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THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC FUND.

The report for the past year of the Finance and Audit Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which has recently been published, shows an amount of progress on which the lodges and brethren of that large and influential Province have every reason to congratulate themselves. Not only has there been an increase in the income under the principal heads of receipt, but the increase is of so substantial a character as to justify the belief that though there may have been an occasional laxity on the part of the brethren in supporting this local Charity, the Province as a whole is determined there shall be no doubt about its permanency. It will doubtless be within the recollection of our readers that though this Fund was fully adequate to the demands made upon its resources during the year 1892, and was able to show an excellent balance in hand at the close of the account, there was conclusive evidence furnished by the Committee's report that the support it received was far from being as equitably distributed among the lodges as might have been expected, and a special circular was issued by the Provincial Grand Master in which attention was called to this unequal distribution. This circular was sent to every subscribing member of a lodge throughout the Province, the result being manifested not merely in the substantial increase in the donations and subscriptions, to which we have already referred, but in the more extended surface over which that support is spread. Thus, in 1892, the income from all sources was returned as £1545; last year it was £2335, the increase amounting to £790, or more than 50 per cent. Again, in the former year, the number of subscribing lodges and individual brethren was 55 and 110 respectively; in 1893, there were 76 lodges and 175 individual brethren subscribing towards the support of the Fund. Hence, though there is ample room for additions to both these classes of supporters, there cannot be a shadow of a doubt that the extension of the area of support has been obtained by the Provincial Grand Master's direct personal appeal to the members of his Province. Under these circumstances it will be as well, perhaps, if the Committee of the Institution, after consultation with their President and with his sanction and approval, were to renew this direct appeal each time they issue a fresh Report, so that there may be as little chance as possible of the claims of this useful Provincial Charity being lost sight of. But to the Report itself. The sum received in 1893 in the shape of donations and subscriptions was close on £1915, the lodges contributing nearly £1037. Provincial Grand Lodge £100, and individuals £573, the remainder having been provided by chapters, Mark lodges, Knight Templar Preceptories, and lodges of instruction, Provincial Grand Chapter, and Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and proceeds of entertainments, &c., in behalf of the Fund. There was also received a sum of nearly £421 as interest on investments, while £600 was repaid in respect of the Bolton Corporation Mortgage Loan, the total ordinary receipts reaching, as we have said, £2335, while the total receipts, including repayment of loan, amounted to £2935. As regards the expenditure £318 3s. was disbursed in relief of brethren and others entitled to the benefits of the Fund, of which £76 3s. was distributed by the Almoners' Committee. Education grants amounting to £224 14s. were made to 26 children; one ex-pupil received a grant for advancement; and there are two annuitants who received £26 per annum each; the total disbursed on education, relief, and annuities being £581 7s. Establishment charges, including salary of, and special gratuity to, the Secretary, amounted to £154 8s. 7d., while the invested capital was increased by the outlay in Bury Corporation Loan and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway scrip of £1702 3s. 6d., the balance in bank and Secretary's hands on the 31st December, 1893, being £1233 17s. 2d., as compared with £737 1s. 7d. on the corresponding day of 1892. As for the accumulated capital, it amounts nominally to £11,967, in purchasing which the sum of £12,456 has been laid out, the permanent income arising therefrom representing, roughly about two-thirds of the total outlay.

Having drawn attention to the salient features in this most admirable Report, it only remains for us to congratulate the Prov. G. Master and the lodges and brethren generally on the success of their efforts during the past year. The outlook is most encouraging, and though it is certain there will be fluctuations from year to year in the amounts received by voluntary contributions, there can be no doubt as to the stability of a Fund which has been systematically and loyally supported for such a term of years.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 3rd instant, the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., in the chair. This being the meeting for the annual election of members of Grand Committee, there was a large attendance of members, about 400 being present. Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, Prov. Grand Master, acted as Grand Master Depute; Bro. R. F. Shaw-Stewart, as Substitute Grand Master; Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Perth, was in his place as Senior Grand Warden; and the Earl of Rosslyn, as Junior Grand Warden.

There were also present—

Bros. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Cashier; Rev. Dr. Niven, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Gunn, G. Chap.; Major F. W. Allan, S.G.D.; G. C. H. M'Naught, J.G.D.; Wm. Black, C.E., G. Architect; J. Wilson Wallace, G. Jeweller; Capt. D. Sneddon, G.B.B.; General J. J. Boswell, G.D. of C.; R. W. Macleod Fullerton, Q.C., G. Bard; Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie of Delvine, G.S.B.; Hope Dambmann, G. Dir. of Music; Robert Davidson, G. Org.; J. MacNaught Campbell, G. Mar.; W. Munro Denholm, G.I.G.; James Berry, J.P., Prov. G.M.; of Forfarshire; James W. Forshaw, P.G.M. of Aberdeen city; Major P. King Steuart of Murdistoun, P.G.M. of Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; Dr. James Middleton, P.G.M. of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirkshire; J. H. Balfour-Melville of Strathkinness, P.G.M. of Fife and Kinross; and George Christie, P.G.M. of Stirlingshire. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Haddington, Past Grand Master; Lord Saltoun, Sir Allan Mackenzie, Sir James Buchanan, Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie, Capt. G. Russell-Colt of Gartsherrie, Rev. John Murray, and others.

Grand Committee reported an invitation to hold its annual meeting for election of Grand Office-bearers and celebration of St. Andrew's Day festival in the City of Glasgow next November, and unanimously recommended Grand Lodge to accept the invitation, and direct Grand Secretary to arrange accordingly. This was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The GRAND MASTER intimated that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow had unanimously recommended that Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, should again be Provincial Grand Master, and moved accordingly. He took it from their reception of that announcement that they agreed that Bro. Graham should be reappointed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF GLASGOW accepted office, and said he would do his best for the interests of the province. He had intended at his time of life almost to resign, but seeing that the brethren were so unanimous in asking him to retain office, he had felt it his duty to act for another year.

A statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge was submitted for the year to 30th November last, from which it appeared that the annual income had been £4786, and the expenditure £2501. Half the free income for last year, or £1393, had been paid over to the extended scheme of Masonic benevolence. The funds and estate amounted to £33,788, and the free income this year to £2285. The amount of the funds of Masonic benevolence was £6,993, an increase of £76 over last year; and the annuity branch stood at £21,674, being an increase of £1393, and the half of the free income of Grand Lodge would be £1142. The number of annuitants for the past year had been 107, and the amount of the annuities £1125. These were apportioned among the several provinces as follows: Metropolitan, 17 annuitants, £175; Ayrshire, 13, £130; Glasgow, City, 16, £185; Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirkshire, 1, £10; Fifeshire, 8, £80; Forfarshire, 19, £200; Haddington, and Berwickshire, 2, £20; Linlithgowshire, 1, £10; Aberdeen City, 3, £35; Aberdeenshire, East, 1, £10; Aberdeenshire, West, 1, £10; Ross and Cromarty, 3, £30; Renfrewshire, East, 4, £40; Renfrewshire, West, 2, £20; Stirlingshire, 2, £20; Kincardineshire, 2, £20; Perthshire, East, 2, £20; Lanark, Middle Ward, 2, £20; Lanark Upper Ward, 1, £10; Argyllshire and the Isles, 4, £40; New Zealand, South, 1, £20; Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, 1, £10; and Dumbartonshire, 1, £10.

It was resolved that charters be granted to the new lodges Taringa, Indooroopilly, Queensland; Valley Ionic, Valley Brisbane; and Norman, Sandgate; and in respect of the recent great improvement in the affairs of Scottish Freemasonry since the appointment of Bro. Thomas Myhie to the post of District Grand Master-Depute, Grand Lodge cordially thanked the District Grand Master of the colony, Bro. the Hon. Sir John Douglas, for having selected that officer. It was reported that Bro. Peter M'Agan of Pumpherston, had resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Linlithgowshire, and he was thanked for his faithful services to Grand Lodge and the Province of Linlithgowshire during the last 17 years.

Bro. R. W. Macleod Fullerton, Q.C., was elected, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee, to be Grand Bard, and was installed into office. He thanked Grand Lodge for the honour, and said he took the opportunity of addressing them for the purpose of asking the kind permission of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to dedicate to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge a volume of poems in the "braud auld Scottish tongue," that he proposed immediately to publish. He hoped they would receive it as a kind of first fruits of his office, also as a humble expression of the gratitude he felt for this great honour.

The GRAND MASTER said he was sure they would accept very heartily this offer. They thought the first fruits were on a very large scale.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of members of Grand Committee. There were 16 candidates for 14 vacancies, and the following brethren were elected by the undernoted numbers: Bros. Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow, 254; John Carruthers, Glasgow, 225; Andrew J. Stephenson, Perth, 221; James Hampton Forshaw, Aberdeen, 219; J. MacNaught Campbell, Glasgow, 218; George Christie, Stirling, 216; A. A. Speirs of Elderslie, Houston, 212; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow, 206; James Muir, Uddingston, 199; J. H. Balfour Melville, W.S., younger of Strathbrinness, 196; James Berry, J.P., Dundee, 184; Allan Mackenzie, Edinburgh, 165; C. C. Nisbet, W.S., Edinburgh, 154; and James Drummond, W.S., Edinburgh, 126. Bros. Major Allan, J. MacNaught Campbell, George Christie, A. A. Speirs, J. Dalrymple Duncan, James Muir, Allan Mackenzie, and C. C. Nisbet, were on the Committee during the past year.

A motion to the effect that Depute and Substitute Masters and Wardens become members of Grand Lodge was, after discussion and on the motion of Bro. Simpson, Edinburgh, remitted to Grand Committee for consideration and report.

The other business was routine.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUMBER INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE, No. 2494, AT HULL.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., the most important function that has taken place in Masonic circles in Hull celebrated the consecration of the above new lodge by the D.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. The ceremonies of consecrating the new lodge and installing its first Master were next impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., assisted by the Prov. Grand Reg., Bro. R. R. Hawley, the Prov. Grand Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. C. Linley, M.A., and the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, and the music was ably rendered by a select choir under the direction of Bro. J. R. Stringer, P.P.G. Organist.

During the proceedings within the lodge, Bro. W. HARLING SISSONS, D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, delivered an oration, couched in sublime terms, which added not a little to the dignity of the interesting event.

It may be stated, for the information of the brethren generally, that for about 12 years there has been an Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction held in Hull under the warrant of the Humber Lodge, No. 57. The brethren who have passed the chair only are eligible for membership, and it is worthy of note that the lodge has been founded for the promotion of the study of Freemasonry in its literary, archaeological, and philosophical characters; to provide a special lodge as a bond of union for these worshipful brethren; to undertake public lectures and discussions for the instruction and improvement of the brethren in Hull and district, and generally to endeavour to raise the standard of Masonry, and to support the principles and tenets of the Craft in their highest sense.

The brethren are to be congratulated that so well known and respected a Craftsman, as Bro. Michael Charles Peck, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, P.P.G.W., the Provincial Grand Secretary of N. and E. Yorkshire, has been installed the first Worshipful Master of this lodge, which is unique in its character in the Masonic world, and the following brethren were presented for investment as its first officers: Bros. D. J. O'Donoghue, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G. Sup. Wks., S.W.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., J.W.; Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, P.S.G.D., Chap.; E. Corris, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G.S., Sec.; John Bilson, S.D.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., J.D.; J. R. Ansdell, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. E. Kessen, Org.; A. King, P.P.G.D., I.G.; R. Beever, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Stwd.; and H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, upon the invitation of the new Worshipful Master, about 100 brethren sat down to a *recherche* banquet. The tables were very tastefully decorated, and Bro. G. W. Richardson, the Chief Steward of the Humber Lodge, purveyed in capital style, assisted by a number of brethren who kindly and very efficiently acted as Stewards on this memorable occasion.

The toast list was not unduly prolonged, and the Dep. Prov. Grand Master in responding, said that he esteemed it the highest honour to have been privileged to consecrate that lodge which was destined to benefit the Hull and district lodges, and to install his worthy friend and brother, the Prov. Grand Secretary. It was a red-letter day in his Masonic life, and one which would ever be associated with the pleasantest possible recollections. The P.G.M., the Marquess of Zetland, was entertaining a large party at Aske Hall, or he would have attended that day's important function.

Kind letters and good wishes were received from Bros. Gould, HUGHAN, and Speth, the celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" trio, and other distinguished brethren.

An excellent selection of vocal music, interspersed between the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, in the course of which several very able and interesting speeches were made. The entire arrangements were carried out without a hitch, as befitting to such an auspicious occasion.

The Earl of Yarborough, Senior Grand Warden of England, had intended to have been present, but was compelled to proceed to London. Many other distinguished members of the Craft also sent letters of apology, and wished success to the new lodge.

