; Stone, P.M.; F. J. Ruse, P.M.; H. J. Harris, P.M.; B. Crosbie, P. Jackman, R. W. Tough, A. H. Sarjeant, J. C. Higgs, Graham, W. Evans, G. W. Shephard, J. Chambers, S. J. Wormsley, W. E. Knight, R. Martin, R. Harris, H. W. Miles, G. Chivers, T. Chivers, C. E. Jackson, F. Perks, T. White, Rix, Col. Meurice, Montagu, C. Newman, W. J. Harris, Henson, C. Hargrave, G. Brown, C. J. Baker, J. Biss, F. Green, J. Dobbs, E. T. Willoughby, H. T. Napier, W. T. Cocks, G. Greig, C. Fuller, G. P. W. Terry, W. Downes, E. Gray, jun., G. W. Davidson, J. Huckell, W. Humphreys, M. J. Harris, A. G. Grantham, W. Savage, C. Chivers, G. Smithers, and W. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. Douglas-Smith, I.P.M. 27; Lazarus, P.M. 879; W. L. Robinson, 2331; Jno. Stait, W.M. 1743; A. E. Todd, W.M. 27; J. F. Franklin, 1602; G. W. Ellis, 182; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read Bro. G. P. W. Terry was raised, and the following were passed: Bros. G. A. Davidson, B. Crosbie, and R. N. Tough. Messrs. G. Smithers, W. T. Cocks, G. Greig, H. T. Napier, and E. T. Willoughby were afterwards initiated. Bro. Talbot, W.M., did the working of the Three Degrees in excellent form, for which he is to be commended, and the lodge is fortunate in having such an efficient ruler. A substantial sum was unanimously voted for a testimonial to Bro. G. T. Brown, P.M., who, it was stated, had been the Secretary for 20 years, as a slight return for his very able services.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

At its conclusion, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that he was their king for the time being. He did his work so well that it was impossible for anyone to be found to do it better, and the brethren were proud of him.

Bro. Talbot, W.M., on rising to respond, had an enthusiastic reception. In brief but eloquent terms he thanked them for their hearty greeting, and observed that the more work he had the better he would be pleased.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates," remarking that that was the toast of the evening. He was honoured by having five that night, and he hoped they would become valued members of the Craft.

Bro. G. Smithers, in reply, said that he had longed for years to be a Mason, and he was pleased with what he had gone through that night, which he should never forget.

Bro. W. T. Cocks also responded. A great honour had been conferred upon him by electing him as one of them, and he wished every prosperity to the lodge.

Bros. G. Greig, H. T. Napier, and E. T. Willoughby also replied, the latter in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors" in cordial terms, coupled with the names of Bros. John Stait, W.M., A. E. Todd, W.M., and R. T. West.

In responding, Bro. J. Stait said that his mother lodge emanated from the Prosperity Lodge, and some of the finest workers of the ritual had come from the latter, and their able W.M. was very much in evidence that night.

Bro. A. E. Todd also replied. It was his first visit, but he was not a stranger as he had attended their lodge of instruction and had gained some of his Masonic knowledge from their W.M., who was an excellent Preceptor. Might he mention the candidature of Bro. W. M. Stiles for the office of Grand Treasurer. He hoped the brethren would go solid for him at the election in March.

Bro. R. T. West also responded.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and he coupled the names of Bros. C. Daniel—the oldest member of the lodge—and Schadler and G. T. Brown.

Bro. C. Daniel, P.M., in reply, said that the Past Masters were ever willing and anxious to render any service to the lodge, but the W.M. did not require any assistance.

Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., also responded, remarking that it was 21 years ago that night that he was initiated, and he had only been absent on four occasions. He was somewhat bashful, and his first office he took reluctantly, but he had never regretted it. He had been the Treasurer for the past seven years, and he hoped he was discharging his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec., also replied. He appreciated the testimonial voted to him that evening. His heart and soul was in the lodge, and his work in Masonry was his recreation. The lodge for what it had done for the Charities was second to none in the Metropolis. He hoped to do his work in the future as in the past.

Bro. Schadler, P.M., also responded. It was 21 years that he returned thanks in that lodge as an initiate, and he was proud now to respond as a Past Master.

"The Officers" were duly honoured, and suitably responded to by Bros. W. C. Thomas, S.D.; W. J. Greig, I.G.; and C. Martin, Asst. Dir. of Cers.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close the happy gathering, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Bros. Huckell, Baker, Harris, Kinipple, Sarjeant, Montagu, and Robert Douglas-Smith vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren, the last three named deserving special mention for their efforts.

**Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Bros. Fred Hughes, W.M.; James Smith, S.W.; Thos. W. Fisher, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; Robert Sarson, S.D.; A. J. Holmes, J.D.; George F. Goodes, P.M., D.C.; C. Couchman, Tyler; John George Marsh, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; Isaac M. Mower, I.P.M.; R. J. Dart, Reginald A. Martyn, Frederick D. London, William Baker, Charles Garton, P. L. Simmonds, John W. Clarke, Henry E. Eggleton, Rev. Thomas Selby Henrey, Frank Reginald Kenning, John Granville Robeson, Thomas Stokes, and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Robert I. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; T. G. Mickleby, P.G.W. Herts.; C. S. Houlder, C.C., 2020; George Rawlinson, W.M. elect 1657; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John W. Clarke was raised to the Third Degree. Bros. Henry E. Eggleton and Israel were passed to the Second Degree. Rev. Thomas Selby Henrey, Messrs. Frank Reginald Kenning, John Granville Robeson, and Thomas Stokes were initiated. The S.W., Bro. James Smith, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Thomas Cohu, P.M., Treasurer; and Bros. Garton, Baker, and Clarke were appointed Auditors. Bro. Goodes presented a lodge album, Bro. Garton a knee-ling chair, and Bro. William Baker an embroidered cover for the Treasurer and Secretary's table. One gentleman was proposed for initiation.

A very elaborate book of words and programme was provided by the W.M. It contained portraits of the various officers, printed from tone blocks, with gold borders, and head-pieces, printed on antique paper, at the office of the *Freemason*, Great Queen-street.

**St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 231).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 1st inst. There was a large attendance of members including Bros. Spencer W. Morris, W.M.; J. W. Sherwell, S.W.; F. C. Mumford, J.W.; W. J. Nutting, P.M.; F. G. Ivey, P.M.; A. C. Lewis, P.M.; R. A. Keite, P.M.; G. Bishop, P.M.; P. H. Waterlow, G.D.; N. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Hoblyn, P.M., Sec.; A. Moss, S.D.; W. Forster, J.D.; Percy Machin, Org.; and Fletcher Beck, P.M., D.C. Visitors: Bros. General J. W. Lawrie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.V.; Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. W. Gazier, 34; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; F. S. Hoblyn, 1; C. Butler, 2 98; A. Sturt, 1328; J. V. Burton, 1; E. Ansted, 6; Claude Robson, 2459; A. McDowall, 1952; L. Hamilton, 2456; Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, 1, P.G. Stwd.; E. King, P.M. 1137; H. C. Morris, I.P.M. 1827; C. E. Turner, P.M. 1319; G. A. Corderoy, P.M. 19; A. Churchward, P.M. 59; J. W. Moss, 2324; B. Wynne, P.M. 1853; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; J. D. McDugall, P.M.; C. G. Smithers, P.M. 901; Wyndham Hart, P.M.; W. J. Gibbon, 2201; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the formal opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Spencer W. Morris conducted an arduous and very satisfactory year of office by installing his successor, Bro. John W. Sherwell, in an impressive and dignified manner, worthy of all praise. The following officers were invested: Bros. Spencer W. Morris, I.P.M.; E. C. Mumford, S.W.; Arnold Moss, J.W.; N. N. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M., Sec.; W. Forster, S.D.; J. H. Veitch, J.D.; Harry Machin, I.G.; Fletcher Beck, P.M., D.C.; Percy Machin, Org.; and Stanley Machin, Stwd. The I.P.M., Bro. Spencer Morris, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel by the W.M., and the gift was suitably acknowledged. The Treasurer was authorised to invest a further £100 of the balance in hand, and a sum of £20 was voted to the widow of a deceased member.

Lodge was closed and a banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., in reply, said he knew the W.M. very well in another place and esteemed him highly, and expected that if he were a member of that lodge he should learn, if possible, to esteem him more highly during his year of office. The W.M. had started exceedingly well, and speaking as an installing Master who would soon perform the ceremony for the 120th time, he could say he had never heard it better done. From the vigour and activity displayed by Bro. Sherwell elsewhere there was no doubt he would be worthy of the good start he had made.

Bro. Spencer W. Morris, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said those who knew their W.M. were aware he intended to leave no stone unturned to follow worthily in the steps of those who had preceded him in the chair. For the first time for many years past they had no prospect of having any work at the next meeting, and he (the I.P.M.) took that opportunity of mentioning that fact in case any member knew of an eligible candidate to bring forward. If an opportunity was afforded him, the W.M. would show what he could do, and prove himself an ornament and credit to the lodge. As the I.P.M., it would be his duty and pleasure to assist the W.M. in every way, and he united with all present in wishing him a happy and most successful year of office.

Bro. J. W. Sherwell, W.M., said he imagined it was always an embarrassing thing for a W.M. to reply to the toast of his own health. It was a difficulty with him, and for one reason. On a recent occasion they were so good as to propose his health, and his difficulty now was not to express his thanks, but to find different words in which to elicit his feelings. His feelings were unchanged, and were all gratitude to them for their past friendship and for the kindly consideration shown him that night and which he knew they would show him on future occasions. He would make his shortcomings as few as possible, and in saying he thanked them, assured them that he felt it.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Installing Master," and remarked that the last year had been an arduous one for the Master, who had acquitted himself not to their satisfaction but to their admiration. Looking at what Bro. Spencer Morris had done that day he almost felt tempted to say in the presence of General Lawrie that the I.P.M. had had a field day, and had carried all the honours of war. Bro. Hoblyn, P.M., had very aptly said that the I.P.M. was letter perfect. It was also true that Bro. Morris was not only letter perfect, but perfect in the true spirit of Masonry. He happened to know that the I.P.M.

had thrown himself into Masonry with a will, and it was his firm conviction that there were many honours in Masonry in store for him, and among the I.P.M.'s many friends there were none who would be more glad to hear of them than his old friends and brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge.

Bro. Spencer Morris, I.P.M., in response, wished he had the command of language to enable him to thank the W.M. and brethren as he should like, not only for their kind reception that night, but also for the kindly support and encouragement he had received from every member during the past year. It was a proud day for him when they elected him to the chair of that distinguished lodge, and although it was impossible for any one who took a pride and pleasure in his work not to feel some pang of regret at leaving it to become what an irreverent brother described as a distinct volcano, yet he felt prouder at having received such unmistakable proofs of their esteem and regard. He took them as proofs that they recognised that during his year of office he had endeavoured to do his best. Although there was little chance of forgetting his year of office, still the handsome jewel presented to him would always remain a pleasing memento of one of the happiest events of his life.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. referred to the distinguished general on his right who visited them that night for the second time. He knew General Lawrie as a good Mason and a good friend, and begged to assure him that his presence was most pleasing to the brethren. There had been another distinguished Mason present who had been obliged to leave, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, P.G. Stwd., who was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. It was not in mortals to command success, but Bro. Dimsdale would do more—deserve it—and whatever might be the result of the election he felt bound to say the record for Bro. Dimsdale would be a considerable one, and he was glad to hear that St. Andrew's Lodge would vote solid for him. He (the W.M.) must express his personal gratification at finding himself surrounded by many personal friends. They appreciated the presence of visitors, and expressed the hope that they would be encouraged to come again.

Bro. General Lawrie, P.G.M., Nova Scotia, acknowledged the toast, after which the "Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary's," and other toasts were given.

Bro. Fountain Meen was assisted in the musical arrangements, which afforded pleasure and enjoyment to all present, by Miss Kate Cove, Miss Minnie F. Chamberlain, and Bros. F. H. Cozens, and C. E. Finney.

**Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).**—This lodge assembled in good numbers at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. N. P. Lardner, W.M.; Witt, acting S.W.; Bachoffner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., Treas.; Murphy, J.D.; Arton, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Org.; Webb, Stwd.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Grand Stwd., I.P.M.; J. Struznell, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.; G. W. Walden, C.C.; and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Brock, P.M. 299, P.P. S.G.D.; Weinel, P.M. 1828; Walden, 217; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., 393; G. Newell, 561; Yates, 1365; and Knight, 1828.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. G. Mason was impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Charles William Mason, he was duly inducted to Craft mysteries. Apologies for non-attendance having been received from Bros. H. Herbert, J.W.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; T. Simpson, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and many others, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The W.M. gave the toasts in a brief and pertinent manner.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that for the third time he had to congratulate Bro. N. P. Lardner upon his good working. The two ceremonies that had been performed that evening by the W.M. were of an arduous character, but they had been most efficiently carried out. His (the speaker's) position thus far as I.P.M. had been a sinecure, as the W.M. required no prompting.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiate." In the course of his remarks, he said that Bro. Mason had been well and worthily recommended to 1745, and he sincerely trusted that he would never regret having enrolled himself as one of its members.

Bro. Mason, in acknowledging the toast, said that perhaps it would be considered presumptuous on his part to allude to the matter, but he was constrained to say that the Master's work had been excellently performed, and the ceremony had impressed him most highly. He hoped to live many years to do credit to the lodge as a man and Freemason.