The following were present:—

Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. Eng., D.P.G.M.; W. Harling Sissons, D.L., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. Eng.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Todd, P.G. Treas.; I. Henderson, J.P.G.W.; J. L. Seaton, J.P., H. B. Anderson, H. O. Piercy, and D. J. O'Donoghue, P.P.G.Ws.; Revs. Clement Linley and E. Fox-Thomas, P.G. Chaps.; R. R. Hawley, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Cowper, J.P., J. Sykes Rymer, J.P., Tom Turner, J.P., Edward Corris, and Francis Fullerton, P.P.G. Reg.; Colonel H. F. Pudsey, Joel Edgar, and H. C. Clarke, P.G. Deacons; T. Thompson, H. Tozes, G. L. Shackles, A. King, J. Walton, Charles Gray, John Clark, S. Rutter, Major W. H. Wellsted, J.P., J. Matthews, H. Preston, H. Haigh, George Wilson, and I. W. C. Whiteside, P.P.G.Ds.; W. D. Keyworth, W. Tesseyman, A. W. Ansell, R. Beever, F. Blackburn, and Thomson Foley, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Henry Foster, M.D., Prov. G.D.C.; T. Marshall, M. M. Westerby, and George

J. Robinson, P.P.G.D.Cs.; N. Shaw, Prov. G.S.B.; R. Glover, J. S. Moss, J. R. Ansdell, J. Mackaill, R. E. Webb, and T. A. Haigh, P.P.G.S.Bs.; George Leigh, Prov. G. Std. Br.; F. Creaser, J. Chappell, and J. Rennard, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; J. R. Stringer, P.P.G. Org.; T. B. Redfearn, P. Asst. G. Sec.; J. Wildbore, W.M., W. C. Bradley, P.M., A. E. Kessen, P.M., W. Brook, P.M., and R. Rayner, P.M., of 57; J. Y. Torr, W.M., J. T. Towler, P.M., J. W. Burton, P.M., L. E. Stephenson, P.M., and L. Brekke, P.M., of 250; W. A. Hutchence, 543; W. H. Wimpenny, W.M. 734; Dr. J. W. Mason, W.M., Dr. H. Woodhouse, P.M., J. Bilson, P.M., and J. Carill Savill, Sec., 1010; H. Watson, P.M. 1040; J. J. Adamson, W.M., J. G. Wallis, P.M., F. Carter, P.M., and G. Spink, P.M., of 1511; Dr. R. W. Cooper, P.M. 1605; T. Heaton Haller, W.M., and G. W. Greenwood, P.M., of 2134; G. W. Richardson, T. Hart, G. H. Panton, R. T. Watson, G. Shepherdson, P. J. Drasdo, P. Atkinson, T. B. Atkinson, W. C. Thornton, T. Morrill, M. J. Martensen, and T. W. Biggins, Stwds.; and F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, W. Clayton, D. Swallow, and F. W. Clayton, Tylers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight met on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, when there were present Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt.; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. H.; and T. W. Faulkner, Prov. G. J. The general attendance of Present and Past Principals was very large. The Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. Tilling, submitted the accounts, which were extremely satisfactory in every point. Every chapter had paid up the dues, and there was a balance in hand of £34 13s. 4d. It was stated also that Royal Arch Masonry was prospering in the province, for out of 24 chapters all but four had had exaltations during the year. The balance-sheet was adopted, and the Audit Committee were appointed. The Prov. G. Treasurer was heartily and unanimously re-elected for the fourth time, and, returning thanks for the compliment, he suggested that if one or two of the chapters would send in their dues somewhat earlier than they had done, it would be more convenient.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the officers as under:

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Stopher, 76	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. G. Goble, 309	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. N. Cross, 195	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. J. Tilling, 1461	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. G. Niven, 1776	...	...	...	} Prov. G.P.Ss.
" Rev. E. T. Martin, 257	...	...	...
" E. O. Longland, 359	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" A. J. Blackman, 394	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Cockburn, 1331	...	...	...	} Prov. G.S.Bs.
" J. Paris, 175	...	...	...
" P. H. Emanuel, 2068	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Mitchell, 1428	...	...	...
" A. W. Hewitt, 342	...	...	...	} Prov. G.D.Cs.
" H. Harbor, 2016	...	...	...
" W. A. Roe, 903	...	...	...	} Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Pearse, 130	...	...	...
" R. Hewitt, 2074	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. G. Lancaster, 342	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Exell, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. GOBLE moved that £3 3s. should be voted from Prov. Grand Chapter funds in aid of the expense of printing the Provincial Calendar.

Comp. JACOB seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

The next business arose out of a resolution come to by Grand Chapter, as to the alteration of the qualifying period for exaltation of a brother from 12 months to three months after he shall have become a Master Mason. It was stated that there was a strong opinion in all the chapters adverse to such a change from 12 months to 28 days, and some desired its reference back to Grand Chapter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said he was not present in Grand Chapter, and was not in any way responsible for what took place there. He thought that a year's probation was, perhaps, too long, but a change to one month was too extreme. A short time ago some alteration was suggested, and it was said in Grand Chapter that it was impossible to make any change in Royal Arch Masonry. If such action as he had spoken of were to be taken, he thought it might be altered to a term of three or six months. It was not desirable to rush into extremes. It was a question that each chapter should consider carefully, and give Grand Chapter its opinion.

Comp. ATKINS had hoped to have heard more about the proceedings of Grand Chapter and also the opinion of other chapters in the province.

Comp. BLACKMAN said his chapter was opposed to it.

Comp. JACOB was opposed to the change, but seconded a suggestion of six months made by Comp. Atkins in order to elicit the opinion of Provincial Grand Chapter.

Comp. LE FEUVRE said the Provincial Grand Secretary was not present when Grand Chapter adopted the resolution, and it was received late for insertion in the agenda. It was now the duty of the Provincial Grand Chapter and the chapters generally to move in the matter, and to propose the non-confirmation of the resolution in Grand Chapter, and that three or six months be substituted for four weeks. Their Principals must attend Grand Chapter to support these views. The suggested alteration was not brought forward by London chapters, who supported the one month limit, and the country chapters were almost all opposed to it.

A resolution that the resolution of Grand Chapter be not confirmed was unanimously carried.

In view of the increased number of officers to what the province was now entitled, because it had over 25 chapters, the P.G. Treasurer was authorised to provide the necessary regalia. It was stated that the Lymington Chapter, No. 319, was in abeyance, not having paid any dues since 1871. The minute books of the Chapter were signed by the Grand Superintendent after P.G. Chapter had closed.

The Principals and companions then adjourned to a banquet at the Guildhall Refectory, Bro. Clowser catering excellently.

The selection of Comp. P. Stopher, P.Z., for so high an office in Prov. Grand Chapter gave great satisfaction to Chapter No. 76, of which he is the senior member. He joined it nearly 30 years ago, and has retained membership with honour to himself and advantage to the chapter.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY AND THE DERBY FREEMASONS.

It may not be generally known that the eminent actor now performing at the Grand Theatre, Derby, is a prominent and enthusiastic Freemason. The noble Charities of the Fraternity have found in him an active and munificent supporter, and the high estimation in which he is held by his brethren may be gathered from the fact that several years ago he was elected to the distinguished office of Grand Treasurer of England. Advantage was taken of his present visit to Derby (after an absence of nearly eight years) to express to him, in a tangible form, the affection felt for him by his Masonic friends, and on Friday, the 9th inst., a number of them entertained him at dinner at the Derby Club (by kind permission of the committee of the institution). Bro. Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., P.P.G.T., occupied the chair, and Bro. W. H. Marsden, P.G.S.B. Eng., the vice-chair, among those present, in addition to the distinguished guest of the evening, being Bros. Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Piper, P.G.T.; John Walker, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Cooper, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Richardson, P.P.A.G.S.; J. R. Fielding, P.M.; J. R. Eastwood, T. C. Eastwood, George Fletcher, F. E. Leech, F. Ernest Taylor, and H. T. Brickwell (Bro. Terry's business manager).

The club steward, Mr. S. Thompson, provided an excellent repast, which was highly appreciated.

The toast list was a commendably brief one.

Bro. Sir THOMAS ROE, M.P., in submitting "Health and Happiness to Bro. Terry," referred in the most cordial terms to his splendid talents as an actor, and his high character as a man and a Mason. Amid cheers he expressed the hope that Bro. Terry's career might continue to be bright and prosperous.

In acknowledging the toast, Bro. TERRY delivered a highly interesting speech. Referring to the terrible calamity which marked his previous visit to the town, he paid a graceful tribute to the kindness and sympathy extended to him by all sections of the local public. Various topics of peculiar interest to Freemasons were then referred to with his characteristic shrewdness and humour. His remarks upon the universality of the Brotherhood, and its tendency to promote good-will amongst seemingly antagonistic elements of society, were heartily applauded. He, in the course of his recent wanderings, saw and heard much to deepen his attachment to, and veneration for, the principles of the Order. In India Freemasonry was very strong, and he came across many tokens of the hold it had upon the sympathies of the people. In one instance he visited a lodge, and saw Hindoos, Parsees, Mohammedans, and Jews meeting together in harmony and brotherly love. They heard a great deal about racial difficulties in these days, but it was clear a remedy for them was to be found in the teachings of Freemasonry. He also dwelt with satisfaction upon the enormous strides made by the Order in the Australian Colonies. Three thousand Masons of New South Wales attended the installation of the Grand Master. He concluded his instructive address by claiming for Freemasonry that it tended to promote loyalty and good-fellowship among all who were obedient to its precepts.

"The Healths of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman," and then, with much warmth, the brethren toasted "Bro. Percy Wallis," who was congratulated upon his improved health, praised for his untiring and disinterested labours on behalf of the Fraternity, and especially thanked for the trouble he had taken in promoting the enjoyable gathering in question.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2432.

The second ladies' night of this lodge, which promises to become an important annual in Masonic circles, was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., on Wednesday, the 31st ult.

Having received the company in the spacious Arbitration Room, the W.M., Bro. George Ransford, P.M., D.C. 1512, proceeded to the banquet room, which was effectively arranged and decorated.

Bro. G. Emblin occupied the S.W.'s chair, and in the absence of Bro. Phillips, through illness, the J.W.'s chair was filled by Bro. T. W. Lightfoot, the W.M. being supported on his left by his wife and son (the first initiate of the lodge), the Secretary and Mrs. A. F. Scholding and Miss Beckett, and on his left by the I.P.M. and family, Mrs., Miss, and Bro. Ralph Bullock.

Grace having been sung, an admirable banquet, well served, was thoroughly enjoyed, while a band of the 2nd Life Guards, conducted by Corp. A. W. Hulley, played an excellent selection of music.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. said he should not long detain those who were anxious to dance, but there were a few toasts they could not neglect to honour at such a gathering, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors." (A voice, "And the W.M.")

These, interspersed with music and songs, were enthusiastically honoured.

The Stewards having handed to each lady present a neat little package,

The W.M. proposed "The Ladies" in felicitous and gallant terms, but feminine curiosity could not be restrained by flattering allusion to their grace and charms; and almost simultaneously the mysterious boxes were

opened, and their contents, which proved to be handsome white-feather fans presented by the W.M., were waving round the table, producing a very effective scene.

The response for the ladies was entrusted to Bro. RALPH BULLOCK, who in a clever speech expressed their pleasure at being present; thanks for all the thoughtful attention they had received, and the handsome, useful souvenir they should take away and keep for a long time in remembrance of that successful meeting, and humorously remarking that ladies found it a little difficult to believe that such adepts in the art of entertaining could really spend all the rest of their Masonic evenings from home in such serious work, said that it was in contemplation to supplement their interest in the Craft by organising to assist in the Charitable part of the work done by their husbands and friends whose hospitality they so often enjoyed.

Bro. W. H. BULLOCK proposed "The W.M.," remarking that after what had happened it required no eloquence on his part to ensure a hearty reception of the toast, but he must express the pleasure it gave him as first Master of the lodge to propose the health of such a worthy successor, a kind, genial, thorough good Mason, perfect master of the work, and full of generous impulses. His year of office was proceeding with so much credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren (he thought he might also say the ladies) that it would be very difficult for his successor to excel him.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The W.M., who received an ovation, said: It was all very well for Bro. Bullock, P.M., inspired by the presence of his distinguished wife, and inspired by the company of his lovely daughter and manly son, to say flattering things about him, but he could only reply by thanking them for the way they had supported him and received the toast of his health and that of his wife. They were pleased, yea, and proud, to be there that night, and hoped for many years to come and enjoy their company under the gavel of a long succession of good Masters.

Bro. CURRY replied for "The Visitors," and said he was present at the consecration of the lodge, the installation of Bro. Ransford, who was the second Master, at last year's ladies' night, and several lodge meetings. He felt more like one of them than a visitor, and it afforded him the greatest pleasure to attend meetings where such perfect good fellowship prevailed. They treated visitors with so much generosity and consideration, that they must become more and more popular, and he wished them more and ever increasing success.

The company then adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was kept up with much spirit till the small hours, intervals being filled up with some capital songs by Bros. Thomson, Emblin, and Cleeve.

Great credit is due to the management for the admirable order with which every detail was arranged and carried out under the direction of Bro. Scholding, Sec., assisted by a number of Stewards, behind whose badges we recognised Bros. G. Emblin, S.W.; T. W. Lightfoot, W. H. Lowry, W. F. Bates, S. Klingenstein, C. Ransford, and J. J. Woods.

The M.C.'s were Bros. S. Klingenstein, R. Bullock, and C. Ransford.

-ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, on Monday, Mr. Clements R. Markham, F.R.S., President, in the chair, Bro. Harry Lake read a paper on Johore. Bro. Lake, who has been in the service of the Sultan of Johore for the last three years, and was commissioned by his Highness to explore and survey the interior, said that Johore formed the southern portion of the Malay Peninsula, while its population, of which fully two-thirds were Chinese immigrants, did not exceed 300,000. The difficulties which had to be encountered in traversing the country were of an exceedingly formidable character. The interior was found to consist of jungle and swamp. However, the survey was completed, not the least successful part of his labours being the ascent of the Blumut range and the tracing of the Indau throughout its whole course: From the source of this river Bro. Lake continued his journey across the Tenang Hills, through the Segamat country, to the frontier river Jekati. The expedition made its way to the settlement of Kerolong, and from thence by way of the Palong river to Tasek or Lake Bera. After penetrating with considerable difficulty to the Pahang frontier, the expedition went to Singapore by way of the Muar river and the Straits of Malacca, thus completing a flying survey right along the northern frontiers of Johore from the China Sea to Tasek Bera. The capital of the state—Johore Bahru—which was founded some 35 years ago by the present Sultan, was already an attractive and well-governed city, with a population of 15,000. Bro. Lake described the original people, of whom nothing had hitherto been known—the Jakuns—into whose habits and customs, language, and superstitions we should now be able to obtain some insight. As for the government, the resources, and the trade of Johore, Bro. Lake spoke well and hopefully. The Sultan was an enlightened ruler, and the country had made rapid progress during the last 20 years. What was now needed principally was a further influx of Chinese labour and a more extensive cultivation of the land, whereby the country would gradually become more and more independent in respect of its food supplies. The exports were

chiefly gambier and pepper, and in a lesser degree copra, coffee, areca nuts, timber, indiarubber, gutta-percha, and tin. The principal import was rice, but there was a good market for salt fish, sugar, paraffin oil, and hardware and Manchester goods.