Bro. Walls responded for "The Past Masters."

Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, in replying for "The Visitors," said that it was his second visit to the lodge, and he had been alike charmed with his reception, and the working that he had witnessed. He could thoroughly endorse every word that had been said in praise of the W.M.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, in response to "The Treasurer and Secretary," as usual, made a most business-like speech, and caused the hearts of the members to bound with joy and satisfaction when he mentioned the large balance that he had in hand.

Bros. Bachoffner, Murphy, and Webb acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

The lodge is particularly noted for its love of sweet sounds. It did not belie itself on this particular occasion, as Bros. Dr. Lott, Dr. Hinton, and Shapcott were well to the fore instrumentally, and Bros. Arton, E. Schultz, Murphy, and Webb warbled sweetly. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham contributed a witty recitation, which had the effect of "setting the table in a roar."

**Brixton Lodge (No. 1949).**—PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.M., P.P.G.S. OF W. MIDD. —The installation meeting of this prominent South London lodge took place at the Horns Hotel, Kennington, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. J. J. Newland was installed as W.M., and a testimonial was presented to Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., on his retirement from the office of Secretary. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Bott, W.M.; A. Jones, I.P.M.; J. J. Newland, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Hicks, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

Middx., Sec.; C. R. Cutler, I.G.; F. E. Foulger, D.C.; E. F. Gye, Org.; R. Poore, P.M.; A. E. Albert, P.M.; R. Evans, P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; W. Kirkland, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. R. Langley, P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. J. Bradley, 1541; S. W. S. Burridge, P.M. Middx.; H. Hooper, P.M. 1956; E. A. Francis, P.M. 183; A. Blenkarn, W.M. 2351; J. Masters, 1446; M. Adams, P.M. 1687; J. McKenzie, S (S.C.); A. Wells, S.W. 2555; E. H. Mead, 2396; W. F. Kitson, 2395; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457, W.M. 2416, P.P.G.S. of W. Mon.; J. W. Stevens, I.G. 2234; J. Lloyd Williams, 238 (S.C.); E. Newland, J.W. 834; W. Rowe, P.M. 780; J. Arnold, and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. R. Poore, P.M., installed Bro. J. J. Newland as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Hicks, S.W.; S. Dauntton, J.W.; J. Bott, P.M., Treas.; R. Poore, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Cutler, S.D.; R. T. Bowman, J.D.; F. E. Foulger, I.G.; E. F. Gye, Org.; E. Death, D.C.; and W. Hooper and Shaw, Stewards. The W.M. raised Bros. Riley and Wilson to the Third Degree in a manner that evinced a perfect knowledge of the ritual and an ability to render it in an impressive manner. On the proposition of Bro. Evans, P.M., seconded by Bro. Albert, P.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. J. Bott, I.P.M., presented the lodge with gauntlets for the use of the W.M. and Wardens, and was thanked for the kindly gift. The Worshipful Master presented to Bro. Bott, Immediate Past Master, a Past Master's jewel and a collar and jewel voted by the lodge. The W.M. then said he had another pleasing duty to perform in presenting Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., with a small token of their respect and esteem in the form of a ring for himself and a brooch for his wife. The intrinsic value of the gift was small, but he asked Bro. Lovegrove to value it by the hearty and unanimous manner in which it was given by the brethren. Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., said that, as the hour was late, he would defer his thanks until a later period of the evening. Bro. A. Albert, P.M., having signified his intention of representing the lodge as Steward for the Girls' School, the lodge was closed.

After dinner, a lengthy programme of toasts and music was carried out. Bro. J. Bott, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that Bro. Newland and he were initiated within a few months of each other, and had worked side by side in Masonry. It therefore gave him great pleasure to introduce that toast. They had in their W.M., Bro. J. J. Newland, one who had the interest of the lodge at heart, and one who possessed a thorough knowledge of the ritual as evinced by his rendering of the Third Degree that night. He had never heard that ceremony worked so magnificently or so well.

Bro. J. J. Newland, W.M., in response, said he never realised the difficulty of the position to which he had been elected until that moment. He felt very much the same as a person who bathed all the year round, and who stood on the river bank, cold and trembling, before he took his plunge. He had realised that the office of W.M. was one that under some circumstances might be a very difficult one, and it was only the feeling that he had very favourable circumstances around him that made him feel that he might be able to carry out the duties to their satisfaction and his own. He saw a goodly number of Past Masters who had stuck to the lodge through the whole of its infantile difficulties until it had reached its present assured position. He should have the benefit of a very efficient staff of officers whom he had worked with from time to time, and he knew the amount of ability they could bring to bear, and again, he had a strong reserve force of lay members. Amongst the latter were brethren who, if necessary, could take any office from S.W. to Steward, and efficiently carry out the duties. In addition to that, there was a hearty good feeling existing, which ensured his receiving any assistance he required. It might not be his privilege to boast of a brilliant year of office, for that could only be determined by the number and quality of those initiated into the lodge, but he felt that when the time arrived for him to make way for his successor, he should at least have the satisfaction of knowing that one more successful year had been added to the history of the Brixton Lodge. There were one or two other matters to which he wished to refer. The first interested the Past Masters and Wardens. He would ask those entitled to attend Grand Lodge especially to be present at the next Quarterly Communication on the 7th March next, and record their votes in favour of Bro. Stiles for the Grand Treasurership. Bro. Stiles had been a most earnest worker in Freemasonry, and when they considered that this collar of Grand Treasurer was the only one open for election by brethren of the Craft, he would say it was their duty to support one of their own brethren. Bro. Stiles was one of the best Preceptors it was possible to find, and a Mason who had worked very hard and earnestly for the good of the Craft. He (the W.M.) did not ask any brother who had already promised either candidate. There was one other matter, which was to ask the brethren of the lodge who had votes at their disposal to support the case of Doris Eagle for election to the Girls' School. It was a South London case, and a most painful one. He was extremely obliged to the I.P.M. for the very kind and far too flattering remarks made about himself, and to the brethren he would express his gratitude for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," referred to the straightforward and honourable manner in which Bro. Bott had conducted the duties of the chair.

Bro. Bott, P.M., Treas., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred by his election as Treasurer, and assured them of his willingness to exert himself for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. G. R. Langley, P.S.G.D. Middx., acknowledged "The Visitors," expressing his pleasure at witnessing the installation of the W.M., and his thanks for the cordial reception he had received.

Bros. Powell, P.M.; A. Blenkarn, W.M. 2351; Rowe, P.M.; Kitson, and others also returned thanks.

Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., replied for "The Brixton Lodge of Instruction and Benevolent Association," and, as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, said it was not often that that toast was included on an installation night. In years gone by they thanked the Brixton Lodge for permission to work under its warrant, and he then thought the day might come when the Brixton Lodge in its turn would thank them for the services rendered, and that time had arrived.

The officers of the lodge had for years been attendants at the lodge of instruction, and the W.M. had shown what it was to be a first class worker in the ritual.

Bro. H. Hooper, P.M., as Secretary of the Brixton Benevolent Association, responded for the latter portion of the toast, and said the Brixton Lodge must feel proud to know that such large sums had gone from it to the Masonic Institutions.

"The Installing Master, Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next submitted by the W.M.

Bro. R. Poore, P.M., Secretary, returned thanks as Installing Master, and thanked the W.M. for appointing him as Secretary.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., said the brethren would no doubt expect from him some little explanation of his reasons for giving up the Secretaryship. A little more than 12 months ago it was his pleasure and pride to succeed to an honourable appointment in London, and he now found his time was entirely given to his duties. It was therefore necessary to give up some of his Masonic work. He looked round, and in the higher Degrees found some that required his paternal assistance, but in the Brixton Lodge that assistance was no longer required, for there had grown up certain brethren who from their experience and their desire to do what they could showed him that he could resign that appointment. He expected that when he suggested it, something like a piece of parchment would be given him, but he had no idea that he should receive such a handsome testimonial. He was glad it was not a jewel, for he had so many that it was dangerous to carry them about. He was glad they had given him something he could always have with him to remind him of the pleasant years spent in that lodge. He trusted also that the brooch would in some measure compensate Mrs. Lovegrove for the many hours he had been away on Masonic duties. During a somewhat active Masonic career it had been his good fortune to assist at many consecrations, and was consequently honorary member of many lodges; but he should be especially pleased to see his name on the printed list of honorary members of that lodge. If he could do anything for that lodge he trusted they would always come to him for assistance and support. Many years ago he had two ideas in Masonry. One was to found a Brixton Lodge—which had proved a success—and the other was to form a lodge in his own profession. Many distinguished men excused themselves from the position of first W.M. of the latter lodge, until the founders fell back upon the brother who was to be the Secretary, and at the last installation meeting of the Hiram Lodge Bro. Powell was installed as W.M., and his second dream in Masonry was assured. In reference to the Charities, he was glad to know that the Brixton Lodge had done its part, for in that respect they had tried to do their best.

Other toasts followed before the proceedings terminated. Bro. E. F. Gye was assisted in the musical arrangements by Master Cutler (who ably presided at the piano) and Messrs. R. and A. Lee.

The jewel, &c., was manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning.

**Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190).**—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. J. Fisher, Worshipful Master, presiding. A gathering of 150 brethren witnessed the proceedings. It was composed of Bros. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Herts; Col. Gerard Noel Monev, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey; Sir Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.G.D., P.M., Treas.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks; Fredk. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Rev. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M. Cambridge; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar; Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. of Benevolence; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Secretary; R. V. Vassar Smith, S.G.D.; Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G. Deacon; Dr. Cooke, C.I.E., P.G.W. Bombay; John C. Manning, W.M. 1928; Thomas Catling, P.M., Sec.; William E. Chapman, P.G.S.W. Bucks, P.M.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.G.S., P.M., D. of C.; P. H. Waterlow, J.G.D.; Dr. Clement Godson, J.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Hambleton, W.M., 1319; W. J. Fisher, I.P.M.; John Northcott, W.M.; Edmund Rosenthal, S.W.; Harry Nicholls, J.W.; W. S. Penley, S.D.; Charles L. Carson, J.D.; Haydn Parry, Org.; James Catling, S. George, P.M.; J. F. Kitchen, J. S. Dawson, F. Pattison, W. M. Terrott, J. E. Muldock, Hawes Craven, E. E. Peacock, H. Hendriks, W. Rowley, J. G. Bean, James Clarke, Joseph Lyons, John Morgan, W.M. 1150; E. Manville, Carl von Buch, Kincaid, W.M. 235; F. Cleaves, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks; John Gibbs, P.P.G.T. W. Yorks; H. S. Wellcome, P.M. 3; Prof. R. S. Garner, T. E. Collcutt, H. Van der Weyde, Howard Reynolds, E. J. Odell, Reginald Groome, C. Townley, A. L. Oswald, Wm. Nicholl, W. Hedgecock, J. Dalgety Henderson, John Radcliffe, Charles Coborn, F. H. Cheesewright, Sackville Evans, W. H. Denny, Charles Conyers, J. Lovett King, Egbert Roberts, Herbert Johnson, W. H. Kirby, P.M.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; Walter E. Sampson, P.G.S.; J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W.; H. Massey, Heather Bigg, T. B. Hardy, W. H. Pike, T. Nelson McLean, Mutiand Coffin, T. H. Chance, Wm. Hughes, Barrow Emanuel, Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G. Chap.; Campbell Praed, W. Bohn, P.M. 92; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M. 92; W. Lake, J. J. Blagden, E. S. Matthews, Oliver Fry, C. N. Williamson, Bernard Hamilton, Edward Draper, W. R. Ingram, C. E. Rose, E. T. Sachs, H. Morse Stephens, Raymond Tucker, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Swinford Edwards, I.P.M. 657; P. S. Abraham, Dan Godfrey, jun., Lieut. Dan Godfrey, W. Sergeant Lee, W. Senior, Dr. Felix Vinrace, W.M.; C. Dornton, James McLean, Hugh Moss, David Law, Wilton Jones, H. Petherick, J. MacIntosh, Theo. Bello, A. Sharpe, Bowdler Sharpe, A.D.C.; E. Michael; E. Barnett, I.G.; A. Haig; P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 1159; A. Chantrey Corbold, H. Burke, M. Delmard, E. J. Waue, and Gordon Salamon.

The only work on the programme was the installation of W.M. and the investiture of officers, and immediately after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Fisher, on the presentation by Bro. W. E. Chapman, P.M., installed Bro. John Northcott in the Master's chair. The new Master's officers for the year were Bros. W. J. Fisher, I.P.M.; E. Rosenthal, S.W.; Harry Nicholls, J.W.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Thomas Catling, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Penley, S.D.; Charles L. Carson, J.D.; Eugene Barnett, I.G.; Wal. J. Ebbetts,

P.M., P.G. Stwd., D.C.; R. Bowdler Sharpe, A.D.C.; Haydn Parry, Org.; W. L. Barrett, Herbert Johnson, Dr. P. S. Abraham and Harold Burke, Stewards; and G. F. Swan, P.M. Tyler. The whole ceremony was perfectly performed, and it elicited warm expressions of satisfaction.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, and the band of the Grenadier Guards (by permission of Col. Trotter), played a charming selection of music, under the conductorship of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey.