Copies of Bro. Lake's map had been engraved on a reduced scale, and were circulated in the room, thus enabling the audience, which numbered about 300, to follow the route described.

An interesting discussion afterwards took place in which Gen. the Hon. W. Fielding, Bro. Dato Abdul Rahman, and others took part.

THE INFLUENZA.

Our readers must have noticed a constantly recurring sentence lately in our lodge reports something to this effect: "Telegrams and letters were read from several brethren apologising for non-attendance through illness, chiefly influenza." Bro. Dr. Anthony Nutt, of Craven House, London, having himself been a victim of the dread disease, kindly volunteers "advice gratis" in the following communication:

"Having suffered from a severe attack of influenza with bronchitis, and also one or two relapses of the same since, with all the symptoms recurring, it struck me some time ago that as I have derived great benefit from a prescription I wrote for myself ('Physician heal thyself'), and which has proved invariably of speedy relief to numerous patients and friends, I thought it would be well to publish it so that it may prove of benefit to my brethren in Freemasonry and their friends, and I feel that if I had taken this medicine at the beginning I should have been saved many weeks of pain, both mentally and physically.

"When a person once suffers from this disease he is subject to relapses, with the accompanying fearful depression and pains. One dose in case of relapse has proved effectual with myself and all the cases I have met with, to stop the discharge of mucous from the nose, relieve the frontal headache, muscular pains in back, legs, &c., and also gastric disturbances. The medicine should be taken once a day, when the trouble is felt to be coming on, at 12 o'clock, and a good meal taken at one o'clock, with animal food, vegetables, burgundy port, good soup, with a glass or half a glassful of brown sherry. Always take a good meal about eight o'clock, never let the system run down. There is nothing like a basin of hot milk with toast or bread in the morning before getting up, and to regulate the system and to relieve the cold sweats in the morning and muscular pains take one of J. E. Marsden's powders in water before getting up. The medicine can be obtained from any chemist in the United Kingdom or abroad.

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"To be taken at 12 o'clock (noon) in water.

"N.B.—This medicine should not be taken if patient is suffering from Bright's disease."

THE MOSELEY LODGE FIRST BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This young and energetic lodge, whose successful ladies' banquet was recently reported in the *Freemason*, although not unmindful of the duties and pleasures of hospitality, have laudably determined to make Masonic Charity their chief object, and, with this view, have already founded an institution, to be called "The Moseley Lodge First Benevolent Association," of which Bro. J. D. Langton, their popular and highly esteemed W.M., P.M. 1675 and 2096, P.P.J.G.W., is President; Bro. Samuel Hewett, P.M. 1614, 2473, and 2146, Vice-President; Bro. F. Buxton, P.M. 1891 and 2473, Treasurer; and Bro. H. J. Keen, 1614 and 2473, Secretary.

At a meeting of the new Association, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Friday, the 9th inst., the names of a large number of joining members were handed in, and a Managing Committee formed. The object of the Society is to assist the Charities, by enabling brethren (particularly of the Moseley Lodge) to qualify as Life Governors, Vice-Presidents, &c., in the most convenient way, and another important object is to make up a good substantial list for the Steward of the lodge, Bro. C. O. Burgess, S.W., who is delegated to attend in that capacity, at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I. on the 28th inst.

As strong sympathy for the movement was evinced by the brethren of the lodge, not only by joining in large proportion, but also by handing in the funds liberally, the Committee were able at this, their first, meeting to take four ballots of five guineas each, of which Bro. H. G. Walker was winner of two, Bro. H. H. Leigh of the third, and Bro. James Rowe of the fourth.

The regular meetings of this go-ahead lodge are held in the summer months, and we understand that advantage will be taken by the members of their proximity to the river, to combine health and fresh air with their Masonic duties, by adding, whenever time permits, some steam launch trips or other such excursion to the regular summer journeys to their riparian home at the Castle Hotel, the well-known hostelry of the genial Bro. John Mayo, East Moseley, adjoining Hampton Court Bridge.

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To Correspondents.

P.M. Philanthropic Lodge, No. 818, asks if there is such
 an office in a private lodge as Superintendent of Works.
 Law 129 clearly defines the officers of a lodge, both necessary
 and permissive. There is no such officer as Superintendent
 of Works in a private lodge.

A brother writes to complain of his name being placed on
 the list as a supporter of one of the candidates for the Grand
 Treasurership, without his authority or knowledge, and
 further adds that if the other names are as fictitious as his
 it is a bogus list. We feel sure it is an inadvertence, and
 that the brother in question will readily withdraw it when his
 attention has been called to the error.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1894

Masonic Notes.

Some excellent good work has been done by Bro.
 Terry during the past few weeks in strengthening the
 Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 28th
 inst. Last week the number of Stewards enlisted—
 after allowing for withdrawals—was announced as being
 between 240 and 250, the precise figure being, we
 believe, 249. This week the figure stands at 275, after
 making the same allowance. This augurs well for the
 success of the celebration.

Having before now referred to the subject of with-
 drawals and the possible and indeed probable injury
 they indirectly cause to the Institution affected, we
 gladly take advantage of the present opportunity to
 emphasise our former remarks. No one would dream
 of blaming a brother who removes his name from the
 Board of Stewards through illness or other sufficient
 cause. What we have a right to complain of is that
 brethren or companions who have undertaken to re-
 present their lodges or chapters allow their names to
 remain on the list till within a short time of the day
 appointed for the celebration and then withdraw, often-
 times on some sorry pretext—that they have had no
 time to canvass, or that those they have canvassed have
 been slow to respond.

Here the names are taken off when it is almost
 impossible or useless to find a representative of the
 lodge or chapter thus unfortunately left out in the
 cold. Of the 16 withdrawals from this particular
 Board of Stewards, three-fourths have occurred
 among those who were enrolled some time prior to
 the Christmas holidays, and as the majority of these
 three-fourths have caused their names to be taken off
 the list within the last two or three weeks, Bro. Terry,
 in the case of lodge or chapter representatives has had
 no chance of supplying their places now.

The labours which devolve on the Secretaries of
 our Institutions in connection with their respective
 annual Festivals are arduous enough, and they may
 reasonably ask to be spared the additional difficulties
 thus created. Either the withdrawal should be an-
 nounced in good time, so that the Secretary may have
 the chance of obtaining the services of a substitute, or
 the Steward should carry out his undertaking, even
 though the total of his list is certain to be small.

According to the *Australasian Keystone* for January,
 the office of Grand Secretary of the United Grand
 Lodge of Victoria has become vacant by the retire-
 ment of Bro. T. H. Lempriere, and it is announced that
 a successor will not be appointed till the Quarterly
 Communication in March. The salary attached to the
 office appears to be £600 a year, and the appointment
 is in the hands of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart, M.W.
 G. Master.

We also learn, from the same source, that the annual
 meeting of the Freemasons' Charitable Institutions
 was held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Mel-
 bourne, on the 21st December, 1893, when the report
 showed receipts from lodges amounting to £161, as
 compared with £226 in 1892. It is, however, con-
 sidered that the decrease is not greater than might have
 been expected having regard to the very serious de-
 pression prevailing everywhere throughout the Colony.
 The balance available for use is reported as £654,
 while as for the £1707 which is still locked up in the
 Land Credit Bank, we learn that there is "little pros-
 pect of much of the said amount ever being available
 for the object it was intended."

We very heartily congratulate our excellent con-
 temporary, the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis, and
 its able editor, Bro. M. H. Rice, on the change in
 its appearance. Hitherto it has been published in
 newspaper form, but with the issue of its number for
 January of the current year, it became a magazine.
 The one thing that remains unchanged is the character
 and quality of the contents, which are as well written
 and compiled as ever, or, if there is a change, it is one
 of which Bro. Rice has every reason to be proud.

Bro. Alexander Howell's massive "History of the
 Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth," is rapidly approaching
 completion. We have received another batch of proof
 pages, 67 to 90, covering a very interesting period
 (especially to the members of the lodge), and the cor-
 respondence printed as to the difficulties under which
 the "Phoenix" laboured subsequent to the "Union"
 of December, 1813, aptly describes the circumstances
 of the case. Several of the letters, or copies, which
 passed between the Grand Secretaries and the lodge
 have been preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge,
 and are now utilised by Bro. Howell in the weaving of
 his narrative of the period, 1814 to 1830. The work
 will certainly be exhaustive, and bids fair to eclipse all
 other volumes of the kind. The names of subscribers,
 which will be published with the work, may still be
 forwarded to the author.

We congratulate the brethren of Iowa on their
 Grand Lodge having attained the jubilee of its consti-
 tution, nor is it otherwise than in accordance with the
 natural fitness of things that the auspicious event
 should have been celebrated at a quiet and unostenta-
 tious meeting, which was held in the Masonic Library
 at Cedar Rapids, and attended by the venerable Bro.
 T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction and
 founder of the Library, and a number of distinguished
 members of the Order in Iowa, as well as by several
 ladies. This Masonic Library contains many of the
 rarest treasures among the old Constitutions which
 have been preserved to us. It is, more than any other
 thing Masonic in the State, the outward and visible sign
 of the devotion of our Iowa brethren to Freemasonry.
 Above all, it is the *monumentum are perennius* which
 will preserve to future generations of Masons the
 memory of Bro. Parvin, to whom the Fraternity in
 Iowa is so deeply indebted for the prosperity of which
 it enjoys so large a measure. For the past 50 years
 Bro. Parvin has been the heart and soul of Iowa Free-
 masonry, and it matters little whether the place of
 meeting was deliberately selected or by chance, the
 selection was a graceful act, worthy alike of the brother
 who was thereby honoured and the brethren who paid
 him the honour.

Reviews.

"DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS OF
 BENGAL."—This Report and the voluminous tables are by
 Bro. H. M. Rustomjee (P.G.O.), the able Grand Sec. (of
 18, Chowringhee-road, Calcutta). The Maharajah of
 Cooch Behar, G.C.I.E., is the genial District G.M., and
 in his opening speech at the meeting held 15th September,
 1893, speaks most hopefully of the prospects of Mark
 Masonry in the Province of Bengal. There are 19 "work-
 ing lodges" on the roll, with some 350 members. There
 are, however, some 30 lodges on paper, some possibly
 being likely to show signs of vigour again ere long. The
 names of all the District Grand Officers from 1867 are
 given, beginning with Bro. H. D. Sandeman, C.S., as Dist.
 G.M. There have been six predecessors to the Maharajah,
 so his Highness is the seventh local Head of the Degree.
 The Report is also a Directory, for the chief officers of all
 the lodges are given, also the Masters and Past Masters,
 and finally the names of all the members in three separate
 lists. Surely this must have meant considerable labour, and
 proves how zealous is the Dist. Grand Sec.

"TRANSACTIONS OF THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF
 NORFOLK, 1893."—This able compilation is by the
 esteemed Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. G. W. G. Bannard, and
 brings the report down to 31st December. The Returns
 are carefully arranged, and should be as carefully read by
 the brethren or that well-managed province having Lord
 Suffield, K.C.B., as Prov. G.M. There are 17 lodges,
 with 766 subscribing members, and 303 are members of
 Prov. Grand Lodge. There are 63 "members in arrears,"
 and over £80 were paid as fees to the Prov. G. Lodge
 during the last year.

"EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL
 AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION."—The Annual
 Report is most encouraging, and is signed by Bro. James
 Andrew, Chairman Finance and Audit Committee. The
 Treasurer and Secretary are Bros. William Jaffrey and
 James Newton, respectively, and evidently there is no lack
 of work for both these indefatigable brethren. Nearly
 £2000 was received during the past year, besides over
 £400 interest on investments, showing a large increase
 on the previous year. The investments, &c., total over
 £13,500.

"THE BRILLIANT REFERENCE BIBLE" (Oxford Uni-
 versity Press, London, Henry Frowde, Amen Corner).—
 This tiny typographical gem is literally "a thing of beauty,"
 and undoubtedly "a joy for ever" to enthusiastic biblio-
 graphers. We could hardly credit the statement that this,
 the *smallest reference Bible in the world*, "contains 1216
 pages," so tested the matter for ourselves. The pagination
 is within the mark, for there are likewise maps—coloured
 and legibly drawn by H. Courcier, F.R.G.S.—and yet the
 wee book only measures a trifle over three and a-half inches
 by two and a-half inches, and half an inch in thickness,
 weighing in limp morocco rather over three ounces. The
 paper is wonderfully opaque, and the type marvellously
 clear. Such a copy of the Sacred Law would be invaluable
 in the conferring of the "Higher Degrees," because so
 handy for the pocket, and yet quite readable, and with
 chronological head lines, as with larger volumes. For the
 information of our numerous American subscribers, we may
 add that copies may be obtained from their booksellers,
 through the same firm at 33, East 17th Street, New York.