The usual toasts, with the addition of one peculiar to this lodge—"The Allied Lodges,"—followed.

In giving the toast of "the Queen and the Craft," who Bro. Northcott described as "the first lady in the land," coupled with the first fraternal body in the land, said he need not expatiate on the virtues of our beloved Queen; the brethren knew very well if it were possible for her to be a Freemason she would have been a very good one; she had even endeavoured to set the people an example of social and moral virtue, which had been very greatly to her credit, and they hoped to the people's advantage.

After the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Sir Somers Vine, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he had to crave the brethren's sanction for a few moments wherein to indulge in what might seem in their judgement to partake of the character of an anachronism, by reason of his intention to invite them to do honour to a toast with which, by the force of circumstances, he was somewhat closely associated. He should, however, make no further apology in his capacity of senior P.M. of the Savage Club Lodge to ask them to drink that toast. He did not think it would be possible for him to unduly allude to the unwearied labours or extol too much the many virtues of those active and genial Grand Officers, who adorn Grand Lodge. Their zeal and devotion for the interests of the Craft were matters of world-wide renown, and the constant infusion of new blood by the introduction to Grand Lodge of brethren who in their different spheres were anxious to advance Freemasonry throughout the world Grand Lodge of England was one that might well appeal to the gratitude of every brother.

Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, in responding, said he had accepted the invitation of the Savage Club Lodge to be present with fear and trembling as to what the result would be, but it had proved to him that Masonry was the same under whatever circumstances Masons might meet. The hospitality of Masons was also the same. He never could forget the hospitality he had received at that friendly "wigwam," he believed it was the correct expression, and he could only trust that in the course of long future years it might be his lot to again come into that hospitable quarter.

Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., also replied.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said the brethren's attention had recently been directed by the W.M. and Sir Somers Vine to several toasts that were rightly considered of great importance in Masonry, but that which was now his duty and pleasure to submit was not only important—it was essential. A Masonic lodge might at a pinch dispense with the services of many of its officers, but there was one officer who was vital to its existence—its presiding head. It might seem to the brethren a somewhat egotistical remark for him to make in view of the fact that he himself had so recently stepped down from the pedestal of W.M.; but in a measure the remark was prompted by the experience he had gained during the past year. The position of a W.M., although of high importance and of a kind of omnipotence, was at the same time of great and unceasing responsibility. Although, therefore, they conferred a very high distinction indeed, as they were reminded in the ritual, the highest they could confer upon a brother—at the same time they placed upon him a burden which he could only reasonably and satisfactorily bear was the goodwill and co-operation of the brethren. That goodwill and co-operation would be no more wanting to Bro. Northcott than it had been wanting from the brethren to him (Bro. Fisher). Bro. Northcott, as they knew, was the very first initiate in the Savage Club's Lodge to be installed as its W.M. He was indeed, with the exception of their veteran, Bro. Terrott, the oldest initiate they had in the lodge. But Bro. Northcott and he went further back, and it was his pride to say that he and himself (Bro. Fisher) had been colleagues on the same newspaper for 11 years. Therefore, he spoke of Bro. Northcott with more confidence and more knowledge than one in his position was usually able to speak of his successor. He knew Bro. Northcott to be a man of most exemplary character, honest and upright in all his dealings, and he was quite sure he would perpetuate in the worthiest possible manner the high traditions of his office. He would ask the brethren, on behalf of Bro. Northcott, in wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, to extend towards him that same kindness and consideration which every member of the lodge without a single exception had extended to him.

Bro. Northcott, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said before him now lay the most difficult portion of the day's proceedings, because he found it utterly impossible to give expression to the sincere thanks he felt for the extremely kind way in which they had drunk that toast. He was indeed incapable of expressing his feelings at that moment; therefore, he must ask the brethren to excuse him if in any way the terms in which he replied to that toast might seem inadequate to the brethren's enthusiasm and kindness. He should, indeed, think the task before him was one of superhuman difficulty were it not for the fact that before him lay several bright examples which it would be his earnest endeavour to follow to the utmost. Looking back he could see the dear face of the Master who initiated him, their dear friend Bro. John Maclean, whose memory must ever be fresh in their hearts and dear to their remembrance. Next to him came the ever courteous and kindly Bro. Sir Somers Vine. Following him came the true and faithful Bro. Thomas Catling. And again later came their dear friend Bro. Will. Chapman, as earnest, true, and devoted now as he was then, and whom he had known for so many years and dearly loved; he was afraid to say how long, lest he might regret the number of years that had passed since. Following Bro. Chapman came their friend Bro. Ebbetts, who he thought must have imbibed Masonry with the maternal milk, so learned was he in every detail of the Craft. Next to him came their friend Bro. Fisher, of whom he hoped to say more at a later stage of the evening's proceedings. With these bright examples before him he

felt sure he could not do more than tread in their footsteps. Nothing would be wanting on his part to earn the approval they had bestowed on him so unstintedly. He would conclude as he began by saying that he could not sufficiently express his gratitude for the terms in which the toast had been proposed, and the enthusiasm with which it had been received. He could only say with a Master who lived 300 years ago—"Thanks, thanks, for ever, thanks."

Bro. Northcott next said the task that now lay before him was one which was exceedingly pleasurable; it was not a duty only, but it was one to which gratification was also attached—it was the toast of "The I.P.M." The brethren of the Savage Club Lodge did not need to be told with what admirable finish and perfection the I.P.M. had performed his duties during the past year. Nothing had been wanting on Bro. Fisher's part to sustain the dignity of the lodge, and to attend to the perfect minutiae of the business. He had performed his duties throughout in as perfect a manner as it was possible to conceive. That, the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge knew without his telling them; but what they did not know was the advice, the kindly advice, the ever ready advice he had given to the humble individual who was elected to follow him. Bro. Fisher had done all that was possible to smooth the work for his successor. He (Bro. Northcott) did not take any particular credit as regarded himself for that, because he was sure Bro. Fisher would have been equally kind and considerate to everybody—to do the same for whomsoever had been appointed, had he (Bro. Northcott) not been chosen. Those who were not members of the Savage Club Lodge must have been charmed that day with the perfection in which Bro. Fisher performed his duties as Installing Master. Nothing could have been more complete, ready, or to the point than the manner in which Bro. Fisher went through his work. In addition to that there was the kindness of heart which he (Bro. Northcott) had experienced, and which should distinguish all Masons, which he had the best reason to know Bro. Fisher possessed. In every respect the I.P.M. was an ornament to the Order. It was, therefore, with particular gratification that he undertook the duty of giving him the gerudon of merit which was his due for the work he had done during the year. He now appended to Bro. Fisher's breast a Past Master's jewel as a token of the appreciation of the Savage Club Lodge of the way in which he had done his work, and as a mark of the brethren's esteem for him personally. Long might he live to wear the jewel; often might the brethren see it in the Savage Club Lodge, and might it prove to all, collectively and individually, an example of honest and faithful discharge of duty.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, I.P.M., in reply, said they were told in a book with which all of them were more or less familiar that "Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." He stood before the brethren, they need hardly be told with a very full heart indeed, but he never so painfully felt the want of phrases, to express his sense of gratitude for the token presented to him and for the more than kindly words of the W.M. in submitting the toast, and the manner the brethren had received it. Had the task of presiding over this lodge been tenfold more exacting than it had been, he should be still more than amply repaid by this mark of the brethren's regard. He left the chair of the lodge, with the feeling that he was the debtor. He had received such unvarying kindness from everybody, that he really could not regard the brethren as owing him anything except such recognition as was in all circumstances due to the man who tried to do his best. He supposed that every W.M. could truthfully say that his year of office had been the pleasantest of his Masonic experience. He knew that it had been so in his own case, and he knew also—he felt at least convinced that any new experience that might be in store for him in Masonry would never dim the lustre of the past year. The brethren needed not that he should tell them of the progress of the lodge in the past year; it stood recorded in the statement sent to the brethren, from which they saw the material prosperity of the lodge was as great as it ever had been, and that it was growing. He was happy to inform the brethren that the lodge had been not only materially prosperous, but that it was one of unruffled concord. Nothing had come within his knowledge to mar the harmony of their progress. It was not likely, of course, that the large influx of members the lodge had during the early years of its existence would ever, from circumstances which were apparent, without any insistence on his part, be repeated. They were settling down into an ordinary jog-trot existence, but it would never be lacking in carrying out the principles of Masonry, as it never had been lacking since its foundation. They knew the Italian proverb that "Who goes slowly goes safely; who goes safely goes further." The Savage Club Lodge went safely, and by God's grace it would go further. It was the most embarrassing thing he had had that day to tell the brethren adequately what he thought, but he would once more tender them his humble and hearty thanks for their mark of recognition. Such services as he could render the lodge would be at their disposal should it ever stand in need of them.

Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M. and Secretary, proposed "The Visitors," and in the course of his remarks said that when the daring project of establishing a Savage Club Lodge was first started, it met with the warmest encouragement at the hands of Grand Officers. For this the Savage brotherhood would be ever grateful, and it made them welcome visitors with especial heartiness.

Bros. T. L. Wilkinson, Col. Money, and Walter Webb replied.

Bro. Ebbetts, P.M., D. of C., proposed "The Allied Lodges—the Drury Lane, the Gallery, and the Asaph."

Bro. J. C. Manning, W.M. 1938, in reply, said he reciprocated the kind sentiments which had been expressed. There had been a tradition in the Gallery Lodge for a long time that no meeting of any importance at the festive board of that lodge would be carried to a successful issue without a fair representation of the Savage Club Lodge, and he thought there was a similar tradition in the Savage Club Lodge with respect to the Gallery Lodge. He had no doubt that Freemasonry had a good deal to do with that; but he believed a special ground for it was that professionally they all rowed in the same boat, and Freemasonry helped them. He thanked the brethren for the toast, and expressed the hope that these allied lodges would continue to go hand in hand with every work of benevolence in which either might be engaged, and that they might carry it to a successful issue.

Bro. Hambleton, W.M. 1319, also replied; and the other toasts were then given and honoured.

The birthday of Bro. Henry Irving, one of the founders of the Savage Club Lodge falling on Tuesday, a cable message wishing the distinguished actor "many very happy returns" was sent by the Secretary to Philadelphia. In response came the following acknowledgment: "Greeting, salutation; sweet message very welcome.—Irving."

Bro. Meads was toastmaster.

**Scots Lodge (No. 2319).**—The Burns' night of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, under the presidency of Bro. Duncan F. Gellon, W.M. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Thomas Grant, S.W.; Joseph J. Whitehead, J.W.; James Gray, Trustee; D. A. Ross, Sec.; James Thompson, S.D.; D. R. Duncan, I.G.; John Page, P.M., D.C.; E. Johnson Gordon, A.D.C.; W. Craig and J. Anderson, Stwds.; Ashby Gordon, Org.; W. S. Beaton, J. B. Barclay, D. Smith, Duncan Balfour, W. Laurie, P. Black, J. Macgregor, J. Plenderleith, A. Whitehead, D. Charteris, W. B. Smith, F. J. Young, Thos. Sandeland, John Bennett, and Douglas Hart. Visitors: Bros. W. O. Beazley, P.M. 172; W. A. Millar, 1137 (New Zealand); H. Massey, 169, P.M. 169 and 1928; James Dennison, 211; J. A. See, 1140; R. F. Seton, P.M. 1965; E. Constantine, P.M. 1545; W. A. Adam, P.M. 1924; D. Ridley, 2392; James Thom, P.M. 2331; W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; J. Minter, 20; Joyce Murray, P.M. 1706; and T. Powley.

The Worshipful Master, in perfect style, raised Bros. A. S. Whitehead and J. M. Barclay to the Third Degree, and after some other Masonic business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. James Gray, J.P., Trustee of the lodge, proposed "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns," and said it was fitting that the Scots Lodge in London should continue to join hands with Brother Scots everywhere that night and every 25th January in laying their annual tribute of commemoration on the shrine of Scotland's greatest bard. The festive rite that was now enshrined with that memorable day honoured those who celebrated it more than it honoured him who was now the honouree of the poem or its words there was no "In Memory of," but a living, eternal present. Speaking of Burns' connection with Freemasonry, he said that it was not to be wondered at that Burns, whose heart was as big as humanity itself, and so finely strung to every chord of human passion, should have responded at once to the magic spell of Masonry. Long before he was of full age, flashes of the Masonic dawn of his fraternal splendor were already gilding the horizon of his young life, as seen in his keenness of zest for human fellowship, and the intensity of his enjoyment in the boon companionship of kindred souls. Among many instances of this was his early connection with the Bachelor Club. At 22 years of age, he was initiated on July 4th, 1781, in St. David's Lodge, Tarbolton, subsequently called the St. James's, and that even after his initiation he continued to take a warm and deep interest in everything Masonic. Three years after his initiation he filled the Deputy Master's chair, and performed the duties faithfully, brilliantly, and well. Imbued with the deep religious spirit of his time, so nobly embodied in "The Cotter's Saturday Night," and already grappling with the hidden mysteries of the Great Architect of the Universe, the wisdom and intellectual beauty of the teaching of speculative Masonry could not have been otherwise than fascinating to him. In the thick light of religious controversy he was hurling his flaming shafts of satire and ridicule against the uncharitable pride of religious Pharisaism and the canting hypocrisy of some persons of his time. Selecting a leading member of the Mauchline Session full of sanctimonious pretensions, but not above making too free with female transgressors or the money of the poor, Burns stripped this inflated self-righteous soul of its unctuous trappings and pilloried him and all his kind to everlasting ridicule and scorn in "Holy Willie's Prayer," a poem which Sir Walter Scott speaks of as a satire more exquisitely severe than any Burns ever wrote afterwards. Burns hated religious shams and all shams. It was the fraternal instincts of Burns that most thoroughly responded to the magnetic touch of Masonry; and if his connection with the Craft helped in any way to fan the flame of his immortal genius, Masonry had at least caught some of its reflected glory, while the world had been enriched with a legacy of priceless undying song which, but for the timely assistance of his brethren of the mystic tie, might have been lost to it for ever. Burns was indeed a preacher before his time of a true democratic brotherhood, and his song was for a deliverance of the oppressed poor, who had done more than Burns to hasten on this glorious coming of man's true destiny. It must not be thought, however, that because Burns fretted and fumed against the cruel inequalities of society that he was disloyal or revolutionary. He was no social anarchist or setter of class against class. The same heart that burned with scorn against the tyranny and oppression of lordly wealth and power was the same heart that beat loyally under the uniform of the Dumfries Volunteers. The influence of Burns abroad and in the Colonies was extending to the very Aborigines of Australia, whose favourite songs out of their own language were "Auld Lang Syne" and "Ye Banks and Braes." Scotsmen revered and loved the memory of Burns because he was a true man. He devoted his heaven-born gifts not to his own aggrandisement, but to his country and humanity. He enlarged the heart of humanity with sympathy for every suffering creature, from the highest to the lowest, to the limping, wounded hare and the wee timorous mouse. Men loved him because of his noble, independent spirit, because while he ever respected and honoured genuine worth, he always esteemed the friendship of the truly great; he never bowed the knee to Baal, or worshipped at the shrine of toadyism. While ever recognising the dignity of authority and office, his strong sense of the equality of brotherhood enabled him to stand erect and open-browed in the presence of the highest of the court. Beside the flowing stream of Burns' immortal memory, they in the Scots Lodge would stand that night as Burns himself once stood with his own Highland Mary, and clasping his hands across his crystal water would pledge their truth of love and fidelity to him who was their brother and poetic king.

The address, of which the above is but a condensed report, was repeatedly cheered during its delivery.

The other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### ALTRINCHAM.

**Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst. Lodge being opened, Bro. Coningsby Disraeli, the distinguished member of Parliament for this division, was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Dr. W. A. Renshaw, P.M., in a most exemplary manner. The following members were present: Bros. G. F. Smith, W.M.; W. K. Blunsum, I.P.M.; W. Agar Renshaw, P.M.; R. H. Potter, P.M.; F. R. B. Lindsell, P.M.; Joel Popen, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Drinkwater, P.M.; E. G. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Siddeley, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Richardson, J.D.; J. Davenport, I.G.; G. Johns; Jas. Hamilton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; M. W. Worthington, P.M.; W. Hughes, E. Nickson, M. W. Hargreave, W. Brand Millar, G. J. Plimmer, William Dykes, Rev. C. C. Atkinson, Chap.; S. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. H. Mayor, J.W.; J. W. Byrom, S.W.; Jas. Parker, Org.; O. Burrow; M. Stone, P.M.; A. Huxley, Tyler; J. Hawker, Jas. Harrison, W. Allwood, G. H. Hollins, R. Newhouse, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. C. Whitelegg, and A. H. Smith. The visiting brethren consisted of Bros. R. H. Robinson, P.M. 1213; Rev. Geo. Cranston, 999; Frank Hough, 1011; A. S. Fletcher, 299; Rev. C. S. Stubbs, 1008; and W. Bratby, 645.

At the close of the lodge the brethren spent a social evening.

### BARNARD CASTLE.

**Barnard Lodge (No. 1230).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 2nd inst., Bro. J. R. Thompson, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Christopher Hedley was passed to the second degree. Bro. J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G. Org., then presented Bro. Alfred Hynam Sevier, S.W., W.M. elect, to the Worshipful Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. R. Thompson, I.P.M.; Rev. H. Jennings, S.W.; E. D. Walrod, J.W.; R. C. M. Cooke, P.M., Treas.; J. W. B. Heslop, Sec.; G. Kyle, S.D.; T. W. Douglas, J.D.; G. W. Jackson, I.G.; D. Finlay, P.M., D. of C.; C. H. Welford, Org.; T. Rutherford and R. W. Mitchinson, Stwds.; and R. Woodhams, Fyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. B. S. Beckwith, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; J. H. Dawson, P.M.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; J. G. Hall, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Thomas Dunn, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Geo. Shaw, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; B. Boulton, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Woods, W.M. 1650; J. Wilkes, I.P.M. 1650; W. Robinson, 1650; J. Nutton, G. J. Leatham, S. Welch, 124; F. Gilling, 123; F. Healey, 1790; W. R. Atkinson, O. S. Scott, W. Miller, J. G. Welford, and C. Hedley, all of 1230; and J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G. Org. The addresses were most ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. R. Thompson. The W.M., Bro. Sevier, rose in the lodge, and on behalf of the brethren, and in suitable terms, presented Bro. J. R. Thompson, I.P.M., with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Thompson, and expressed a hope that he would be long spared to wear that token of their respect and esteem. Bro. Thompson, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks to Bro. Sevier for his kind words, and to the brethren for their handsome present. He said that it came to him as a sudden though a very agreeable surprise. He fully appreciated the kindness shown, and would ever look back to the pleasant year during which he had presided over the lodge in the capacity of Master, and said that whenever he looked on the jewel just presented to him, he would remember the occasion on which it was given, and, if possible, try in the future to do even more than he had done in the past to further the interests of the Craft generally.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a superb banquet was ably served.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. F. Healey proposed "The Health of Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M.;" Rev. Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. I. Thompson, P.M. 1230, P.G. Treas. (father of the Installing Master), and T. Dunn, P.M. 124, P.G.D.C., replied.

Bro. Dunn said how pleased he was to be present at the lodge, and see the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed. Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., was to be congratulated on receiving a Past Master's jewel from the brethren, as it was not an annual present in the lodge, but quite the exception.

The S.W. next gave the toast of "The W.M.," who he described as his twin brother, they having been admitted into Masonry together.

The toast was heartily received by the brethren.

The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren most heartily for having placed him in the proud position as W.M. of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M."—a toast which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. J. R. Thompson, I.P.M., cordially returned thanks to the W.M. for the kind words used in proposing the toast, and to the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He again took the opportunity of thanking them for the Past Master's jewel; he felt proud of it, inasmuch as it was only the third Past Master's jewel presented in the lodge.

Various other toasts were duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Leatham, Welsh, and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral, added greatly to the harmony by their excellent singing.

### BERKHAMPSTEAD.

**Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).**—The installation meeting was held in the lodge quarters at the rear of the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., Bro. W. Lowndes, W.M., Prov. J.G. Warden, presided, and there were present: Bros. the Rev. C. J. Langley, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; the Rev. W. Quennell, P.P.G. Chap., Herts and Essex, J.W.; A. W. Vaisey, P.P.G. Reg.

I.P.M.; the Rev. A. Johnson, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; F. O. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; Charles Hullock, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Bunker, S.D.; G. A. Sims, J.D.; C. J. Gilbert, Org.; H. J. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Prudames, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; T. G. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. H. Hobson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Rev. R. H. Pope, P.G. Chap.; Kempe, Par-P.P.G.W.; Ballam, Chatseney, Balderson (P.M. 1757) P.P.G.D.; sons, McBride, Marsh, Burt, and Attenbury. Visitors: Dowling, McBride, Marsh, Burt, and Attenbury. Visitors: Bros. G. Gibbs, 591; H. Lomas, I.P.M. 2218, Prov. G. Reg.; J. G. Stone, 2421; W. Smith, P.M. 948; E. Hill, I.P.M. 948; Barry Lindon, 933; W. L. Barrett, W.M. 2218; E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Whitford Anderson, 2323; Ambrose M. Hooper, 150; Maitland Thompson, 1757; Walter Surfleet, 591; F. Edgington, P.M. 1321; H. Nash, P.M. 211; W. J. Nash, 321; G. Haynes, W.M. 1479; H. E. Pridmore, S.D. 1815; John Hudson, W.M. 2331; W. B. Trick, P.M. 1368; and W. J. Waylett, W.M. 2136.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Dr. S. Algernon Bontor was balloted for, and having been declared unanimously elected, was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. C. L. Potter, son of the Royal Academician of that name, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. C. J. Langley, S.W. and W. M. elect, was then presented for the purpose of receiving the benefit of installation, and was regularly installed according to ancient usage, the whole of the ceremony, as well as those of initiation and raising, being most ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Lowndes. The new W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. W. Lowndes, I.P.M.; the Rev. W. Quennell, S.W.; J. Bunker, J.W.; Rev. R. H. Pope, P.G. Chap.; F. O. Lane, Treasurer (elected); C. Bullock, Secretary; G. A. Sims, S.D.; A. J. Pierson, J.D.; A. F. Marsh, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; F. Dwight, Stwd.; C. J. Gilbert, Org.; and A. Pavé, Prov. A.G. Tyler, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Lowndes, the W.M. accompanying the presentation with a few remarks eulogistic of the manner in which Bro. Lowndes had performed the duties of the office, and the exceeding interest he had taken in the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Lowndes having briefly acknowledged the gift, Bro. Bullock, P.M., Sec., was elected to represent the lodge on the Herts Masonic Charity Association. Notice was given by Bro. Bullock of his intention to move at the next meeting of the lodge that a sum of £5 5s. be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Lowndes's list as Steward at the approaching Festival of that Charity.

Bro. Lowndes then presented a new set of working tools and a handsome Charity box, and a vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to him for his generous present, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, under the presidency of their new chief, the catering of Mr. Ruffhead, host of the King's Arms, and the attendance giving general satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches in which they were proposed and acknowledged being interspersed with an admirable programme of music, which was carried out under the direction of Bro. Gilbert, Organist, assisted by Bro. Barry Lindon and Miss Florence Oliver. In short, the meeting throughout was a conspicuous success, which we doubt not will be repeated, and more than repeated, next year, when the lodge will celebrate the jubilee of its constitution.

**BIRKENHEAD.**

**Minerva Lodge (No. 2433).**—On Friday evening, the 2nd inst., there was a large and influential gathering of members and visitors at the Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-street, to welcome Bro. George William Speth, P.M. 183, a most accomplished gentleman and a Mason of celebrity, not only in this, his native country, but in every part of the world where the Royal art is cultivated. Few Masons have so great a reputation outside the limits of their own jurisdiction as this distinguished brother, who is a prominent Masonic author and writer, and the learned and courteous Secretary of the celebrated Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, an office held by him since the consecration of the lodge on the 12th January, 1886. This great lodge was founded for the study and investigation of Masonic subjects, and to induce a more scholarly and critical consideration of evidence, a greater reliance for historical facts, and to subserve at the same time the increasing and healthy movement for the extension of libraries and museums in all lodges. The Minerva Lodge, consecrated in September, 1892, was founded for the purpose of reading and discussing papers on subjects cognate to Freemasonry, such as archæology, mythology, science and art, and formed generally on the lines of the Quatuor Coronati. Since its foundation the lodge—the first of its kind in the provinces—has prospered greatly, and the interest of the members in papers read at the meetings steadily increased, every paper leading to very interesting discussions among members and visiting brethren. The present W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, P.G.S. of W., is indefatigable in his efforts to ensure success, sparing neither time nor labour to attain that end. Bro. Speth, honorary member of the lodge since its formation, on this occasion paid the members the compliment of travelling specially from Margate for the purpose of reading a paper on "The Degrees of Antient (pre-1717) Freemasonry," and by a careful dissection and comparison of existing documents, such as MS. Rolls of the Constitutions gleanings from the 17th century, writers and diaries, early catechisms, the Book of the Constitutions, &c., to arrive at some conclusion as to the nature and numbers of the ceremonies of the Craft in the traditional epoch; to follow these up through the transitional era; and to trace their development into our present Three Degree ritual. The paper throughout was most able and interesting, and for nearly two hours secured the undivided attention of those present. During the reading of the paper Bro. Speth passed round for inspection several facsimile MS. Rolls of Constitutions; a first edition copy (1723) of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England—the first Grand Lodge in the world—and other Masonic literary curiosities. But the gem of the exhibits was the "Scarborough MS. Roll of Constitutions," the property of the Grand Lodge of Canada, loaned to Bro. Speth upon his depositing his cheque for £50 for its safe return, and exhibited for the first time in England on this occasion. From endorsements on the back, the roll is known to date prior to 1705, but how it reached Canada is uncertain. Bro. Holt, W.M.

of the Zetland Lodge who was present at the meeting, mentioned the fact that there was a considerable migration of Yorkshiresmen to Canada in the 18th century, that Toronto was formerly called York, and that there is a place called Scarborough in the neighbourhood of Toronto. It is, therefore, probable the roll reached its present resting-place through the medium of one of the emigrants referred to.

Upon conclusion of the proceedings, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Speth for his most able and exhaustive paper, and by him suitably acknowledged.