"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR
 THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1894."—This admirably
 printed annual is edited by Bro. R. P. Sumner, the Prov.
 Charity Secretary, on the same lines as his predecessor—
 Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the present D.P.G.M. The
 printer is Bro. John Bellows, of Gloucester, who has
 favoured a purple ink on toned paper for these happy pro-
 ductions. There are 15 lodges and three Royal Arch
 chapters, so that the province is weak as respects Royal
 Arch Masonry. In Mark Masonry Bro. R. V. Vassar-
 Smith is the Prov. G.M., Herefordshire being included in
 the province. Bro. George Norman has long been the
 energetic Prov. Grand Secretary. The Craft Prov. Grand
 Secretary is Bro. James B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82. In
 Knights Templars Gloucester is united with Bristol, having
 Bro. W. A. F. Powell for Provincial Prior, the only precep-
 tory in Gloucestershire being held at Cheltenham, the sole
 Rose Croix chapter being located at Gloucester, which is
 certainly an excellent arrangement on mutual grounds.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—This ancient lodge held a very successful installation meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst. There was a large gathering of members and distinguished visitors. The members included Bros. A. D. Green, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; J. H. Whadcoat, J.W.; Hy. Glenn, Treas.; C. B. Barnes, Sec.; E. Young, S.D.; W. F. Stauffer, J.D.; H. Piston, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M.; P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. H. Campbell Fverden, Org.; E. Collard, P.M.; J. Dix, P.M.; E. Cox, P.M.; R. Archbold, P.M.; J. Glenn, P.M.; G. Corderoy, P.M.; G. H. Hoyle, P.M.; A. Wormull, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; C. Tyler, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Col. Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B.; G. B. Chapman, P.P.G.S. Wks. Kent; W. E. Whadcoat, 141; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; H. Pearce, P.M. 137; R. Hovenan, P.M. 21; C. Quilter, 51; J. Pelham Browne, P.M. 1648; W. H. Whadcoat, 4; H. Woodcock; R. E. Evans, 1413; F. Evans, 9; A. Aslett, 1124; L. Ferguson, W.M. 1997; J. W. Clarke, W.M. 1512; H. P. Dunn, 2430; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 176; C. Lockstone, W.M. 862; H. Mason, Prov. G.S. Kent; J. W. Rose, I.P.M. 1607; F. Hunter, 1579; R. Barratt, S.D. 172; J. M. Allaway Gossett, P.M. 66; J. H. B. Riddle, J.W. 173; H. J. Tibbatts, W.M. 2376; H. G. Harper, S.W. 171; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 21, 1827; T. G. Dougherty, J.D. 1287; F. G. Barnes, P.M. 766; C. E. Birch, W.M. 2323; J. G. Hammond, W.M. 2184; E. Brooks, P.M. 766; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; M. L. Russell, P.M. 95; J. Welford, P.M. 733; H. C. Lambert, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. S. Lovett, P.M. 709; S. Neame, 905; J. Redgrave, 1853; F. S. Southgate, 34; C. Lambert, P.M. 108; W. Hebbledine, 2470; H. Montague Bates, P.G.S.; A. Layman, 1924; F. Dawes, 2470; W. S. Heath, P.M. 766; W. H. Waterman, W.M. 95; E. Wendover, P.M. 171; T. A. Bullock, 101; J. Murray, 1702; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the opening of the lodge, Bro. A. C. Barnley was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. John Henry Whadcoat as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested by Bro. Whadcoat: Bros. Milton Smith, S.W.; E. G. Young, J.W.; H. Glenn, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Stauffer, S.D.; G. R. Carsberg, J.D.; W. Stall, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., P.M., D.C.; W. Pound, P.M., Stwd.; Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Green, I.P.M., in recognition of his services as Master, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Worshipful Master, Bro. Whadcoat, for renovating and renewing the lodge furniture.

The lodge was closed, and a *recherche* banquet was served in an admirable manner in the large hall, 93 brethren sitting down. During dinner an excellent selection of music was played by a string band under the leadership of Mr. F. R. Pritchard.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily received. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., responded for "The Grand Officers," and having returned thanks on behalf of the leading lights in Freemasonry, said that nothing delighted his colleagues and himself more than to see that in the ancient lodges of the Craft, such as No. 19, the full vigour of youth was still to be observed. The Grand Officers were glad to observe that it was not merely the youngest of the lodges that were progressing, but that some of the oldest and most renowned were able to fully hold their place. If he might venture to add a word without offence to his distinguished Brother Bywater, he would say it was a great deal of pleasure for the Grand Officers to see one of the great ceremonies rendered in the manner in which it had been that day. He thanked the W.M. most sincerely for the kind recognition he had made, and wished the lodge continued success. He would add one word, and say it was not merely the looking for recruits that Masonry wanted now, but it was the looking for good recruits. He held himself that he should like to propose no man in his lodge that he could not receive in his own house. If that feeling prevailed in that lodge, it would go on in its career and prosper so long as it kept faithful, as it had done, to the grand old Masonic principles.

Bro. A. D. Green, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," referred to the newly-installed Master as a kind hearted and genial brother. He was quite sure the mention of the name of Bro. Whadcoat would bring forth a hearty burst of approval, for this was not only the toast of the evening, but the W.M. was presiding over the 125th anniversary of the lodge. The W.M. had, moreover, made himself popular, and had endeared himself and won the esteem and respect of all the members. Personally, he congratulated the W. Master on attaining the position, and was pleased to be followed by such an excellent brother. From the very able manner in which Bro. Whadcoat had entered on his duties, it was clear the welfare of the lodge during his year would not suffer in his hands. It was the Worshipful Master's desire to please everyone, and, although that was a difficult matter, yet, judging from the elaborate, perfect, and detailed arrangements made by him for their enjoyment that night, he would, doubtless, succeed. They all hoped that his year would be a pleasant and agreeable one, and also one of continued prosperity and success. Bro. Whadcoat had done a great deal for the Masonic Charities, and had greatly benefited their lodge by his generous contribution to its Benevolent Fund.

Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, W.M., returned heartfelt thanks for the too flattering manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast. It was true to an extent that he had endeavoured to take some interest in Masonry in general and that lodge in particular. He was extremely obliged to the members for placing him in that proud position. It was,

perhaps, the proudest moment of his life, and he should endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him to the best of his ability. He had only one desire—the prosperity of No. 19. He trusted there would be some work to do, and that at the end of his year they would say he had done his best. He thanked the brethren for receiving the toast so kindly.

Bro. Col. Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said they were delighted to see the lodge so flourishing, and the work so admirably done by Bro. Bywater. It was a treat to see the work done as it should be done. That lodge had been for many years the home of Masonry, and he knew that for the past 45 years the work had always been excellently done. Personally he was wrapped up in that lodge because the Percy Lodge had been associated with that lodge for many years.

Bros. Col. Davies Sewell, P.G. Stwd., and Sorrell, also responded.

"The I.P.M." was proposed by the W.M. He said that those visitors who had attended the lodge during the past year as well as the members would testify to the excellent working brought to bear by Bro. Green on their proceedings. Long before he took the position of I.P.M. he was a Past Master in the ceremonies. During the past year everything had gone on in a smooth and satisfactory manner, their numbers had increased, and the Charities had not been forgotten.

Bro. A. D. Green, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said he was gratified to hear that his endeavours had been somewhat successful. His year in the chair had been an extremely pleasant one, and he was sorry to leave it. He should be pleased on all occasions to render assistance to the W.M. if required.

"The Past Masters" having been honoured, the Worshipful Master in submitting "The Health of the Installing Master," said that if there was a member of No. 19 who lived in the hearts of all the members it was their dear friend, Bro. Bywater. The ceremony of installation performed by Bro. Bywater that evening would never be forgotten by him.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., tendered his sincere thanks to the W.M. for his kind words, and expressed his delight that the evening had gone off so well. It could not fail to be otherwise under the excellent arrangements made by the W.M. He (Bro. Bywater) was in his 48th year of membership in the lodge, and regretted that the father of the lodge was unable to be present. During his tenure of Masonic life he had seen great changes, and many good men had passed away. When he was initiated there were, he thought, about 750 lodges—the number now was about 2500, which spoke volumes for the prosperity of the Craft and the influence of the M.W.G.M. That evening had been termed the 125th installation, but that was hardly true, because up to the Union many of the old lodges had a new W.M. twice a year. He had gone very carefully through the books, and thought the W.M. might claim to be the 170th Master, although that was the 125th year of the existence of the lodge.

Bros. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., replied for "The Masonic Charities," after which other toasts followed.

The menu and musical programme, together with several items of interest in connection with this old lodge, were bound up in a handsome volume, forming a souvenir of an interesting occasion.

The following artistes assisted in the musical arrangements: Messrs. E. H. Yeo, J. Rosslyn Howell, Wilford Cunliffe, and Septimus Massland. Piano: Bro. F. Sewell Southgate.

Of the guests invited who were unable to be present were Bros. E. Lethworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; Major-Gen. Gadsden, 1, P.G.S.; Lieut.-Col. Alderman H. D. Davies; the Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale, P.M. 1159, W.M. 2470; Major Alex. Wood, 143, J.W. 2470; F. Moll, P.M. 1107, I.P.M. 2470; W. T. Ansell, P.M. 1159, 2470; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. Tickle, P.M. 1190 and 1702, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; and many others.

The renovation and renewal of the lodge furniture, jewels, &c., was carried out by Bro. George Kenning.

Lodge of Unity (No. 69).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. G. Cosby Harpourt installed his successor, Bro. Dr. R. J. Reece, one of the medical officers of the Local Government Board. Amongst a large number of visitors were Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Henri Bué, P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. C. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Cambridgeshire; and Alderman Vaughan Morgan.

At the banquet the Treasurer, Bro. Joseph P. Stearns, P.M., was presented by the members of the lodge with a gold demi-hunter watch, suitably engraved, in recognition of his services as Treasurer during a period of over 25 consecutive years.

Miss Ethel Bevans and Bro. Franklin Clive contributed to the harmony of a pleasant evening.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Trott, W.M.; White, S.W.; Godfrey, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Swan, S.D.; Gluckstein, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; Sharpley, Org.; J. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.M., G. Steward; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Langdale, P.M.; C. Wetzlar, P.M.; and Welch, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Sellaway, W.M. 564; Cameron, 564; Ward, 2036; and Reichesbach, G.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The request of Bro. Coop, P.M., to be allowed to become a non-dining, or country, member, was agreed to. Several important matters in connection with the lodge having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

The toast of "The W.M." was kindly proposed by the I.P.M., who said that as yet Bro. Trott had had no opportunities of working any ceremony. However, that evening a candidate had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, when no doubt the W.M. would please them all with his work.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," which was duly acknowledged by Bros. Sellaway, Cameron, Ward, and Reichesbach.

"The Health of the Past Masters" followed.

Bro. C. Wetzlar, P.M., among others, replied. He said that the Past Masters of the lodge were a very strong body; they were always willing to assist not only the Master, but any individual member of the lodge. He had been a member some years, and nothing afforded him greater pleasure than to attend the meetings of No. 141. He should not be present at its next meeting, as he was going to Cuba, but he hoped to be back in time for the March meeting.

Bro. W. J. Hakim, P.M., in acknowledging the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that he regretted to be compelled to state that financially the lodge was not quite so prosperous as he could wish. Unfortunately, there was a general depression in the mercantile and commercial world, and it affected Freemasonry. However, he would not pose as a pessimist that evening. He hoped that by the end of the year the clouds would lift, and that he would be in a position to furnish a satisfactory balance-sheet.

Bro. W. Stuart, Sec., made a few humorous remarks, which excited the risibilities of his audience.

Bros. White and Godfrey acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

Bros. Sharpley, Fownes, Langdale, and others entertained the brethren.

The proceedings then terminated.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 144).—This old-established lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Stutfield, W.M.; R. Bridgman, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. H. Beauchamp, J.D.; T. A. Markland, I.G.; H. Trottere, Org.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; T. Markland, P.M., Stwd.; A. Saunders, I.P.M.; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; J. Pulling, P.M.; W. H. Tucker, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; C. Mallons, R. S. Illing, S. C. M. Austin, J. Cox, T. P. Cook, L. E. Storr, J. W. Sharpe, W. H. Royle, H. J. Jennings, E. J. Winsborrow, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Mactarlane, 1405; T. Davies, 1381; the Rev. C. J. Smith, 2157; H. C. Rayner, 1681; C. Jelley, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; J. J. White, 733; C. Botterill, 1348; H. T. Harrison, 733; G. Palmer, and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. R. A. March was unanimously elected as a joining member. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. W. H. Royle, H. J. Jennings, and E. J. Winsborrow in excellent form. It was resolved that 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and placed on the list of Bro. A. Saunders, I.P.M., as Steward for the Girls' School.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a superb banquet, which was prepared by Bro. A. Clemow in his usual good style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in kind terms by Bro. A. Saunders, I.P.M., who remarked that the W.M. was doing his utmost for the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Stutfield, W.M., in reply, said that he hoped while he was in the chair to be always received so kindly, and that when his term of office expired he trusted the brethren would be satisfied with the little he might have done for the lodge and the Craft.

At this point Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., entered the room, and he received a hearty greeting.

In giving "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master observed that he was glad to receive them into Masonry, and he hoped they would all hereafter give a good account of themselves.

Bro. Royle responded. He appreciated the honour of having been admitted into the Craft and hoped by his conduct to gain the confidence of the brethren.

Bro. Jennings also replied, remarking that he was quite overcome with the beautiful ceremony.

Bro. Winsborrow also responded. He would endeavour at all times to be a credit to the lodge in which he should aspire to become one of its lights.

The Worshipful Master said that the presence that evening of a very distinguished visitor warranted him to give the toast "Success to the Candidature of Bro. W. M. Stiles." He was well known to them all, and his qualifications for the high office of Grand Treasurer were too numerous to mention. He urged the members not to fail to attend the first Wednesday in March at Grand Lodge to vote for their excellent friend, Wm. Mason Stiles.

In responding, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., said that 5000 members were expected at Grand Lodge, on the day of the election, which would break the record. He had now 2500 pledged promises which was very nice, but would be of no use unless those votes were recorded in his favour. He knew he was safe in the St. Luke's Lodge, but he suggested that those present should induce their friends to attend to vote and send him in with a large majority, which would be evidence that the masses would insist upon an annual election for the office of G. Treas.

The toasts of "The Visitors," was given most ably and responded to by Bros. the Rev. C. J. Smith, Jelley, H. T. Harrison, T. Davies, and W. A. Scurrah, P.M., the last named observing that votes at Grand Lodge could not be given by proxy, and that everyone who wanted to render good service for the Blus should attend on the first Wednesday in March.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" and "The Officers," and replied to in appropriate terms by Bros. A. Saunders, I.P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. H. Beauchamp, J.D.; and T. A. Markland, I.G.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

The following vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren: Bros. Austin, T. A. Markland, E. Wits, F. Thomas, A. Saunders, Jelley, and Davis, who gave the "Deathless Army," accompanied by the composer, Bro. Trottere. Bro. Macfarlane presided at the pianoforte.