The following were among the members and visitors present: Bros. J. Armstrong, Prov. G.S. of Wks., W.M.; Squire Chapman, P.P.S.G.D. West Lanes., I.P.M.; T. W. A. Napier, Prov. A.G.P., S.W.; W. F. A. Robinson, Treas.; Sam. Jones, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; the Rev. Robt. Edwards, Chap.; Peter Blackburn, Prov. G. Stwd., D.C.; E. W. Armstrong, J.D.; W. H. Hudson, I.G.; J. P. W. Jones and A. H. Baird, Stwds.; J. H. Jackson, Org.; T. C. Thornburn, P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Thompson, Prov. G. Reg.; H. Buxton Browne, P.P.J.G.D.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; O. Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. W. Speth, P.M. 183, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge; C. Ratcliffe, P.M.; Edwin Kite, P.M.; Robert McGee, P.M.; W. A. Staedeli, P.M.; E. R. Latham, P.M.; F. von Gahlen, A. C. G. Wallace, A. J. Thompson, C. H. Rogers, and H. Hind. Visitors: Bros. James Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Danby, P.P.S.G.D.; Capt. Cooper, R.A., Prov. S.G.D.; Thos. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Morris, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.P.G.C. W. Lanes.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanes.; J. Hocken, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanes.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.M. and Chap. 1289; J. Sarratt, W.M. 477; R. Robinson, I.P.M. 477; J. H. Smith, S.W. 477; W. H. Holt, W.M. 537; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 605; Geo. Grant, P.M. 635; J. B. Galt, 605; Sam. Parry, 605; Hinton Spalding, P.M. 680; G. S. Browne, J.W. 786; J. Syer Warren, W.M. 979; Geo. Broadbent, W.M. 1013; R. Foden, 1013; J. C. Forsyth, P.M. 1473; Joseph Clarke, P.M. 1576; Geo. Poole-Poole, 1576; John Milne, I.P.M. 1756; C. W. Sutton, 1756; Thos. Gray, P.M. 2289; H. C. Reynolds, 2289; John Scott, I.P.M. 2294; and others.

**CHESTERFIELD.**

**Scarsdale Lodge (No. 681).**—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., one of the most successful anniversary festivals of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall. The occasion was the installation of Bro. Wm. Wilde, S.W., in the chair of W.M., the Installing Officer being the outgoing Master, Bro. W. O. Plowright. The ceremony was conducted according to all the ancient and solemn rites customary on this occasion, and the excellent way in which Bro. Plowright performed the duties of Installing Master was such as to deservedly call forth the highest eulogies from the brethren present. In addition to the pleasure of observing the work so well done, was the satisfaction which the brethren felt at seeing so old a member of the lodge—the oldest save one—as Bro. Wilde placed in the highest position which the lodge could bestow. Bro. Wilde was initiated in the Scarsdale Lodge 29 years ago, and has been a subscribing member of the lodge ever since.

The fact of Bro. Wilde being so well-known and highly respected caused a large number of brethren to be present, amongst whom were Bros. W. M. Hewitt, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; C. J. White, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth, P.G.C.; T. Shtiption, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. T. Windle, P.M., P.G.R.; A. E. P. Voules, P.M., P.P. S.G.D.; R. H. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. N. Biggin, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; A. Milner, P.M.; W. S. Symes, P.M.; G. H. Knighton, P.M.; W. O. Plowright, W.M.; W. Wilde, S.W.; E. Taylor, J.W.; John Hall, S.D.; F. Stanton and R. Plowright, Stewards; W. Grayson, Tyler; J. P. Ridgway, H. V. McLauchan, R. S. Taylor, W. Knowles, W. Ridgway, C. W. Rollinson, S. Rayner, and W. H. Rangeley, of the lodge. Amongst the visitors present were the following: Bros. J. W. Briggs, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Leighton, 139, P.G. Tyler West Yorks; L. F. Shaw, P.M. 2373, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. S. Hayward, Chap. 1028; F. Hill, D.C. 2373; C. F. Margerison, 149, W.M. 2373; H. Butler, 2373; T. Wardle, 2373; G. A. Oates, J. W. Pellham, W. G. Humber, and W. M. Pellham, of 939; C. C. Baggeley, Sec., John J. Badger, J.D., and A. J. Creswick, S.D., of 2355; J. Sladen, W.M. 1495; J. Jones, W.M. 731; Dennis G. Davy, D.C., C. Green, and James Jenkin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks, of 934; W. Dust, 139, P.M. 681, &c.; Edgar Horne, P.M. 731, P.P. G.R.; John Hunt, P.M. 139, W.M. 2491, P.P.G.D.; J. Bromley, P.M. 139; R. Bellit, 139; W. D. Forsdyke, 1239; J. R. Fielding, I.P.M. 884; T. E. Briddon, W.M. 1028; H. W. Pawson, P.M. 295, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks; C. Stokes, W.M. 1239; J. Chambers, P.M. 1255, P.P.G. S.B. Rutland; J. Jackman, W.M. 139; and others.

Amongst those who were unavoidably absent, and sent apologies, were the following: Bros. W. W. Jendwine, P.M., Treas. 681, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Edmunds, Sec., H. B. Chamberlain, E. W. Barnes, A. G. Barnes, R. B. Stockwell, T. F. Hall, P.M., &c., and G. A. Roth, P.M., of 681; J. L. Potts, A. E. Hopkins, and A. Brown, W.M. of 802; P. Wallis, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Hawksley, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. F. Longden, W.M. 2268; E. C. Milligan, W.M. 1688; R. Evans, P.M. 994; G. B. Owen, P.M. 139; S. Orme, W.M. 2129; W. J. Bedford, W.M. 1779; Wm. H. Marsden, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W., G.S.B. England; D. Rutherford, W.M. 353; G. Caldwell, W.M. 509; W. H. Wright, P.M. 231, P.P.G.D.C.; E. M. nns, W.M. 253; W. C. Fox, P.M. 1260, W.M. 2253; T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S. G.W.; John Walker, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.D.; and T. C. Drabble, I.P.M. 1495.

The ceremony of installation being completed, the newly-installed Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. O. Plowright, I.P.M.; E. Taylor, S.W.; John Hall, J.W.; E. S. Shuttleworth, Chap.; W. W. Jendwine, P.M., Treas.; H. B. Chamberlain, Sec.; W. H. Edmunds, S.D.; S. Rayner, J.D.; T. Shtiption, P.M., D.C.; H. N. Biggin, P.M., Org.; H. V. McLauchan, I.G.; R. S. Taylor and C. W. Rollinson, Stewards; and W. Grayson, Tyler.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Angel Hotel, catered for by the proprietor, Mr. J. Warner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with

songs and music, brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a conclusion.

Some capital songs were sung by Bros. W. Davies and C. Blade in beautiful style. The singing of the celebrated Scarsdale Hymn by Bros. Davies and Biggin caused much amusement, in which are noted all the little slips and incidents that occur in the lodge, and some additions being added on this occasion.

**DONCASTER.**

**St. George's Lodge (No. 242).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. George's Masonic Rooms on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. F. Webb, I.P.M.; E. Newsum, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.W.; T. Anclay, J.W.; F. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; T. W. Turner, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; J. Denison and F. Hanson, Stwds.; J. Mason, Tyler; F. D. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Rand, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Goodair, W. Blake, H. Gunby, H. Loundes, W. H. Chambers, J. Rayner, G. M. Parkinson, J. Venus, H. Foster, A. McCall, S. Lester, and S. Castle. Visitors: Bros. Max Pietzch, 381, and J. Constable, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Reasbeck was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of supper in the ante-room.

**MANCHESTER.**

**Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).**—The yearly meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this old and popular lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall on the 31st ult., Bro. T. H. Scholfield, W.M., presiding. Bro. J. Wildgoose, P.M., P.P.G.D., was the Installing Master, and he was assisted by the following Installing Officers, viz.: Bros. Hugh H. Warburton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; John Studd, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., J.W.; and R. L. McMillan, P.M., I.G.

Bro. J. M. B. Blamey, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Scholfield, W.M., and the former brother was obligated. This being accomplished, Bro. Blamey was addressed by Bro. Scholfield, Bro. Warburton rendering the address to the Wardens, whilst Bro. Wildgoose addressed the brethren, Bro. Studd giving the honours.

A deviation took place with regard to the banquet. For several years the brethren have repaired to a neighbouring hotel, but on this occasion the arrangements were left in the hands of Bro. and Mrs. Phillips.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, many of the visitors paying a well-deserved tribute to Bro. Wildgoose for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Sec., in adding his testimony to the excellent work of the day, contrasted the present period with times gone by. Formerly one P.M., whose name he mentioned, did the whole of the most important work for various lodges, but a change for the better had taken place, and Worshipful Masters themselves were now capable of performing the ceremonies.

Bro. Wildgoose proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Blamey replied in a lengthy and very able speech.

Songs and recitations were rendered by various brethren, a very pleasant evening being spent.

During the evening Bro. J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.D., presented a very handsome solid silver square and compass to the lodge, with the following inscription: "Presented to Integrity Lodge, No. 163, by W. Bro. J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.D., January 18, 1894."

The gift was graciously acknowledged by the Worshipful Master.

**Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).**—The annual meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Old Bear's Head on Wednesday, the 31st ult., Bro. Jas. Robinson, W.M., in the chair. There was a good attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. W. O. O. Wilkinson, S.W., W.M. elect, who, as a representative of one of the Manchester daily papers, is well known in the locality.

The Board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. Jas. Robinson, W.M., who undertook the duties of Installing Master; Jas. Andrew, Prov. S.G.D., S.W.; C. J. Schofield, P.P.G.D., J.W.; and J. L. Savage, P.M., I.G. Bro. R. Hughes, P.M., D.C., presented the Worshipful Master elect, the latter being duly obligated and installed into the chair of K.S. in that careful and perfect manner which characterises all the work of Bro. Robinson. The working tools in each Degree were presented by Bro. R. Hughes, P.M. Bro. Robinson addressed the newly-installed W.M.; Bro. W. B. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., the Wardens; and Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., the brethren generally. Two jewels were presented to Bros. Jas. Robinson, I.P.M., and W. B. Russell, P.M., &c., Secretary. The following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. O. O. Wilkinson, W.M.; J. Robinson, I.P.M.; W. Baron, S.W.; W. Whitman, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; W. B. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Rowbottom, S.D.; G. Belshaw, J.D.; J. Lowery, I.G.; R. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; L. H. Keay, Mus. Bac., Org.; Philip Whyman, J. H. Maybury, E. L. Lord, T. Foster, R. Dixon, and P. Webb, Stwds.; and Jas. Andrew, P.M., P.S.G.D., Charity representative.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to, the same being very excellently varied by songs, &c., from a glee party under the direction of Bro. L. H. Keay.

But 3 jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.**

**Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the assembly room of the brethren at the Castle Hotel, on the 19th ult. The lodge having been opened and the usual routine business gone through, Bro. T. Edwards, as Installing Master, requested Bro. J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D., D.C., to present the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Skerrett, P.G. Supt. of Wks., and the installation was performed throughout in a most impressive and perfect manner by Bro. T. Edwards, assisted by Bros. A. L. Broad, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Newby, P.M.; and J. T. Snape, P.P.G.S.B. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. T. Edwards, I.P.M.; L. C. A. Edgeworth, S.W.; R.

C. Downs, J.W.; S. Hyslop, Treas.; J. Green-Ainsworth, Sec.; L. C. A. Edgeworth, Chap.; G. Rushforth, S.D.; J. Gilbert Howson, J.D.; H. Robinson, Org.; T. Wright, I.G.; J. Ingamells, D.C.; and John P. Howson, Thomas Byrne, and Hayden Mercer, Stwds. The usual business was then transacted, but we may mention that on this occasion the newly-elected Worshipful Master, on behalf of the lodge, presented Past Master's jewels to Bros. W. H. Newby, T. W. Fardley, and T. Edwards. Among the distinguished brethren present were: Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Dain, P.M. 98, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Tunnicliff, P.M. 418, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; David Jones, I.P.M. 418, 2487; Wm. Smith, Gregory Lodge, 2139, Cairns, Australia; R. Tooth, P.M. 637, 2214, P.P.G.R.; R. Wilkinson, 98; James Taylor Howson, P.M. 451, S.W. 418, P.G.S.B.; J. Webberley, P.M. 546, P.P.G.R.; John Forster, W.M. 1942; J. E. Hodson, W.M. 546; James Wearing, W.M. 2064; H. W. Critchlow, 98; H. Ruskin Hancock, I.P.M. 451; J. W. Norris, W.M. 451; W. H. Howson, 2064, P.P.G.S.B., P.S.G.D.; H. C. Vaughan, 418; T. W. Eardley, P.M. 460; W. Edwards, Org. 418; Arthur Bolton, W.M. 98, I.W. 451; C. J. Wain, Hayden Mercer, F. J. Hawley, H. Stone, Edwin Harrison, J. M. Adlington, 2064, J. A. Whittingham, W. E. Pattison, and D. H. Oxen.

At the conclusion of the business the company sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the new Master. Afterwards the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. J. Twist Snape, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Having had a personal acquaintance of over 30 years, he felt, he said, in a position to express an opinion as to his ability. He assured the members that they had in the chair of their lodge a most zealous and capable officer, as those who saw him when he was appointed Master in the Jubilee year of the lodge could well testify.

In reply, the W.M. tendered his most sincere thanks. He trusted he might have the health and strength to go through his duties during the year, and hoped at the close of his term of office to have won the esteem in which they now held him.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Master." The W.M. said he felt those present had seen by his predecessor's presidency during the year how capable the outgoing Master was. His working had been a real Masonic treat, and had made the ceremonies especially effective. He had been a thoroughly good Master to the lodge during the year, and they must all hope he would be long spared to enjoy the esteem he had won in their midst.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily honoured, the responses coming from several of the brethren present.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

#### SHEFFIELD.

Ivanhoe Lodge (No. 1779).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. W. J. Bedford, W.M.; E. C. Bedells, S.W.; W. Tyzack, J.W.; R. Smith, Treas.; W. J. Allen, Sec.; W. Chadburn, J.D.; W. Beardshaw, D.C.; S. Suckley, Org.; J. Wortley, I.G.; John Utley and G. F. Buchanan, Stewards; T. Leighton, Tyler; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Allen, P.M.; A. Macreadie, P.M., P.G.D.; G. Franklin, P.M.; J. B. Beardshaw, P.M.; J. Brailsford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Burridge, A. J. Halcomb, J. H. Brown, Rev. E. Bonfellow, R. Carr, J. Barton, E. J. Marples, and F. S. Parr. Visitors: Bros. H. Schnetzler, 1239; and J. Hunt, P.M. 139, W.M. 2491, P.P.G.D.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. A. Colley was initiated. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to Bros. Rev. E. Bonfellow, J. H. Brown, and R. Carr. Bro. E. C. Bedells, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. R. Smith was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. T. Leighton, re-elected Tyler.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to supper, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

The installation takes place on Tuesday, the 27th instant.

#### THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when there were present: Bros. J. Constable, I.P.M.; A. L. Peace, W.M.; W. Mertin, S.W.; T. Barber, S.D.; B. Maskill, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; E. Simpson, Org.; G. Eland, I.G.; E. Hirst and W. T. Chambers, Stwds.; and F. Pine, Tyler. Bro. E. Shillito, 1482, was a visitor. A ballot was taken for Bro. Shillito as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Mr. T. J. Smith was duly proposed and seconded for initiation, and he will be balloted for at next lodge.

Nothing further offering the lodge; was closed.

### Royal Arch.

Prudence Chapter (No. 12).—A meeting was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 22nd ult., when there were present: Comps. A. C. Durrant, M.E.Z.; F. P. Collins, P.Z., acting H.; A. J. Lawrence, P.Z., acting J.; H. B. Holloway, P.Z., Treas.; F. W. Prior, P.Z., S.E.; E. B. Holloway, P.Z., acting S.N.; C. J. Powell, P.S.; A. L. Reynolds, 1st Asst. S.; J. J. Marsh, P.Z. 1526, Janitor; Dudley Rolls, P.Z.; R. Coombs, P.Z.; Horace Quare, and R. M. N. Kerr. Visitors: Comps. Dehane, I.P.Z. 862, P.Z. 890, 276; E. Durrant, P.S. 1704; William Giles, P.Z. 12 (hon. member); and C. I. St. Alphonse. The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. H. Gramshaw, P.Z. 6 and H. 27, was elected a member, and Bro. R. M. N. Kerr, P.M. and Sec. 136, was exalted. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Comps. T. P. Colliver, P.Z., M.E.Z.; A. J. Lawrence, P.Z., H.; A. L. Reynolds, J.; F. W. Prior, P.Z., S.E.; H. Quare, S.N.; E. B. Holloway, P.Z., Treas.; C. J. Powell, P.S.; W. Green, 1st Asst. S.; W. H. Gramshaw, 2nd Asst. S.; and J. Marsh, Janitor. A committee for the general purposes of the chapter was also elected as follows: Comps. C. J. Powell, H. W. Green, H. Quare, and R. Kerr. The chapter jewel was voted to Comp. A. C. Durrant who presented the chapter with a handsome Charity bag and received a vote of thanks.

"Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

The companions adjourned to the comfortable dining room to a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Collier, I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of Comp. A. Durrant, M.E.Z.," remarked that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure, and he felt sure they all regretted that he was about to vacate the office in which he had set a splendid example to those coming on, as they had seen the work done as it ought to be during the whole of his year of office, and also from 1st A.S. to his present proud position, and trusted, although going out of the chair, he would be spared many years to come among them and render such assistance that might be required.

Comp. Durrant replied in a most feeling speech, and was glad they had been kind enough to overlook his faults, and as he had given them satisfaction, he was amply repaid. When he joined the chapter there were but few members, which had gradually increased until they had now become a happy family, all well known to each other. This being the last time he should address them as their M.E.Z., he took the opportunity of thanking them one and all for the assistance and great kindness he had always received from them, and it would always be pleasant as years go past to refer to the many pleasant meetings he had been present at.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Exalte," said he was a companion after their own hearts and of their way of feeling, and would become an ornament to their chapter.

Comp. Kerr expressed his thanks, and said how much he had been impressed with the whole ceremony, and was pleased that the J.W. of his lodge had proposed him.

In proposing "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. said in the absence of their H., he asked Comp. Dehane if he would assist, he immediately said with pleasure, Most Excellent, and the companions had a Masonic treat. He was from his knowledge of him a true Mason, ever ready and willing to work or instruct, and he should couple with the toast Comps. Dehane and Durrant, who both expressed their thanks for the splendid hospitality extended to them, and the extreme pleasure they had derived at witnessing the grand working during the evening.

The toast of "The S.E., Comp. Prior, and Treasurer, Comp. Holloway," was well received, who, in replying, stated they felt that the chapter was now progressing, the prosperity of which was their greatest wish.

"The P.Z.s" toast followed, Comp. Durrant paying a marked tribute to each.

Comp. Collier, I.P.Z., thanked the M.E.Z. for the kindness he had been pleased to say of them all.

Comp. Laurence also responded.

"The Other Officers" followed, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

The following companions added to the harmony of the evening by songs, recitations, &c.: Comps. Coombs, E. Durrant, D. Rolls, and Holloway.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CHUDDERGHAT CONCLAVE, No. 21.

On the 28th December last, R.W. Bro. W. T. Newitt, P.G.V., 30°, &c., &c., of Madras, visited Hyderabad for the purpose of consecrating this conclave, of which Bro. Ardaseer R. Pilcher was chosen as the first Supreme Ruler, to be followed at the next meeting by Bro. J. D. B. Gribble, G.W. Grand Scottish Lodge, Bombay, who takes up the active work of the conclave. Both these brethren are members of the Damon and Pythias Conclave, No. 14, Madras, and for a long time they have desired to found a conclave of the Order among the brethren in the Deccan. Bro. Alf. H. Stevens, having been induced by dispensation, was duly installed as the First Guide.

Although 19 brethren were inducted into the Order, among them being the brother of our well-known Past Grand Treasurer in the Craft, Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Guide, R.V. Bro. K. R. Cama, of Bombay.

The meeting passed off in a most enjoyable manner, and the brethren separated, congratulating themselves upon the foundation, under pleasant and able auspices of a conclave likely to play a prominent as well as a useful part in knitting together kindred souls in our Indian dominions.

#### A MASONIC LIBRARY FOR HANLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, on the 24th ult., was the occasion of an interesting ceremony. Bro. James Charlesworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, has collected a very interesting and valuable Masonic library, which he has presented to the Gordon Lodge for the use of all Masons using the Masonic Hall, Hanley. The inauguration of the library, which consists of about 90 volumes, was performed by Bro. A. H. Heath, of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford. It was Bro. A. H. Heath's first visit to the Gordon Lodge, and he met with a very hearty welcome, a large number of members and visitors being present. After the ordinary business of the lodge, which included two initiations, was concluded, the brief inauguration ceremony took place.

The W.M., Bro. W. J. J. W. HEATH, welcomed Bro. A. H. Heath, and explained the circumstances under which the library had been presented, and

Bro. CHARLESWORTH said he hoped the library would prove the foundation of a much larger collection, to which all Masons in the district would have access.

Bro. A. H. HEATH, in declaring the library open, unlocked the glass door of the bookcase and took down a book that proved to be a work by Bro. E. V. Great-

batch, entitled "Black For, White Against." He remarked upon the happy coincidence that the first book to be taken from the library was by such an old and valued Mason as Bro. Greatbatch.

The company then adjourned to supper.

When the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Charlesworth," who, he said, was known not only as a true and loyal Mason, but as one of the foremost citizens of the county borough of Hanley. He was one of the founders of the Gordon Lodge, and had spared no time or trouble in promoting its success. The library which they had just seen inaugurated was another proof of Bro. Charlesworth's zeal for Masonry and great interest in the prosperity of the Gordon Lodge. Bro. Charlesworth had been at great trouble and expense in collecting those books, and he asked his brother Masons to share with him the pleasure of their perusal. Among the works was a copy of the original by-laws of the Craft published in 1723—a most interesting work.

Bro. CHARLESWORTH, in acknowledging the toast, gave some interesting particulars concerning some books in the library. He had heard some brother designate him as a "book-maker." He was not that, but he believed he was somewhat of a bookworm. Speaking generally, he found that in the older Masonic books there was a good deal of repetition and copying from one another. The new books seemed much more correct. He had discovered that Masonry as it existed at the present time was not so old as they had been led to believe. It did not date further back than 1753. But Masonry had existed in some form from the earliest times. There was in one of the books a record of how Athelstane brought Masonry to York in the fifth century. It was well known that Masonry emanated from the north and travelled to the south. What form it took in those early centuries they did not know—probably it was a trade guild. One of the most interesting works in the library was the letter of Colonel Foster Gough to the Province of Staffordshire on the subject of a uniform ritual. He would have liked to have obtained an original copy of the by-laws as published in 1723, but the work was very expensive, and he had had to put up with an American reproduction of the work. He had learned many interesting things from the books in the library, particularly about Masonry in North Staffordshire. He had learned that the Menturia was not the first lodge in Hanley, nor the Portland the first at Stoke, nor the Josiah Wedgwood the first at Etruria. In conclusion, he referred to the valuable little pamphlet by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch.

Bro. the Rev. E. D. BOOTHMAN proposed "The Health of Bro. A. H. Heath," whom, he said, they were so pleased to see among them, and whom they knew as a thorough Englishman and a hearty good fellow, a patron and exponent of manly sport, and the representative of great industrial enterprise.

Bro. A. H. HEATH, in responding, said he felt that the Gordon Lodge had conferred a great honour upon him by selecting him to inaugurate their new library and by receiving him with such heartiness. The brethren of the Gordon Lodge were responsible for bringing one lost sheep back to the fold. He should not like to say how long it had been since he last put his apron on, but it had certainly been a long time. His feelings upon entering the lodge that evening were certainly feelings he had not often experienced. He was almost dumbfounded at the magnificence and splendour of the lodge and the gorgeous apparel of some of the brethren who represented it. He could assure them that it was very like old times, indeed, to witness the ceremony of initiation of their friends Turner and Purdoo. He could assure them, also, it had quite inspired him with an enthusiasm for the Craft which he had neglected all those years.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. J. CLARE, S.W., and responded to by Bros. EDMUND JONES (W.M. Menturia Lodge), BEAUMONT PIERCEY, and Dr. POLKER; "The W.M. of the Gordon Lodge;" "The Initiates;" and the Tyler's toast.

### Scotland.

#### ROYAL ARCH. BELLSHILL.

Robert Burns Chapter (No. 143).—This chapter held its annual festival in the Lesser Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 27th ult. There was a fair attendance of companions present, including four Past First Principals, viz., Comps. McMurdo, Laird, Lilley, and Smith.

A supper, which included the inevitable Haggis, was purveyed in Comp. M. E. Lilley's usual style.

The loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured.

Comps. Round and McMurdo, as retired volunteers, replied for "The Reserve Forces."

"Freemasonry around the Globe" and "Supreme Chapter" having been attended to and remarked upon,

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire, M.W.," was given, and replied to by Comp. McMurdo, P.G.S.E., who spoke of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the province now as compared with 20 years ago, showing that at the latter time scarcely a Royal Arch Mason in the province, now there were something like 500, though up to only two or three years ago there were only two working chapters in the province. The number of chapters were now five, all in good working order and well equipped, so that his hopes for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in the Middle Ward were of the most positive kind. He also informed them that the Provincial Grand Superintendent would in a few weeks be with them in his official capacity, and hoped they would have their house in order in anticipation of that visit.

The most interesting part of the proceedings was a recognition of the services of Comp. Alex. Smith, P.Z., who has occupied the position of honour during one-third of the time of the chapter's existence—seven years. This took the form of a Mark jewel mounted in gold, and a P.Z.'s jewel bearing the following inscription: "Presented to M.E.P.Z. Alexander Smith by the Companions of the Robert Burns R.A. Chapter, 143, as a token of esteem. Bellshill, 27th January, 1894." These were presented in felicitous terms by M.E.Z. Comp. Allan.

Comp. Smith, who is no way demonstrative, replied in his quiet, even style, thanking the companions for their very handsome gifts, and though he very narrowly escaped being a founder of the chapter and was its first candidate, yet he could not see that he had earned the honour just conferred on him, but in the future he would endeavour to make up for the many failings which he knew too well attached to him.