Urban Lodge (No. 1196).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEORGE E. FAIRCHILD, P.M., SEC.—This successful lodge, which was formed from the old Urban Club, and was consecrated at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, in 1867, held a successful installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 13th inst. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome tea and coffee service to Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild as a slight recognition of his services as Secretary.

At the last meeting of the lodge advantage was taken of the early departure of the Secretary, through indisposition, to bring the proposal forward. The idea was heartily taken up by all the members, and at once assumed a tangible form, and to show the spontaneous manner in which the matter was carried through, it may be mentioned that the W.M., Bro. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., received many letters from brethren thanking him for the opportunity offered them of showing their appreciation of Bro. Fairchild's energy, geniality, and kindly nature.

Amongst the brethren who witnessed the interesting event were: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke (C.I.E.), W.M.; A. Monteith Webb, S.W.; H. Gillard Glindoni, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg. Middx., Treas.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Mountford, J.D.; R. Manuel, D.C.; P. B. Hollick, I.G.; C. Braid, P.M.; W. E. Haycock, P.M.; R. S. Oakeshott, I.P.M.; J. F. Beale, P.M.; F. Eckstein, P.M.; J. T. Heath, P.M.; F. Farrow, P.M.; C. Hawksley, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Hart, W.M. 482; F. Hughes, J.D. 482; N. Dallas Forbes, 1765; E. Wood, P.M. 662, P.P.S.G.D. Worcester; H. Langston, 1348; W. Thompson, 1004; J. Herron, W.M. 206; G. J. Newton, 27; R. W. Rimmell, 2047; C. Alliston, J.D. 2047; W. C. Beetles, 1731; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; H. Osborne, P.M. 1351; W. H. Herbert, P.M. 173; W. J. Rowe, W.M. 2021; A. Moore, P.M. 173; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, Prov. G.D. Bucks; J. E. Lawler, 907; S. Hollick, J.W. 1665; A. E. Hubert, I.P.M. 173; W. H. Mutley, P.M. 256; A. McDowell, P.M. 1962; E. Valeriani, P.M. 1637; A. J. Turner, I.G. 1769; A. Aldin, I.P.M. 2032; J. Spencer, 823; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.G.W. Derby; H. W. Dane, P.M. 173; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; H. Tipper, P.M. 185; W. J. Spratling, Sec. 2032; A. R. Layman, 1924; F. Barker, 503; C. E. Tinney, P.M. 1319; A. Kenningham; J. Gawthrop, I.G. 1706; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the opening of the lodge and the transaction of routine business, Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., W.M., said he wished to apologise for interfering in the regular course of the business of the evening for two reasons. In the first place his public duties had rendered it impossible for him to give the necessary time to perfect himself in the installation ceremony, and Bro. Fairchild had therefore kindly consented to perform that work. Secondly he desired, on behalf of the brethren, to present to Bro. Fairchild, P.M., a testimonial to which they had subscribed, as some slight recognition of the very great regard and esteem they had for him. He felt that in carrying out this pleasurable duty he ought to give some brief sketch of how that had come about. At the last lodge meeting, for the first time for many years, the Secretary was obliged to leave them at the close of the ceremony. No brother had such a record of attendance as Bro. Fairchild, and they therefore took advantage of that opportunity, on the proposal of Bro. Tickle, to hold an informal meeting, when it was not only agreed to present a testimonial, but it was subscribed for. It had been kept as a surprise for their Secretary who had an intense dislike to anything irregular. He now asked Bro. Fairchild to accept this testimonial as a slight token from the brethren, and would further ask him not to make any reply now as an opportunity would be afforded him later in the evening. Bro. J. Tickle, P.M., Treas., in supplementing the remarks of the W.M., said they were anxious to make the presentation before Bro. Purdon Clarke left the chair. There had been several Secretaries of the lodge, the first being Bro. Terry who officiated for several years, and on his appointment as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his services were recognised in a substantial form. A good successor was found in Bro. Dr. Joseph Carpenter, well known in the world of letters and as a musical savant, whose efforts were also recognised. Bro. Fairchild had been with them so constantly that it was very difficult to find an opportunity to comment upon his merits. Bro. Fairchild was one of his Masonic sons, having been initiated and passed by him, and raised by a Past Master of great eminence—Bro. Henry Marston. It was delightful to see how the idea of a testimonial was accepted, and he could assure Bro. Fairchild that it was not only spontaneous, but every member gave ungrudgingly. As a Past Master and the Treasurer, he had pleasure in supplementing the remarks from the chair, and in trusting that the present would prove to Bro. Fairchild, his good lady, and his children a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. As gratitude consisted of a lively sense of favours to come, they did not make the presentation as a sort of compensation for past services, but simply as a testimony of the high regard in which their Secretary was held by all the brethren, and, if possible, as some recompense for favours to come. Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. A. Monteith Webb as W.M. The impressive rendering of the ceremony was suitably referred to at a later stage of the proceedings, and Bro. Fairchild's elocutionary abilities received unanimous and hearty praise. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M.; H. Gillard Glindoni, S.W.; J. S. Mountford, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., Treas.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec.; R. Manuel, P.M., D.C.; P. B. Hollick, S.D.; W. Thomas, P.M., J.D.; C. Alliston, I.G.; R. H. Blatchford, P.M.; T. G. Green, C. Siterston, and J. T. H. Baily, Stwds.; and T. Very, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was well served in the Crown Room.

The usual toasts, which followed, were interspersed with a selection of music by Bros. Geo. May, A. Kenningham, J. Gawthrop, S. Lehmeier, C. E. Tinney, and Hy. Tipper (silver bells).

Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said he felt he had so much to say on the subject that perhaps the best course would be to be as brief as possible. During the past year he (the I.P.M.) had received such valuable assistance from the S.W., now their W.M., that he felt he could not say more than that a good S.W. would become a good Worshipful Master. He knew Bro. Monteith Webb would not spare any pains in endeavouring to make his year of office one that would satisfy the lodge, and advance its best interests in every way. The W.M. was well known to all of them, being one of the elder members of the lodge, and the younger members could not do better than follow his example. With these few words he gave them the health of the W.M. of the Urban Lodge.

Bro. A. Monteith Webb, W.M., said he felt overwhelmed, first by the knowledge of the very great responsibility of his high position, and secondly by the feeling that it might be possible for him to be very far below the mark of what he desired in the duties of the office. As they were assured of his anxiety to do his best, they would give him credit for the honest hope that he should be enabled to do so. He was sure he should be assisted by some of the most zealous brethren he had ever met, and hoped they would be satisfied with the result.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Immediate Past Master," and said their lodge had been honoured and graced in the occupancy of the chair by Bro. Purdon Clarke. Not only had that brother been a most genial and cordial Master, but they had the satisfaction of feeling also that they had been able to learn a great deal from him in Masonry, more than perhaps they could gather from any other source. There were few brethren who had occupied the chair of that lodge of more extensive attainments, for Bro. Purdon Clarke was an orientalist in a linguistic sense, a distinguished architect, and an archaeologist; and added to that he was one of the most humble, genial, and kind-hearted men they could meet. The members would live in the hope that in after years they might have as distinguished and as good Masters as Bro. Purdon Clarke to occupy the chair of K.S., after he (the W.M.) had left it. He had the pleasant duty of presenting to the I.P.M. the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge.

Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M., returned thanks, and remarked that if the W.M. had not proposed the toast, he would say the services he had rendered had been exaggerated. The responsibility of the Mastership of that lodge was a great one. Theirs was a lodge with traditions, mainly connected with good oratory, especially at its foundation, when they numbered some whose names stood almost first on the stage at a period when the stage was something more than it was now. He had always felt that anyone occupying the chair should be able to take his part and do his duty in keeping up the reputation of the lodge for good speaking. He had been conscious that he was not a good speaker, but he had been earnest about it and that had carried him through. He thanked them for the kind reception he had received.

Bro. Rev. Dr. W. Thompson (Rector of St. Saviours, Southwark), responded first for "The Visitors," and said that he had not only experienced delight that evening, but instruction. He regretted he had not pursued his studies in Freemasonry but they would understand him when he said he had been necessarily devoted to what, without any disrespect to Freemasonry, he might describe as the higher brotherhood. The splendid demonstration given by the Secretary of the manner in which a man is capable of using his voice and of his elocutionary powers was a pleasure to all. Another thing that impressed him was the magnificent loyalty which lay at the basis of English Freemasonry, and he could not help thinking that so long as their Craft was based upon such principles it was bound to succeed.

Bros. J. Stephens, Prov. S.G.D. Bucks; Hart, H. W. Davie, P.M.; Wood, P.P.S.G.D. Worcester; R. E. H. Goffin, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Tipper, P.M.; and Hughes, also replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was acknowledged by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, in an effective speech, and Bros. Bray, P.M., and Manuel, P.M., answered for "The Past Masters."

"The Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers" was next given, and replied to by Bro. J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.

Bro. G. E. Fairchild, P.M., Sec., said he was pleased to believe that they had all spent an exceptionally pleasant evening, but the most uncomfortable brother for many hours had been himself. He could only regret that after nine years' service he should be absent on one occasion, for had he been present he should have endeavoured to stop the suggestion made. They all knew his feelings, because some time ago it was suggested in a kindly manner to give him some recognition of his services, but he did not like that kind of thing. He had occupied the post of Secretary, and carried out the duties earnestly and sincerely, or had endeavoured to do so, and their acknowledgment as a reward was quite sufficient. He exceedingly regretted he was not present to stop that testimonial. He was deeply sensible of the kindly and fraternal manner in which it was given, and accepted it in the same. He had been their Secretary for nine years, and little thought some few months ago he should be holding the office now. Their kind recognition would not get rid of him, however, but would be an earnest to go on in the future. He thought it was somewhat unfair when the installation ceremony was to be performed to spring that surprise upon him. He believed he got through that ceremony fairly well, but he bore in mind the great example he had in the distinguished brother to whom reference had been made—Bro. Henry Marston—who performed the ceremony in that lodge for many years. He had the honour of being a pupil of that brother for three years, and any elocutionary qualities he might possess were due to him. Eighteen years ago he was initiated in the old St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by Bro. Tickle, who also passed him. Impressions were everything, for as their Master had aptly said in investing the Tyler, it was the impression which conveyed the idea of what Freemasonry was. He was impressed at his initiation and passing, but no one could be raised in a more admirable, Masonic, and sincere manner than he was by Bro. Marston. He could not say more than that so long as he had the honour of being Secretary, he would do all he possibly could to increase the prosperity and retain the dignity of the lodge.

Bros. H. Gillard Glindoni, S.W., and J. S. Mountford, J.W., responding, the latter referring to the services of Bro. Manuel, P.M., as Preceptor, to whom he owed a debt of gratitude he could never repay.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge attracted a large number of brethren, on the 6th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. At the opening of the lodge the W.M., Bro. Alfred Lundie, was supported by Bros. J. N. Hearn, S.W.; Geo. Millson, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; C. Colwell, S.D.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. Dennis, P.M.; R. Lingley, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; G. Stwd.; H. Higgins, P.M.; H. F. Foale, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and J. La Feuillade, P.M. Visitors:

Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, P.G.S.B.; R. Salter, W.M. 79; F. Green, 1208; T. J. Hestor, 862; C. Arnold, P.M. 1679; E. Morgan, 1017; S. E. Cannon, 2262; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262; W. Barnes, 1624; W. G. Cannon, W.M. 2262; R. C. Davis, P.M. 2266; W. A. Weeks, 1585; E. Clare, 865; H. T. Telling, W.M. 2384; H. A. Huntley, 1489; R. W. Huntley, S.D. 1489; J. P. Haddington, 183; H. W. Clemow, P.M. 2262; J. Poulton, 2262; H. Keep, P.M. 1464; W. Webber, 198; W. F. Gormmett; A. Walker, 2348; B. P. Lucas, 1745; W. Smith; J. Pickering, 1539; C. A. Jenkins, 850; B. Lyons, 1349; J. Watkins, 901; A. Court, 1539; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the confirmation of the minutes and other routine business, several brethren were advanced to the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. J. N. Hearn was then presented as Master elect, and was installed into the chair in an impressive manner by Bro. Alfred Lundie. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Millson, P.M., S.W.; C. Colwell, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. Barry, S.D.; J. T. Parratt, J.D.; C. Chisholm, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Organist; T. Davies, Director of Ceres; W. H. Wolsey, Stwd.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., the sum of 15 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for Girls for which Institution the W.M. is serving as Steward at the next Festival. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. A. Lundie, I.P.M., for his services as Installing Master.

The lodge was closed, and after a well served banquet the customary toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. congratulated the lodge on possessing two members of that distinguished body—Bros. Everett, P.G. Treas., and Capt. Walls, G. Stwd.—and mentioned that they were also honoured that evening by the presence of Bro. Hedges, P.G.S.B.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., said that by the accident of Masonic rank rather than that of special fitness for the task, the duty very frequently devolved upon him of replying, and therefore he was only too glad to give preference to other Grand Officers who visited lodges with which he was connected. Bro. Hedges would have responded to the toast but for the fact that he would answer for the Masonic Charities. The W.M. was good enough to say the Grand Officers were a hard working body and that was particularly true of the Past Grand Treasurers. The brethren were always mindful that the Grand Treasurers were their representatives, and personally he felt it was to the brethren generally he owed his high position in the Craft.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Stwd., said he regarded it as an honour that the W.M. should couple his name, because exactly 20 years ago on an installation night in that lodge he first saw the light of Masonry. During that long period he had never been absent from a regular meeting.

Bro. A. Lundie, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Hearn and he had followed one another in school and in the lodge and it was therefore a great pleasure to him to have the honour of installing their Master that day. In possessing such a capable Master they would have a happy and comfortable year of office, for Bro. Hearn would do the best he could to promote their happiness and comfort. As there were many speeches to follow he would simply ask them to drink with the greatest enthusiasm to the health of their W.M.

Bro. J. H. Hearn, W.M., who was heartily received, sincerely thanked the brethren for the cordial reception given him as their W.M. He was very proud to be in that position and it would be his utmost endeavour to uphold the dignity and well being of the lodge to the best of his ability. He trusted that when his year of office expired they would be able to say he had earned their respect.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said the three Institutions were doing a great and noble work. That work was never more efficiently done than now, and had Bros. Terry and McLeod been present they would have thanked the brethren in far more eloquent terms than he could use for the support given those Institutions. Before he referred in detail to the Girls' School he would thank the W.M. most sincerely for his kindness in having undertaken to represent that lodge at the next festival, and the brethren for their grand vote passed in the lodge. That kind contribution would be highly valued. There were 263 girls upon their books, and at the Cambridge Local Examinations 1892-1893, 19 girls were sent up and all passed. Nine girls were sent to the music examination, under the auspices of the Royal College and Royal Academy, and all passed, while at the College of Preceptors Examination last Christmas 41 were entered and only one failed. Unfortunately last year the Institution suffered from a severe epidemic of scarlet fever, when 80 girls were laid low, but they did not lose a single case, which proved that all the girls had a thoroughly sound constitution. That epidemic caused heavy expenses of about £1500, certain alterations in the junior school cost another £400, and an increase in the infirmary accommodation cost £600. These were sufficient reasons why the brethren should support the Worshipful Master's list.

Bro. H. J. Telling, W.M. 2348, acknowledged "The Visitors," and said the newly-installed W.M. had given evidence that he would perform his duties with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge. The visitors had enjoyed themselves in the lodge and at the banquet table, and these, combined with the excellent musical arrangements were more than one could expect.

Bros. Cannon, Hattersley, and Clare, also replied.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters." Of the Installing Master he would not say much, as they were all aware of his qualities. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Lundie, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge, and which he had so well earned. The Past Masters were a good band of brothers, and were an example for younger Masons to follow. He should couple the name of Bro. La Feuillade, P.M., who initiated him into Freemasonry.

Bro. A. Lundie, I.P.M., said that in the first place he had to thank the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their reception of the toast. The work had been to him a labour of love. When he joined the lodge eight years ago he had a fixed determination to become Worshipful Master as soon as he could. He found he had to go through various offices and learn something before then.

He endeavoured to perform his duties, and it had always been a pleasure to him, especially in the work of Deacon. They had now assured him he had succeeded in his duties as Master, and that more than repaid him for the trouble. The splendid jewel was a souvenir and would remind him of a pleasant year as long as he could possibly wear it.

Bro. R. La Feuillade, P.M., expressed his pleasure at seeing the W.M. installed as he initiated him into Freemasonry. Their lodge was the most prosperous in South London, and the W.M. would show he was able to discharge his duties.

Other toasts followed and the brethren separated after an enjoyable evening.

An excellent musical programme was arranged by Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Org., assisted by Master Denman Groom, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. R. Evans, Tom Davies, Capt. Walls, and Lundie. Bro. Harcourt West, by desire, gave a humorous recitation.

Royal Commemoration (No. 1585).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, when there were present: Bros. A. Grundy, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; J. Wright, J.W.; John Cox, Org.; R. R. Cullick, P.M.; Treas.; G. A. Knight, Sec.; J. Collings, P.M., D.C.; W. Keene, P.M., I.G.; Greggy, Tyler, and Coombe, I.P.M. Telegrams and letters were read from several brethren apologising for non-attendance through illness, chiefly influenza. The only other business was strictly routine business in connection with the lodge, which having been unanimously completed, the lodge was closed.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as well as those of "The Worshipful Master," "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers."

The toasts were interspersed with some harmony by the brethren, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Victoria Hall, Faling, when there were present Bros. J. Fryers, W.M.; H. S. Timpson, S.W.; G. H. Gabb, J.W.; J. W. Guy, Treas.; G. Harper, P.M. 2163, Sec.; L. S. Guy, S.D.; E. J. Reynolds, J.D.; E. C. Porter, P.M., D.C.; E. Scott Henson, I.G.; G. Wills and J. W. Jacobs, Stwds.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; Bellerby, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Wells, P.M.; Kasner, P.M.; Roberts, Welsh, Parsons, and S. Thorne. Visitors: Bros. L. Walker, Org. 2157 and 2163; and W. J. Squire, I.P.M. 1743.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Welsh was passed to the Degree of a F.C. The by-laws of the lodge were read. After the lodge was closed the brethren dined together.

Royal Kensington Lodge (No. 1627).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Emile Daoust, W.M.; E. E. Pouard, S.W.; C. Bennewitz, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; J. P. Hayes, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Erhmann, S.D.; J. M. Prince, as J.D.; Eugène Delacoste, D.C.; Heinemann, I.G.; F. Walker, Stwd.; H. Evenden, as Tyler; Wm. Bellamy, I.P.M.; J. H. Jarvis, P.M., P.P.G.S. Surrey; H. F. Pitt, P.M.; A. G. Wilson, C. J. Butler, M. Ehrenman, H. J. Bliss, E. Glaser, A. Sander, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Read, P.M. 198; F. H. Ford, 1901; G. Ridout, W.M. 1287; G. Marshall, 2454; F. Bohers, 2060; and J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Butler was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M., Bro. Daoust, having intimated his intention to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons, a goodly sum was subscribed for his list, supplemented by a vote from the funds of the lodge. The resignation of Bro. Soppett, P.M., was referred to the Permanent Committee. The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted in earnest terms by the W.M.

Bro. Bellamy, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said he was sure the members of the lodge, and visitors one and all, would welcome back the W.M. after his journey to the warm climate of India, and especially with renewed vigour and restored health.

Bro. Daoust returned thanks in subdued and appreciative terms for the kind allusions, and thanked one and all, as well for that as for the contributions to his list for the Masonic Charities.

"The Visitors" toast was heartily received and responded to, as well as the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

The brethren then joined the company in the large hall, making the meeting altogether a thorough re-union of Royal Kensington Lodge.

St. Botolph's Lodge (No. 2020).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 5th inst. Present: Bros. H. G. Cubitt, I.P.M.; L. B. Levy, S.W.; B. G. Elliott, J.W.; P. Saillard, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; J. D. Myers, S.D.; S. F. Staples, J.D.; G. M. Sayle, P.M.; B. Norman, P.M.; H. H. Wells, P.M.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M.; F. C. Pigott, W. Baddeley, Chas. S. Houlder, L. F. Hodge, F. B. Stafford, N. R. Hart, and W. A. Hazell. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Humphrey, P.M. 58; J. Cundall, 1599; W. Jones, 2264; H. H. Hurley, P.M. 1491; T. Athey, I.G. 2148; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; M. B. Croager, 30; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; A. E. Chaplin, 88, P.P.G.S.B.; M. J. Garcia, 2168; Jas. E. Terry, P.M. 1964; J. E. Hayes, P.M. 619; Dato Abdul Rahman, C.M.G., 1152; Wm. Laurence, J.W. 2168; L. Clark, 449; A. Boden, 2168; J. P. Hamilton, P.M. 1708; H. Mower, W.M. 12; J. W. Gooding, P.M. 1818; N. Robinson, 55; R. Percy Clowes, W.M. 2201; G. Wallis, 172; W. B. Elliott, 172; J. Kift, 1791; G. H. Hunt, 1194; and H. J. Searle, 172.

Bro. H. G. Cubitt, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Houlder was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cubitt then proceeded to instal the W.M., B. G. Elliott, the ceremony being performed in an exceptionally able and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. W. Poole, I.P.M.; L. B. Levy, S.W.; J. D. Myers, J.W.; P.

Saillard, P.M., Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; S. F. Staples, S.D.; L. F. Hodge, J.D.; F. C. Pigott, I.G.; H. H. Wells, P.M., D.C.; G. Walker and F. B. Stafford, Stwds.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. having announced that he intended to go up as a Steward for the Boys' School at the next Festival, the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge towards his list.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M.

Drury Lane Lodge (No. 2127).—On Tuesday last this famous lodge entered on its ninth year, and one of its first initiates, Bro. Thomas Catling, was installed as Master of the lodge by another of its first initiates, Bro. Harry Nicholls, the outgoing Master. Of course there was a very large gathering of brethren to witness the ceremony in the saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, and punctually to appointed time the lodge was opened and the preliminary business disposed of. There were about 200 brethren present. Bro. Harry Nicholls performed the installation admirably, and he was invested as I.P.M. The officers of the W.M. for the year were Bros. Oscar Barrett, S.W.; Henry Neville, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Will. E. Chapman, S.D.; Luigi Lablache, J.D.; Sir Edward Lawson, Bart., D.C.; G. M. Maxwell, I.G.; John Cook, Org.; F. B. Rendle and W. A. Baskcomb, Stwds.; and R. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in investing him with which Bro. Catling observed, referring to Bro. Nicholls' serious illness more than a year ago, that the brethren had been afraid it would have interfered with the performance of their I.P.M.'s duties in the chair, but that they were happy to find that he completely recovered from his dangerous malady, and diligently executed the office of W.M. of his mother lodge. Bro. Harry Nicholls, in acknowledging the gift of the Past Master's jewel, said it would always remind him of a very pleasant year of office, in which he had been ably supported by all the members of the lodge, and he should ever value it as a reminder of that happy period. There was one other point about it; it was the only Masonic jewel he wore that he had not paid for himself. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Bro. Henry Pettitt, one of the 12 founders of the lodge, and a vote of congratulation to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris on his recovery from long and serious illness was unanimously carried, and a telegram to that effect was sent to him at Hastings, from which place a telegram was received from him, apologising for not being able to attend, and wishing the lodge every success and enjoyment. A vote of thanks was likewise passed to the honorary members of the lodge, who had presented the lodge with a handsome banner.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, and banqueted.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Catling, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," said Drury Lane Lodge had experienced from the very foundation the kindness of the Grand Officers, and the members were deeply grateful to them for their services, freely and generously rendered on all occasions, and they highly appreciated the compliment the Grand Officers paid them in coming to the festive board of the lodge.

Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset, very briefly replied.

Bro. Catling, W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said he was going to give the name of a brother who had done his work not only during the past year but so ably that day. To dilate upon his merits would be to gild refined gold. Those who knew him most intimately loved him and esteemed him the best; he was all round—a Mason perhaps he ought to say "on the square"—a really good fellow. He would say much more if he were not present; he had done so pretty often in print; never before had he had the opportunity of proposing his health, and he did so with sincere pleasure because he personally felt he was greatly indebted to Bro. Nicholls and that he should during the next year be more indebted to him. Bro. Nicholls was undoubtedly too a very zealous officer; he was the first initiate to work up to the chair; he had shown great spirit in doing so; and he had done everything in the sincerest and truest spirit of Masonry. With regard to himself (Bro. Catling) Bro. Nicholls had shown the most kindly feeling; it gave him the confidence that was necessary, and he must confess that he needed much of that feeling, coming as he did after three "well graced actors," Bro. Fernandez, Bro. Bancroft, and Bro. Harry Nicholls. They had had apologies from several of their Past Masters. Sir John Gorst expressed his desire to be present, and it was only by the trouble of her Majesty's Government that he was not there. Sir Henry Isaacs was a P.M., and he showed his interest in the lodge by giving the brethren a noble entertainment at the Mansion House. Bro. Nicholls was the great worker of the day, and the brethren would forgive him if he called on Bro. Nicholls to respond to the toast.

Bro. Harry Nicholls, I.P.M., in reply, said let him first thank the W.M. and brethren in the name of those worthy and distinguished brethren who were on his left hand that year only, as next year he would be at the other end of the table. The W.M. had referred to his (Bro. Nicholls's) work that day, and also to the work he had performed during his year of office. He wanted to tell the brethren that it was owing to one Past Master present that day that he had been able to enter into that work with that enthusiasm which had met with the brethren's approbation—he referred to Bro. Parkinson. Bro. Parkinson initiated him into Freemasonry, and it was through his impressiveness and the magnificent manner in which he performed the duties of his office that day, that he (Bro. Nicholls) fell into the *raison d'être* as Past Master that day; Bro. Parkinson so impressed him with the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry that he felt bound to go on, and he felt it was only due to Bro. Parkinson to say so. There were other

distinguished Past Masters, and they all knew what he (Bro. Nicholls) felt and thought of them. Now, to come to himself for a moment. He had had a few good "notices" in his time; he wished he had thought of it and brought them down; they would have made very interesting reading; but they had always been in print, and he had not been able to reply to them; but he was able at last to face a journalist, and tell him that he highly appreciated what he had done. He did not mind admitting there had been occasions when he had gone into corners and made use of very bad language; but on the whole the notices had been most favourable. Now, it was quite impossible for him to thank the brethren in adequate terms for the manner they had received the toast of his health. Once before he had had that day to thank them for favours received, and he made use of an expression that his year of office would be a memorable one to him. It was only then, sitting at the table, he realised how good they had been to him. Twelve months ago, when he first sat in the chair, he hardly knew on the previous evening that his voice would be able to travel the length of the lodge. But, thank God, it was able; he was able to make his voice heard, and he had been able to do it since; he had been able to do it that day to the best of his skill and ability, and he assured the brethren that his year of office would be a memorable one. He had had some sorrow; he had had some joy; he had lost some good friends, but he had made some new and valued ones. Well, the time was getting short, and he must go away to another place. So then his health being disposed of, he must now ask the brethren to bear with him a few moments, whilst he performed what was to him, perhaps, the greatest pleasure that day—to propose "The Health of our W.M." Without "giving him away" at all, Bro. Catling said to him the other day—"I say, if I propose your health, will you propose mine?" Well, he (Bro. Nicholls) jumped at it, because once again the brethren would see the advantage of working together. Well, it was unnecessary for him—he could not give Bro. Catling such a good "notice" as Bro. Catling had given him; it was not his business; but what he knew of the excellent work Bro. Catling had done in other places—Masonically and otherwise—he felt sure they all knew Bro. Catling was the very ablest man to fulfil the duties of Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. It was impossible for him to go on much further; he felt they were rather resolving themselves into a little mutual admiration society; but it was sincere and heartfelt he assured them, and therefore without further words he would ask the brethren to drink the health of the W.M.