During the evening the harmony was supplied by Comps. Lilley, Anderson, Ferguson, Round and Clarkson, and a recitation, "Our Vows," by Comp. McMurdo, and an epistle to "Young Friend" by Comp. McKean.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

The regular meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., under the able Mastership of Bro. Beecroft, supported ably by his officers. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, November 29th, 1893, and the emergency meeting, January, 1894, were read and confirmed, and the dispensation for the holding of the meeting read, after which the lodge was closed.

The large and distinguished company of brethren, their wives, and friends, to the number of 132, sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Pearce, the proprietor, in his usual excellent style.

Among those present were Bro. W. Beecroft, W.M., Mrs. Beecroft, and the Misses Amy, Maud, and Alice Beecroft, and Mr. William Beecroft, jun.; Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Hill, Bro. Brennan, 1348, and Mrs. Brennan, Bro. Lightfoot, I.P.M. 1901, and Mrs. Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall, and Mr. and Mrs. Cook, guests of the W.M.; Mr. A. Cope, Miss Hill, Bro. T. F. Knibb, S.W. 1158, and Mrs. Knibb; Bro. J. Hands, J.W. 1158, and the Misses Hands; Miss Reeves, Mr. Cloke, Miss Edith Nicholls, Mr. Reeves, Bro. A. E. Todd, W.M. 27; Bro. C. T. Wright, I.P.M. 1158, and Mrs. C. T. Wright and friends; Bro. E. A. Rice, S.D. 1320, and Mrs. Rice; Bro. R. E. Clarke, P.M. and founder, Mr. Clarke, and friends; Bro. A. W. Wright, P.M. and Treas., and Miss Wright; Bro. J. Austin, P.M. and Sec., Mrs. Austin, the Misses May and Edith Austin; Mr. R. W. Scarlett, Mr. R. C. Dalton, Mr. H. Stuart-Cox, Bro. F. Austin, Asst. Sec.; Miss K. Mottram, Bro. Wise, P.M.; Bro. Wooll, Bro. Tom Brady, P.M., and Mrs. Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Lucas; Bro. J. Block, P.M., Mrs. Block, and the Misses Block; Bro. J. Bunker, P.M., and Mrs. Bunker; Bro. W. W. Block, P.M., Mrs. Block, and the Misses Block; Bro. A. Wells, P.M., and Mrs. Wells; Bro. W. Belchamber, J.D. and I.P.M. 193; Bro. Richards, I.G., and Mrs. Richards; Bro. T. Green, D.C., and Mrs. Green; Bro. G. J. Robinson, Steward, Mrs. Robinson, sen., and Miss Robinson; Bro. J. C. Edwards, 1602; Bro. Sylvester, 1903, P.P.G.O. Sussex; and many others.

Grace having been sung, during the dessert a novel present was made to every lady by the W.M., Bro. Beecroft, and Mrs. Beecroft, consisting of a silk handkerchief and a bottle of scent.

The toast of "The Queen" and that of "The M.W. G.M. and Grand Officers" having been given,

Bro. C. T. WRIGHT, I.P.M., presented the toast of "The Worshipful Master," remarking on the unqualified success of the meeting, such a night had often been projected, but had never taken any form. He would state it was wholly due to their W.M., and the great interest he took in his duties, that the whole had been brought to such a successful issue. He would say no more, for all knew his excellent qualities.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

In reply, Bro. BEECROFT said he most heartily thanked all for their kind sentiments. That was the first occasion that such an event had taken place in the lodge, and he gave all a most hearty welcome, hoping that a similar festival might take place upon many a future occasion.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by the W.M. in very felicitous terms.

In response, Bro. J. LIGHTFOOT, I.P.M. 1901, said, by the command of the W.M., he would lose his identity and become for a few moments a lady. On his own behalf, and on behalf of the rest of the ladies present, he would offer to the W.M. and brethren of the lodge their most sincere and hearty thanks for one of the most enjoyable and successful evenings they had ever spent. But, with the usual vanity of their sex, they unhesitatingly claimed that the success of the evening was entirely due to their presence; that they gave a charm to the proceedings that the Southern Star Lodge had never experienced before; in fact, it was their opinion that the lodge should date its birth from that day, as the earlier period of its existence must have been wasted. They were the very foundation and support of Freemasonry, and without them there would have been no Freemasons. Proud as they seemed to be to call themselves brothers and to distinguish their Order as being stronger than mere friendship, they should just think how much they (the ladies) thought of their sisterhood and its dear and intimate associa-

tions; they also, like them, had many secrets, but all of them good and true. He thanked them heartily for all they had done for their comfort and enjoyment, and trusted on some future occasion to be afforded another opportunity to visit the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers," replied to by Bros. CLARKE, P.M., and AUSTIN, P.M., who thanked all the officers for their able services rendered him to bring about such a successful gathering.

Bros. A. WRIGHT, Treas.; C. T. WRIGHT, I.P.M.; and WISE, P.M., also replied, and reminded the ladies that the brethren upon many occasions met in their respective lodges of instruction in order that the beautiful ceremonies might be rendered as they should, and not as at the present, to only participate in pleasure.

Bro. W. T. Winsor, 1950, most efficiently carried out the duties of toastmaster.

A splendid selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Miss Amy Beecroft, and Miss Edith Nichols, Messrs. R. W. Scarlett, J. M. Cloke, C. W. Reeve, R. C. Dalton, and C. Brightwell, and Bro. Sylvester, P.P.G.O. Sussex, who received quite an ovation. Mr. C. W. Reeve was the able pianist.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. THE REV. T. BARTON SPENCER, M.A., Vicar of St. James's, Preston,

is the only surviving son of the late Bro. Alderman Dr. Lawrence C. Spencer, J.P., Mayor of Preston in 1856 and 1870. He was initiated in Peace and Unity Lodge, No. 314, Preston, on June 14th, 1875, together with his late two brothers (Bro. C. G. Spencer, solicitor, and Bro. Dr. L. W. Spencer). The three brothers, representing the three professions of divinity, law, and medicine, occupied the three chairs of the lodge at the same time, and followed each other into the Master's chair—a thing that does not often occur in Masonry. Bro. Barton Spencer was installed W.M. in 1880, when he arranged with the brethren to attend Divine service at St. James's Church, and preached a sermon in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities, the result being a collection amounting to £26. In 1881, he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire, and officiated as such at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Harres Free Library and Museum by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, then D.G.M., Prov. G.M. He preached at Keepham Church when the Earl of Lathom uncovered a stained-glass window, which had been presented by the Freemasons of the neighbourhood, and delivered the oration at the consecration of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Liverpool, a lodge which is restricted to Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and also gave the oration at the consecration of several other lodges. He was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M., a Grand Chaplain of England in 1889. He marked his year of office by again holding a service in St. James's Church for the brethren of Preston, while he preached in the Wigan Parish Church on the last state visit of the Mayor (the late Bro. W. Rogers), who was accompanied by the Freemasons, and also at a Masonic service in Manchester Cathedral, as well as in other towns. He was installed W.M. of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Southport, in 1893, and was again installed W.M. of his mother lodge Peace and Unity, No. 314, Preston, on January 8, a distinction which, we believe, has only been shared by one other brother during the 97 years the lodge has been in existence, viz., the late Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.P.S.G.W. West Lancashire. Bro. Barton Spencer was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, on February 21, 1877, joined the Royal Architect Chapter, No. 314, Preston, and was installed M.E.Z. of the latter in 1886, and again in 1887. By request, he acted in 1886 as Prov. G. Third Principal, and gave the oration at the consecration of the Lindsay Chapter, No. 1335, Wigan, when the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres was installed as First M.E.Z., and in 1887 he was appointed by Lord Lathom to be Prov. G.

Third Principal. He has also given orations at the consecration of other chapters. In 1889 he was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand M.E.Z., as the First Assistant Grand Sojourner of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. Bro. Barton Spencer was advanced in the Preston Mark Lodge, No. 143, on March 27, 1876, and was installed W.M. 1883. At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire in 1884, when the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M.M.M., consecrated the Lawrence Lodge in Chorley, Bro. Spencer, at a few minutes' notice, delivered the oration, and this so pleased his lordship that he appointed him Prov. G. Chaplain. He also gave the oration at the consecration by the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M., of the Excelsior Lodge in Liverpool. In 1890 he was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.M.M., a Grand Chaplain, and acted as such when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., was installed at Brighton as Prov. G.M.M.M. of Sussex. Bro. Barton Spencer was perfected in the Phillips Rose Croix Chapter, No. 180, Lancaster, and is an officer of the chapter. Besides preaching frequently at Masonic services on behalf of the various Masonic Charities, Bro. Barton Spencer was a Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival in 1890, he is a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, and an annual subscriber to the West Lancashire Masonic Charities. From the above account it will be seen that Rev. T. Barlow Spencer has done good service in Freemasonry.

"By his earnest work in Masonry, his genial, kindly, and courteous manner, and the excellent way in which he has always discharged his Masonic duties as Chaplain, as well as by the eloquent and thoughtful orations and sermons he has delivered, he won the good opinion, not only of his Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Lathom, but also of his brother officers in the Prov. Grand Lodge, and the brethren generally; and his appointment to the office of a Grand Chaplain of England gave unanimous satisfaction to the brethren of the West Lancashire Province."—Preston Herald, Dec. 14th 1889.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE CHORLTON LODGE, No. 1387, CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

The annual soiree and dance was held at the Lodge Rooms, on Friday, the 26 ult., when there were over 90 present. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock and continued until two a.m.

After supper Bro. J. G. BATTY, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Ladies," Bro. BURROW responding on their behalf.

Bro. the Rev. F. E. THOMAS, Chaplain of the lodge, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. H. H. MARTYN, in reply, said he was pleased to see so many present.

During the evening songs were sung by Mrs. Colbut and Madame Conway.

The M.C.'s were Bros. S. Locke, P.M. and J. Renshaw, P.M., and they were ably assisted by the Stewards, Bros. E. T. Trevor-Smith, I.G.; Shaw, I.G.; E. P. Woodhouse, K. A. Jebara, Wm. Richmond, and Pollett. Bros. J. Travers, S.W. and J. F. Wolstenholme, J.W., were the Secretaries.

The Craft Abroad.

MARK MASONRY. CAIRO.

Egypt Lodge (No. 311).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the New Masonic Hall, Bro. W. Hayes, W.M., in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. C. Collier, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. Mason, by the W.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. George H. Charman, P.M., P.G. Sec. of North Africa, for the purpose of installing Bro. W. J. Box, S.W., as W.M. Bro. W. J. Box, S.W., was introduced to the Installing Officer by Bro. W. Hayes, W.M., and having made the necessary declarations and the dispensation from Grand Lodge read, a Board of Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair. Bro. Box, W.M., then installed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hayes, I.P.M., Treas.; S. Phillips, S.W.; H. C. Crozier, J.W.; J. Langley, M.O.; Chellaby, S.O.; Adams, J.O.; F. Summers, S.D.; I. Murrell, J.D.; Satterwaite, I.G.; F. C. Pheasant, Sec.; and Hasted, Tyler.

There being no other business before the lodge it was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet held on the lodge premises.

The loyal toasts were duly given by the W.M. The toast of "The D.G.M." was proposed by Bro. C. E. Vansittart, P.G.W. Kent, who referred to the vast strides Mark Masonry was making.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The I.P.M." were given, cordially greeted, and suitably responded to.

Bro. G. H. Charman, P.M., D.G.S. of N.A., received a flattering reception on rising to respond to the toast of "The Installing Master," and expressed an earnest hope that the lodge would continue to flourish in the future as it had done in the past.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Visitors," and the Tyler brought a most successful evening to a close.

Among the brethren present were Bros. C. E. Vansittart, W.M. 226, P.G.W. Kent; Idris Bey Raghib, P.M. 414; Hubert J. Scott, P.M.; G. H. Harman, P.M., D.G.S. of N.A.; Blake, Collier, Black, Summers, J. Langley, Crozier, Windus, Roberts, Reading, and others.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when the lists of candidates for the May election and the number of vacancies to be filled will be declared.

It is expected that Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, who have been staying at their seat, Middleton Park, Oxfordshire, will make a short excursion abroad some time before Easter.

The Council of the Institution of Naval Architects have awarded two gold medals for 1893, one to Mr. George A. Calvert for his paper on "The Measurement of Wake Currents," and the other to Herr Otto Schlick, for his paper on "An Apparatus for Measuring and Regulating the Vibrations of Steamers."

The old Shrove Tuesday football in the streets was observed with much enthusiasm at Dorking, in Surrey, and at Nuneaton, Herstone, and other places in Warwickshire. The shops were closed, and in most cases barricaded, and the game in which several hundreds of men and boys took part was continued with considerable vigour during the whole of the afternoon.

The Duke of York paid his first public visit to Lynn on the 2nd inst., when he opened the new Technical School which has been erected by the Corporation of that town at a cost of £3000. The Duke was received by Bro. Sir William Folkes and others, and at the conclusion of the ceremony visited the patients at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, has promised to visit Oxford during Easter week, in order to be present at the Conference of the National Union of Teachers, and receive purses in aid of the charitable work it performs. Her Royal Highness will be received on her arrival by a Committee of welcome, which includes the Vice-Chancellor and the heads of all the houses in Oxford.

The marriage of Mr. Granville Charles G. Leveson-Gower, the eldest surviving son of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Leveson-Gower, with Evelyn, second surviving daughter of Bro. Henry A. Brassey and Mrs. Brassey, of Preston Hall, Aylesford, Kent, was solemnised in the church of St. Paul's Knightsbridge, on the 3rd inst. Later in the afternoon the newly-married couple went to Sherborne House, Gloucestershire, for the honeymoon.