Bro. Catling, W.M., in responding, said that would be a difficult toast for him to reply to but that he was assured by the brethren's conduct and their goodness that he might rely upon their kindness for any shortcomings of his. He had almost thought himself like that "fly in amber"—"how he ever got there"—in the chair. He, a journalist, whose work was with the pen, and not the tongue—to be Master of that lodge, and have his name inscribed on the banner of the lodge, presented by their honorary members. It was only because he had shown some of that ability which the first Lord Lytton put into words—"Man has no majesty, like earnestness." He (Bro. Catling) had no majesty, but he had endeavoured to be earnest in what he had done in regard to Masonry. It was through a founder of the Drury Lane Lodge, for it occurred in that founder's own house, on a Sunday evening, when he was there—Sir Augustus Harris—that he first whispered a wish to become a Mason. Sir Augustus Harris received him kindly, and offered to be his godfather in respect to his introduction to the lodge. Now on his (Bro. Catling's) left sat Bro. Parkinson, who initiated him with more than ordinary solemnity—did it in such a way as impressed the good work and lessons of Masonry upon him so that he never forgot those lessons. Within a little time they founded a kindred lodge after entering into counsel. It was to Irving and Toole he turned for counsel and support, so that his lot had been cast for years in associating with leading actors, and directly he had the light of Masonry he found there was more than a common bond between them. In that lodge they had, under the genial rule of Bro. Nicholls, thrown aside any hostility—supposed to exist—between the stage and the press. In Masonry they all met on very genial and happy terms. They had made him kindly welcome, and they had made him at home in the duties that devolved upon him; and it was relying upon that he should go forward earnestly with his duties. As he said before, after so many actors of importance had occupied that chair he should do the best he could, according to his skill and ability, to uphold the honour and dignity of the lodge.

Bro. Catling, W.M., then proposed "The Visitors," in which toast he coupled the names of Gen. Laurie, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and Professor Garner, the latter of whom had gone into equatorial jungles and shut himself up with the monkey tribe in order it possible to get at the art and mystery of some brethren far removed from us. Bro. Garner was not with the brethren in any sense as an eccentricity; he was an excellent, ardent, and zealous Mason, a most genial and happy brother. In his wanderings he was actuated by sincerely scientific motives. (Laughter.) It was by no means a laughing matter. People did laugh when some one claimed consanguinity with an ape or a chimpanzee, but Professor Garner could show there was a deeper interest in the life of a monkey.

Bros. Gen. Laurie and Professor Garner replied, the latter giving an amusing account of his travels in Africa and his acquaintance with the monkey tribe.

Bro. Oscar Barrett replied to the toast of "The Officers," and said although he had not had as much time to devote to Masonry as he could wish he would do the best he could to deserve the kindly words that had fallen from the lips of the W.M. For his brother officers he could say that they would endeavour to maintain the dignity of the lodge during the year. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—On the occasion of the monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., Bro. C. H. Banham, W.M., in the chair, there was an unusual muster of brethren of the lodge and of the district to greet Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas. England, who was on a professional engagement in Cambridge. When Bro. Terry entered the lodge, he was saluted in the manner accorded to an officer of Grand Lodge; and at the close of the working (an initiation), the W.M. heartily thanked

Bro. E. Terry for coming amongst them. The pleasure of doing this was enhanced by the fact that the presence of Grand Officers in their lodge was, like angels' visits, few and far between. Bro. E. Terry thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind invitation and the opportunity of seeing their work. He had played many parts, but he had never yet played that of an angel. He hoped on another occasion to be able to partake of the kind hospitality which they had offered, but which duty on this occasion prevented. Bro. Kashmiri Mull, of Downing College (Sutlej Lodge, No. 1443), was elected a joining member; Mr. Wm. Treadway was initiated, and Mr. T. T. Moyes, a son of the late D.P.G.M., was balloted for and elected.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this most successful lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C., W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The business on the summons was very heavy. The ballot was taken for Mr. C. L. Paine, and, proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. There were two passings, the ceremonies being performed respectively by the W.M. and Bro. F. Stretch, I.P.M. Then followed three raisings, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. Stretch, I.P.M.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; and G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., respectively. The officers of the lodge are to be highly complimented upon their excellence of working, more especially we would mention the name of Bro. F. Thomas, S.D., who conducted the candidates in a most commendable manner. Bro. J. M. Veal, J.W., delivered the charge in the First Degree in a most impressive manner, and Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, S.W., presented the working tools in each Degree most effectively.

At the close of the long but pleasant meeting, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous provincial and other visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C., W.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; J. Walker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., D.C.; Jas. Sharples, I.G.; G. Metcalf, F. Stretch, I.P.M.; Clare E. Towell, P.M.; E. H. Baldwin, A. R. Brett, C. Boddy, H. Shuter, F. J. Brundrett, H. A. Kay, J. Rudd, J. H. Norris, P. Murray, E. W. Rowell, J. Worstencroft, F. J. Passmore, John Moore, J. Smith, W. W. Wilkinson, A. Roberts, F. Morgan (who acted as I.G. in a most able manner), A. W. Young, J. Laurisch, C. Parr, and C. L. Paine. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Cotsworth, P.M., P.P. G.S.; W. R. Blunsden, I.P.M. 1045; and Thomas Whalley.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst. Bro. A. Blenkarn, W.M., was supported by Bros. G. W. Castle, S.W.; H. Hooper, P.M., J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Geo. R. Langley, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., Sec.; W. W. Lee, I.P.M.; C. Fruen, P.M., S.D.; S. H. Latham, J.D.; J. G. Galbraith, I.G.; J. J. Newland, D.C.; C. R. Cutler, Stwd.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; A. W. Fawkes, J. W. Stevens, J. Joel, E. J. W. Scott, H. J. Syrett, E. F. Williams, J. F. Potter, E. Martin, and G. Davis. Visitors: Bros. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; E. Skipper, 2396; E. H. Mead, 2396; G. C. Mopsey, 22 (U.S.A.); J. Ellinger, W.M. 2222; and F. Swinford Org. 2272.

Lodge was opened, and Messrs. E. Martin and G. Davis having been unanimously approved by ballot, were impressively initiated by the W.M., the ancient charge being delivered by the I.P.M. Correspondence was read, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent repast, the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that whilst they had such men as the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Freemasonry must maintain its high position. The Grand Officers not only tried to promote Freemasonry in general by giving up a large amount of time, but they also gave a large amount of their substance to assist in maintaining the different institutions in connection with the Fraternity. They were recompensed by the kind reception given the toast, which showed that their efforts were appreciated.

Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., in response for "The Prov. Grand Officers," said the Prov. Grand Master, Lord George Hamilton, wrote to him, and asked him for definite information about the lodges. Since then the Prov. Grand Master's engagements had been so numerous, and he had not been able to fulfil the desire of his heart, but as soon as the opportunity occurred he would take great pleasure in coming amongst them. Speaking personally, one of his great privileges was to respond for that toast. First, because he knew he was the mouth-piece of an excellent body of Masons, and, secondly, because it was just as well for one to know what he was talking about. He knew the merits of the Prov. Grand Officers, and would ask the brethren to look round the Bushey Park Lodge for a good illustration of them. He should like to say how much pleasure it had given him to be present. He took a great interest in that lodge, it being the only one consecrated since he took the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, and he hoped to have a great deal to do with it in the future. He was sure it was in good hands, and all the brethren worked together with the love and harmony which should always characterize Freemasons. He wished to thank them for the excellent way in which they supported the Charities, and especially for the support given his esteemed friend Bro. Langley, who had acted so efficiently as Secretary in election work in the province, and for enabling him to go up well armed from his own lodge. In thanking them for their kind reception, he complimented the W.M. and officers on their admirable working.

Bro. A. Blenkarn, W.M., in response to the toast of his health, proposed by the I.P.M., said that whatever he had done for that lodge had been done simply out of Masonic brotherly feeling. Their new lodge soon learnt to "toddle," and was now fairly walking, and he thanked them all for their support at that meeting. He wished to thank the brethren for the support given him in his Stewardship for the Girls' School at the coming Festival. He was pleased to say he had already received 80 guineas, although there was only one brother's name on his list who was not a member of the lodge. He had no doubt that by May next he would complete a three-figure list, as his two predecessors in the chair—Bros. Langley and Lee—had done.

"The Initiates" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" were given, after which "The Visitors" received a cordial welcome from the W.M., which was duly acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening, during which Bro. F. Swinford presided at the piano with his usual ability.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. A. Macnab, W.M.; W. Davey, S.W.; A. B. Booty, I.W.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; G. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; R. G. Howson, P.M., Chap.; J. Wood and C. C. Trim, Stwds.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; F. D. Gass, D.C.; T. A. Marsh, P.M.; W. T. Marshall, P.M.; Max Blume, P.P.G. Org.; H. Coxon, A. W. Lowe, W. Towers, W.M. 306, and W. E. Turner, S.D. 1108. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. P. Lawrence, 673, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. A ballot was then taken for Mr. W. T. Goodwill, which also proved unanimous, after which he was admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the ceremony being rendered by the W.M. in a most admirable manner, ably assisted by Bro. Davey, S.W., who gave the working tools, and Bro. Booty, J.W., the charge in the First Degree.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

LEEDS.

Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—The year 1894 is the centenary year of this lodge, and the installation of Bro. George Austin Suddick as Worshipful Master of the lodge took place on Wednesday, the 31st ult. At the Board of Installed Masters there were present 45 Masters, Past Masters, and members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge—the largest number ever assembled in the city of Leeds on a similar occasion. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D. of Eng.; Bro. Bateman Fox, Chairman of the Charity Committee; Bro. W. F. Smithson; Bro. W. O. Clough, M.P.; Bro. Thos. Woods, P.M. 448; and other influential brethren attended the installation.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was afterwards celebrated, when 110 brethren and their guests attended.

The menu card, containing portraits of all the officers of the lodge, were very much admired. The portraits were from negatives taken for the purpose by the S.W., Bro. Geo. Hainsworth, who although an amateur, evidently produces work equal to any professional.

The services of a glee party specially engaged from Halifax added much to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.

Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The ordinary meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a large attendance of Past Masters, members, and visitors. The ceremonies of the First and Third Degrees were given in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. J. West; for the latter Degree six candidates presented themselves, and a goodly number were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

On completion of the ordinary business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. R. Capper.

The cloth being removed, the customary toasts were heartily given and received, interspersed with a selection by musical brethren.

During the period an incident of unusual interest took place, viz., the presenting of a full suit of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, in a leather case, with suitable inscription, to Bro. T. Salter, P.M., P.P.G.D., by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. West, in asking Bro. Salter's acceptance of the testimonial, referred in most eulogistic terms to Bro. Salter, who had been their Charity Representative for so many years, during which time he had travelled to and fro in that province to represent any case in connection with No. 241, and invariably was successful in advocating the respective cases of Charity.

Bro. Salter, having risen to respond, was received most enthusiastically, and replied in suitable terms, saying he hoped to live to wear out the clothing in the good cause. This ceremony brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Fairfield Lodge (No. 2290).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. W. J. Barrett, the retiring W.M., in a most impressive manner, installed Bro. Alfred Wright as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Afterwards the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Barrett, I.P.M.; F. Bus, S.W.; W. H. Middleton-Andrews, J.W.; T. Vernon, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Parkinson, Sec.; W. Field, S.D.; J. P. Garrow, J.D.; J. G. Hassell, P.M., D.C.; C. Barker, Org.; G. R. Glossop, I.G.; F. R. Ansdell, J. E. Taylor, W. M. Alston, and T. H. Wilde, Stwds.; and A. Templeton, Tyler. Among the members and visitors present were: Bros. Thomas Clarke, P.P.G.R.; R. G. Bradley, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Shield, P.M.; W. J. Guilbert, W.M. 823; G. Holme, jun., W.M. 2294; J. W. Page, P.M. 292; J. Gregory, J.W. 292; D. Lowthian, J.W. 1182; W. Naylor, W.M. 1620; S. Pape, W.M. 1473; and R. Asbury, P.M. 1620.

The banquet was served under the direction of Bro. A. Templeton, and the musical portion of the proceedings was in the hands of Bros. J. Heginbotham, T. Vernon, George Platt, George Green, Jos. Griffiths, S. M. Smith, J. Busfield, and Rhys Thomas.

MANCHESTER.

Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bro. Joseph Challenger, W.M., presided, and the following amongst others were present: Bros. John W. Hallam, S.W.; J. B. Peace, J.W.; Thos. Nesbitt, Treas.; Chas. R. Hardman, Sec.; J. Heywood, S.D.; John R. Smith, J.D.; Fred. Hilton, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., D. of C.; Harold Wray; Henry Grimshaw; Robert Leech, P.M.; Thos. E. Rigby, P.M.; Robert Hitching, Thos. Smith, and Joseph Snape, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Henry Smith, W.M., 237, 1030, P. Prov. G.D.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.M. 64, P.P.G. Reg.; John Allin,

Org. 2231; John Hindle, P.M. 462; F. A. Frankland, 462; John W. Firth, 467; H. J. Clark, 938; M. Donald, 2191; and E. Edward Levy, 2231. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the name of Mr. Edward Riley, Accrington, was successfully submitted to the ballot, and that gentleman was subsequently initiated by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Hilton, Peace, and Heywood. The lodge was then closed.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—Under most favourable circumstances, the regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there was the largest gathering of members and visitors that has been for many years. Of course, the removal to the above premises is more congenial to all the members, and the fact is clear, for there were three very suitable and most desirable candidates for initiation. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ben. Eckersley, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The candidates had been balloted for at the previous meeting. Bros. John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; and A. H. Duffin, P.M., performed the ceremonies respectively. They were all three in grand form, and each ceremony was admirably rendered, not only by the acting W.M., but every officer alike. It was such a treat as can seldom be seen, more especially as it was the first working night after the installation. We would like to especially mention Bro. R. W. Martin, J.D., for his interpretation of the Deacon's work was perfection. Bro. Chas. Driver, J.W., presented the working tools, and Bro. Ben. Eckersley, W.M., was most effective in his delivery of the charge to the three candidates. We heartily congratulate the members of the Newall Lodge, and trust they may have the success they richly deserve.