It is announced that an important addition to the number of open scholarships tenable at Trinity College, London, is about to be made, it having been decided to appropriate to this purpose the dividends accruing from certain invested funds. This will raise the total value of the free musical tuition given at this college to something over £500 per annum. The scholarships and exhibitions are open to all comers, with certain limitations of age, but without restrictions of sex or creed.

Notwithstanding that the condition of the Czar's health is reported to be satisfactory, considerable anxiety prevails on the subject in St. Petersburg, and every social function both in connection with the Court and in private circles has been postponed in consequence. His Majesty's constitution is strong, and his medical advisers have little doubt as to his ultimate recovery, but the severity of his late illness has left him in a state of exceeding weakness. Telegrams of inquiry as to his Majesty's state are being constantly received at the Palace.

At Westminster School the ceremony of "Tossing the Pancake" was observed with the usual formalities on Tuesday. A procession, headed by one of the Vergers, and including the cook clad in white and bearing the pancake on a frying-pan, having knocked at the "big" school and been admitted, the pancake was tossed and scrambled for by the boys, the one who secured the largest portion running off to the Deanery to claim the time-honoured honorarium of two guineas from Dr. Bradley, the pancake-thrower being entitled to one-half of the sum.

Every detail connected with the customary Easter "outing" of the volunteers has been completed by the Horse Guards and the War Office. Three hundred of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery go to Fort Grain, Kent, whilst 700 of the 1st London Artillery go to Sheerness. The 1st Middlesex, 1st London, and 2nd Tower Hamlets Engineers go to Chatham—their total strength about 1000. As to the Volunteer Infantry, 1500 of the East London Brigade go to Winchester, the North London brigade, 2300 in number, to Dover, and the South London brigade, 4000, to Canterbury. The Surrey brigade, or 3000 of the men, are to concentrate at Guildford.

The will of the late Bro. Henry Pettitt, dramatic author, who died on the 24th December last, has been proved by Mr. A. J. Flaxman, of the Temple, barrister; Mr. George Conquest, the other executor, having renounced. The personalty amounted to £48,477. The testator left to his son Henry the pictures painted by deceased's uncle, J. J. Pettitt; also his dramatic and reference library. To his wife Annette he leaves £200 and certain furniture, and the income of three-fifths of his property, with remainder to her three children. To Elizabeth Ann Fernyhough, née Finch, he likewise leaves £200, certain furniture, the income of two-fifths of his property, with remainder to her two children upon condition that she brings £6000, already settled upon her, into hotchpot.

Bro. James Stevens, whose success as a lecturer on Masonic Ritual and Traditions was so pronounced some time since, appears to be no less marked in quite another sphere. For some time past he has been delivering a course of almost daily lectures on "Australia and its Irrigation Colonies," in London and the Provinces, and he is now announced to appear at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., in No. 9 Room, of the Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature. Bro. Stevens' lectures are all extempore, and as he appears to possess an inexhaustible storehouse of facts and figures, he always succeeds in creating an intelligent interest in the subjects with which he deals. Full particulars appear in our advertisement columns.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Henry of Battenberg, went for a cruise on his yacht, the *Britannia*, on the Solent, on Monday, previous to her departure for the Mediterranean.

It is intended that a complimentary banquet shall be given to Bro. Littler, C.B., Q.C., by the members of the Middlesex County Council, at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

Bro. the Marquis of Zetland will retire from the presidency of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick on the 16th March, just previous to the annual festival, and will be succeeded by the Earl of Howth, K.P.

Bro. General Lord Roberts, V.C., has very kindly promised to present the prizes to the successful competitors of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteers, at their headquarters in Whitechapel, on Saturday, the 3rd March.

It is officially announced that the Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James's Palace on behalf of the Queen on Monday, the 19th inst., and that a second levee will be held in her Majesty's behalf by the Duke of York early next month.

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

The master (Lord Ribblesdale) and a large field were present at the meet of the Queen's buckhounds, at Gerrard's Cross, on Tuesday, when notwithstanding the ground was very heavy and trying to both borses and hounds, the run proved one of the best during the present season.

The Battersea Polytechnic Institute will be opened on Saturday, the 24th inst., when the Prince of Wales has kindly promised to attend and perform the ceremony, and there appears to be good reason to hope that his Royal Highness will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales.

The Royal Commission on the Aged Poor, of which Lord Aberdare is Chairman, and the Prince of Wales a member, will resume its sittings at the House of Lords next week for the purpose of taking evidence on several points which sundry of the members consider require further elucidation.

Monday, the 5th instant, being Founders' Day, the members of the Royal Navy Club, of 1765 and 1785, dined together at the Hôtel Métropole, under the presidency of Captain Gerard H. Noel, Junior Naval Lord of the Admiralty, the guest of the evening being Sir Francis Grenfell.

Captain C. Keelson read an interesting paper on "Swordsmanship, Ancient and Modern," at the headquarters of the Victoria and St. George's Rifle Corps, on Tuesday, the various methods of training and wielding the weapon being ably illustrated in a series of bouts by the lecturer, who was assisted by the members of the Regimental School of Arms.

At the recent meeting of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund which was held in the Venetian Parlour of the Mansion House, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler, for the election of Committees and officers, Bro. Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G., was elected a member in the place of Bro. Sir James Whitehead, Bart., resigned, and Captain Cundy in place of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, deceased.

The Empress Frederick of Germany arrived off Cowes on board the Royal yacht *Victoria* and *Albert* towards the end of last week on a visit to the Queen at Osborne. Her Majesty at once went on board the Royal yacht *Alberta*, where she was greeted by the Duchess of Albany and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and having landed at Trinity Pier, drove in a carriage and four to Osborne. On Saturday last the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses *Victoria* and *Maud*, went to Osborne on a visit to the Queen.

An important pigeon-shooting match was held at Monte Carlo on Tuesday, when France, Great Britain, Italy, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, and Germany, represented each by two marksmen, competed, the amount of the sweepstakes being 200 francs each competitor, and the conditions 30 pigeons at 25 metres. Italy won with 55 birds grassed, Great Britain being second with 50, Austria-Hungary, and Germany next in order with 43 and 40 respectively, France fifth with 43, and Belgium last with 41 birds. The souvenir for the best individual score was won by Court Luke Gajoli, who only missed twice in his 30 shots, killing 25 birds consecutively.

We have been favoured with the sight of the handsome silver medal presented to our friends, Messrs. Partridge and Cooper, "The Stationers," 192, Fleet-street and Chancery-lane, given by the proprietors of *Tit-Bits* for the best dressed window, and observe they are the only stationers so favoured amongst the many hundreds of competitors. There is one thing we cannot lose sight of when we remember what the *Times* said on Metropolitan improvements—"That corner house is one of the handsomest buildings in London," and this must be a great assistance to a window dresser, but to us there always appears to be a charm about that corner.

Mr. Alderman Hopkirk, who is better known to the brethren of the Craft as Bro. Hopkirk, P.G. Purst., appears to be as highly esteemed in his municipal capacity as in Freemasonry, so much so that at a meeting held at the Royal Normal College, Upper Norwood, on the 29th ult., the Mayor of Croydon, S. Lee Rymer, Esq., J.P., presiding, the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this meeting of burgesses of Upper Norwood and neighbourhood, desiring to recognise the valuable public services and personal merits of Mr. Alderman W. Hopkirk, forms itself into a General Committee to further the best means of acknowledging the same, in the form of a testimonial." It is to take the form of a gold watch, and we wish our good brother many years of life to mark the time by it.

Success To Have A PERMANENT EFFECT, must be built upon something solid, or it will crumble into ashes when seemingly within our grasp. A house built upon the sand cannot have a permanent foundation; and the same may be said of every undertaking in life. Unless the sustaining power of anything of value has been carefully planned, it will soon become useless. This remark is particularly applicable in reference to our health, for if it is not firmly established through the blood being pure and the stomach in regular order, we are liable at any time to be fatally attacked by disease. Holloway's Pills and Ointment may be a foundation of good health, which will be permanent and strong as a rock.

Bro. the Earl of Chichester has given permission to the Sussex Archaeological Society to excavate the galleries and chambers which have recently been discovered under the Castle at Hastings.

It is authoritatively announced that the Queen, will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday the 27th inst. and on Tuesday, the 6th March, and that two other Drawing Rooms will be held in the season. In order to prevent crowding, the presentations will be limited to 200 on each occasion.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., the members of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, Monmouth, gave a ball, which was attended by about 130, including members of the Craft from Abergavenny, Newport, and other towns. The members, as usual, wore their insignia of office and regalia generally, which contrasted well with the charming dresses of the ladies. A string band, under the direction of Bandmaster G. Renecke, occupied the orchestra.

A concert was given early during the present week at the Albert Institute, Windsor, in aid of the local infant nursery. The Princess Christian and her daughter, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein were present, and the former with Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, P.G. Org., organist of St. George's Chapel, played a duet for two pianos, and also took part in a grand duet for two pianos, eight hands, the other executants being Bro. Sir W. Parratt, and the Misses G. M. Liddell, and Caroline Bigge.

According to telegraphic advices from New York, an intensely cold wave has been passing over the North-Eastern States of the United States, that of New York having experienced the severest of the weather. At Savance Lake the thermometer registered 73 degrees of cold on Monday; at Plattsburg, 50 degrees; at Rome (N.Y.), 52 degrees; Fortplain, 60 degrees; and at Kingston (N.Y.), 55 degrees.

The Gymnasium Hall, Beverley, was, on the 31st ult., a scene of gaiety, the occasion being the annual Masonic Charity Ball, under the patronage of the local members of the Craft. The W.M. (Bro. D. Morley) and the greater part of the active members of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 204, were present. The room was tastefully decorated by Messrs. Elwell and Son, and the floor was in capital condition. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was continued till the small hours in the morning. Mr. Elwell was the M.C. Messrs. Young and Evans' band supplied the music, and the supper was provided by Mr. Agate and Mr. Dayes. Several visiting brethren were present at the ball.

The funeral of Maria Deraismes will (says the Paris correspondent of the *Morning Chronicle*) be marked by the presence of women delegates of a serious, but certainly existent, Masonic lodge. It appears that the charming apostle of female emancipation was initiated by a lodge at La Pecq, which incurred the displeasure of the Grand Orient for its disobedience to a fundamental rule of the Craft. M.M. Georges Martin, Laisant, Tony Rivillon, Cernesson, and others resolved, however, to found a mixed lodge, of which Maria Deraismes was the "Grande Vénérable." Needless to say that this remained unrecognised, although Maria Deraismes and her secretary, Maria Martin claim a precedent in the shape of a lodge which existed in Paris in 1815. The sisters of the "Droit Humain" Lodge will follow their foundress to the grave with a huge wreath and inscription.

An evening party and ball under the banner of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, No. 2214, were held on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., in the Stipendiary Court Room, Hanley, and proved in every way a successful and enjoyable affair, there being about 100 ladies and gentlemen present. The room was tastefully decorated, and the brethren in their Masonic insignia made quite an animated scene. A capital programme of dances was gone through, the music being supplied by Mr. T. Carr, while at intervals vocal music was given by Miss Godfrey, Miss Gilman, Bros. Mitchell, Bearn, and Warne. The Stewards were Bros. L. Taylor, W.M.; R. Tooth, J. White, E. B. Jackson, S. Fenton, G. L. Birch, W. R. Tooth, W. Mitchell, M. Nuttall, J. Jervis, and W. Johnson, the M.C.'s being Bros. W. R. Tooth and M. Nuttall. An excellent supper was provided in the grand jury room by Mrs. Barlow, of the Victoria Hotel, Shelton. The party broke up shortly after two o'clock a.m.

According to the minutes of Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of January 24th, Grand Secretary reported that, in accordance with instructions received from Grand Committee, the Accountant has made a careful examination of the books of Grand Lodge for the year, from the 24th November, 1892, to 30th November, 1893, and reported that the funds and estates belonging to and under the control of Grand Lodge amounted to £33,788 14s. 4d., and that the accounts of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence for the same period amounted to £6993 17s. 5d. An abstract account of the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, prepared by the Accountant showed that the fund at the 30th November, 1893, amounted to £21,674 8s. 7d., whereof the sum of £21,030 19s. 4d. is capital, and £643 9s. 3d. income. The accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 30th November, 1893, exhibit a further sum of £11,421 15s. 4d. as due to his fund at that date.

Bro. John Beresford, who died at his residence, Altrincham, on Monday, the 29th ult., was one of the oldest and best known printers in Manchester. He was a pioneer of the free press movement in the city, having nearly 40 years ago, during the Crimean War, printed the first daily penny paper in Manchester called *The Daily War Telegraph*, a small sheet of four pages confined entirely to news from the seat of war. It was unstamped, and for a time had a very large circulation, until at last the Government interfered, and prohibited any further issue of unstamped copies. Bro. Beresford was one of the oldest of the Masonic brethren in the Province of Cheshire. He was a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport, and P.P.J.G.D. of the Cheshire Province. Originally a Dissenter, he had for many years past been a member of the Church of England, and a strong supporter of the Conservative cause. The deceased was a native of Macclesfield, and was 75 years of age.

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