The lodge was closed, and, subsequently, at the festive board, the various loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The visitors testified to the great merit and ability displayed by all who took part.

The evening was spent very pleasantly by songs and joviality of different kinds.

The following brethren were present: Bros. B. Eckersley, W.M.; E. Webb, I.P.M.; C. Driver, S.W.; H. Waterhouse, J.W.; Jno. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Odgen, S.D.; R. W. Martin, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; James Green, I.G.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Organist; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W. 2359, Stwd.; G. M. Williams, N. Jones, Hy. Mainwaring, W. T. Wright, Allan F. Kidney, J. Simpson, W. H. Browne, and Walter Hands. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Oliver, P.M. 999; Wm. Sharp, J. H. Wrigley, P.M.; S. Gaskill, John Slack, Thos. Hunter, Allin Phillips, Harry White, and H. G. Beckwith.

Duke of York Lodge (No. 2449).—The last meeting of the financial year was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present: Bros. W. Schofield, P.P.J.G.D. W.M.; James Andrew, P.M., P.S.G.D.; William Boden, S.W.; F. Warburton, J.W.; S. Mamelok, P.M., Treas.; Philip Whyman, J.D.; T. Kinsey, I.G.; Robert Meggitt, D.C.; G. A. Bowden and T. H. Stott, Stwds.; A. G. Bryce, Org.; Oates Rushton, T. D. Lightfoot, W. Leigh, B. Hopkinson, P.M.; J. T. Whittle, C. Houston, J. B. Marshall, Arthur Scarlett, and T. H. Wooler. Visitors: Bros. Arthur Keymer, W.M. 2368; T. A. Lowe, W.M. 2432, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Markland, I.P.M. 2368; W. Baron, and S.W. 1219; W. Morecroft, J.W. 1313; J. E. Hicks, 613. The summons contained three names to be added to the roll of the lodge, viz., Bro. J. Maybury, 1219, a joining member, and Messrs. H. B. Rudolph, and Harry Eastwood, who were candidates for initiation. Bro. Bridge Hopkinson performed the first ceremony, and Bro. Schofield the second, they being assisted by Bro. Warburton, who explained the working tools, and delivered the ancient charge. The election of officers took place as follows: Bro. W. Boden, S.W., being unanimously selected as Worshipful Master elect; Bros. Andrew, Treas.; Warburton, Charity Representative; and Hardicker and Oates Rushton, Auditors.

The usual festive board followed lodge business, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., helped to pass away the remainder of the evening in a very pleasant manner.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Swan of Avon Lodge (No. 2133).—The installation of Bro. E. Deer as W.M. of this lodge took place in the lodge room, Union Club, on the 6th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, the newly-elected W.M. being very popular with the members of the lodge. Among the visiting brethren was Bro. John Mason, P. Prov. Senior Grand Deacon, Middlesex. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. C. New, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Burke, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Bro. John Smith acting as Preceptor. The following brethren were afterwards appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. M. Bird, S.W.; W. Horton, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Ward, Chap.; J. F. Burke, Treas.; K. Lunn, Sec.; J. Hill, S.D.; G. W. Everard, J.D.; G. F. Kendall, I.G.; H. Marres, Org.; B. Bemford, S.B.; S. Petter, D.C.; T. Hutchings, Asst. Sec.; and F. Gibbs, Stwd. Subsequently two Life Governorships in the Masonic Charities were balloted for, the successful brethren being Bros. J. F. Burke and W. H. Eaton.

The banquet, which was of *recherché* character and splendidly served, was largely attended. The tables were artistically decorated with choice flowers, and a button-hole bouquet, the gift of the W.M., was placed for each guest.

The usual Masonic toasts were submitted in appropriate terms, and suitably responded to.

Bro. Burke, one of the founders of the lodge and an enthusiastic Mason, proposed in graceful terms "The Health of the Worshipful Master," bearing testimony to the energy and zeal Bro. Deer had displayed in the other offices he had occupied in connection with the lodge. That was an augury, he felt sure, that the high office to which he had been installed that day would be filled in a perfect manner.

The W.M. replied in a neat and well-set speech, and promised to carry out the duties of the office to which he had been elected with all the ability and assiduity he could command.

"The Health of Bro. New, the I.P.M.," was cordially submitted by Bro. G. F. Kendall, and the occasion taken to present Bro. New with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. J. Marson replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," fervently proposed by Bro. Lunn, and commented upon the exceptional liberality displayed by the Swan of Avon Lodge which had only been established some seven or eight years.

A very pleasant evening, enhanced by some excellent songs, was spent by the brethren.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Windeatt, W.M.; Finch, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., acting S.W.; Playford, acting J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; F. W. Warner, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; Ruffie, S.D.; Packington, Org.; J. Barnes, D.C.; Captain Walls, P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., P.M., Williams, Hall, and T. Middleweek, Stwds.; W. Middleweek, I.P.M.; and W. J. Porter, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. Bros. J. J. Hough, 733, and H. Campbell, 742, were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Goddard and Brougham were impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bros. Muller, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., R. W. Forge, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bros. Goddard and Brougham were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. He was also elected to represent the lodge as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, and Bro. Capt. Walls gave notice of motion to vote a sum of money from the lodge funds to place on the Master's list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Muller, S.W.; V. L. Chandler, P.P.G. Purst., J.W.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M., and others.

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

A few toasts were subsequently given.

Bro. R. W. Forge responded for "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke in complimentary terms of his working in the Third Degree that night. He hoped to see him install his successor in March next. Unfortunately, they had not had so many initiates in the lodge as in former years, yet by the judicious management of the W.M., and their indefatigable Treasurer, a most favourable balance-sheet would be shown at the next meeting. The lodge occupied a proud position in Middlesex, and long might it continue so to do.

This toast having been warmly received, The W.M. replied. After thanking the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, he said that his year of office had been a pleasant one, and he took that, his last opportunity, of also thanking the other Past Masters and the officers for their cordial support and co-operation. He hoped to be spared many years to wear the jewel that the brethren had that night so kindly voted him.

Bros. Hough and Campbell responded for "The Visitors." "The Health of the Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Middleweek, and "The Officers" with the names of Bros. Forge, Warner, and Packington.

During the evening some excellent instrumental and vocal selections were given by Bros. Packington, E. Hall, T. and W. Middleweek, and others.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M., in the chair, who opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two gentlemen, both being favourable, they were initiated by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G. D. of C., the other by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Stretch, P.M., S.W., presented the working tools, and Bro. John Walton, jun., J.W., gave the address to the candidates in a most impressive manner.

At the close of the ceremonies "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous visitors present, and a most successful meeting closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; J. Walton, jun., J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., &c., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., &c., Sec.; W. Bowers, S.D.; G. G. Mends, J.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Prov. G. D. of C.; J. Bowers, P.M., Org.; J. Omdrod, I.G.; G. Stott, F. French, and W. Hallard, Stwds.; E. C. Roberts, P.M., Tyler; J. H. Marsh, I.P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; P. Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; R. Swindells, P.M.; J. Walton, P.M.; J. S. Whitley, H. H. Jones, A. Hawkins, W. Kirk, G. Biron, and G. G. R. Mends. Visitors: Bros. F. Coupe, I.P.M., 1147; B. Grant, 1021; and A. Laidlaw, 111, St. John's, N.B.

YORKTOWN.

Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1714).—There was a distinguished gathering of brethren at the Duke of York Hotel, on Wednesday night, when Mr. D. G. Norman, the respected postmaster of Camberley, was installed into the chair of the above lodge. The following were present: Bros. T. K. Bunting, W.M.; W. E. Starfield, S.W.; H. Watts, J.W.; W. S. Twort, Treas.; W. D. Blyth, P.P.G.S.B., &c.; S. W. Rogers, Stwd.; S. Lowe, I.P.M.; J. McGilchrist, P.M.; D. G. Norman, P.S.W.; and W.M. elect; W. Gilling, Metcalfe, Knight, Ellis, Martin, McC. Prole, Goldwin, Shaw, Stallwood, Baker, Cook, Marshall, and Pain. The visitors were Bros. Colonel G. Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey; Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec. Eng.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., Prov. G.T. Wilts; S. G. Kirchhoffer, D.G.D.C., Eng.; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Kenett, W. W. Allingham, W.M. 723; H. Lancaster, P.M. 2317; Webb, S.W. 2317; Captain Polton, 1819; Davidge, W.M. 2203; Hammond, 2203; Amos, 101; Gale 2317; Wallis, 2311; Elliot, 1504; Manders, W.M. 2475; and Goodall, S.W. 2203. Letters of apology were read from other Grand Lodge Officers, including W. Bro. R. Eve, P.G.T., Eng. The Deputy Prov. G.M. of Surrey also expressed regret that he was unable to attend. The installation ceremony was performed in a most able manner, by Bro. Dr. Twort, and the newly-installed Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. K. Bunting, I.P.M.; W. E. Staniford, S.W.; W. H. Twort, Treas.; W. Gilling, Sec.; T. Martin, S.D.; J. Mee, J.D.; W. Prowle, I.G.; W. Ducrocq, Org.; W. D. Blythe, D.C.; Rogers and Stallwood, Stwds.; and Paine, Tyler.

After business the brethren dined together, and a very

pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with toast and song. "The Health of the Grand Lodge Visitors" was drunk with enthusiasm, as was also that of "The Worshipful Master," and general satisfaction was expressed at the happy state of things which appeared to surround the future of Lodge 1714. We may mention that the W.M., Bro. Norman, is also Senior Warden of Border Lodge, No. 2475, and Master Overseer of Bisley Mark Lodge.

Royal Arch.

Union Waterloo Chapter (N. 13).—The installation meeting of the above old and excellent chapter took place on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Comp. H. S. Syer was installed into the chair of M.E.Z.; G. W. King, as H.; and G. Kennedy, P.Z., J. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. 1472 and 1437, P.P.A.G.S. Essex, S.E.; W. H. Keeble, S.N.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Crowdy, P.S.; H. Crowdy, 1st Asst. S.; J. Taylor, 2nd Asst. S.; and L. Comerford, D.C. The Installing Officer was Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 913 and 1472, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, and grandly did this old Mason perform his arduous and important task, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes of the chapter. Comp. W. Tailley, the outgoing M.E.Z., was presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel; and after certain sums had been voted to local Charities, the chapter was closed.

The banquet was served at Bro. Capon's comfortable hostelry, the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, and it, the banquet, was universally voted *chic*.

After the clearing of the cloth, the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were loyally honoured.

The I.P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The First Principal," said that he and Comp. Syer had been associated in Masonry so much that it would seem like flattery if he said all he felt he could say in his favour. Suffice it, that they all knew what a staunch supporter he was of the mother lodge, and they might depend upon him to leave no stone unturned for the success and prosperity of the chapter. He asked them to drink the toast enthusiastically, and wish their M.E.Z. a prosperous year of office.

Comp. Syer, in responding, remarked feelingly on the decease of their late companion, W. Akers, who, had he lived and retained his health, would have occupied the proud position he, Comp. Syer, had achieved that day. He trusted that during his year of office the good old chapter would go on and flourish, and asked the officers one and all to earnestly assist him to attain that result, and so place it in the proud position of the strongest, as it was the oldest, in the district.

Comp. Penfold, in responding to the toast of "The Installing Officer," said that their M.E.Z. had kindly alluded to the fact that he (Comp. Penfold) had installed the Principals of that chapter 16 years ago. He certainly was an old member of that chapter, having joined it some time in the '60's, and now they were in the '90's. They might say "where now are his colleagues at that time?" Well, some of them had gone to the Grand Lodge above, and others had retired or were scattered about the world; but they had all done good work for Masonry in their day and generation. The Union Waterloo Chapter was getting up to its centenary, and, although they might not all live to see it, yet they would most likely some of them do so. The kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of him as the Installing Officer was very gratifying, and although he had for many years filled that position in that and other chapters, yet he hoped some of the younger P.Z.'s would make themselves ready to fill the gap. However, as long as they required his services, so long would he endeavour to carry out the duties of the office to their satisfaction.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" was responded to by Comps. King and Kennedy severally, and the Past Principals present acknowledged the toast of their health.

Comps. Capt. Watson, P.Z. 1785, and C. Jolly, P.Z. 1472, responded for "The Visitors."

"The Officers" were honoured.

Comps. C. H. Canning, P.Z. 1472; A. Fenn, and D. Jenkins responded severally.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 18th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. Dowling, I.P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Sims, H.; Dennis, J.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; Smith, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; Buxton, P.S.; Colwell and Lingley, Asst. Sojs.; Hopkins, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; H. Salter, P.Z.; and Patrick, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers took place as follows: Comps. Sims, M.E.Z.; Dennis, H.; Lingley, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Buxton, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Lundie, P.S.; Colwell and Smith, Asst. Sojs.; Hopkins, Org.; and Patrick, Janitor. Comps. Parrott, Whitney, and Lundie were elected Auditors. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Austin, M.E.Z., in recognition of his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Sims, M.E.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., and others. The resignation of Comp. Griffin was received with regret. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed, at which Comp. G. Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., presided most ably and genially. There being no exaltees nor visitors present the proceedings were shorn somewhat of their usual formality. The presiding First Principal being very brief in his remarks, and the companions whose names were mentioned were equally as terse in their respective replies.

The evening's entertainment was agreeably enhanced by the musical selections of Comps. Hopkins, Lundie, Smith, and others. The proceedings were not unduly protracted.

Duke of Fife Chapter (No. 2345).—The first election meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. S. Cochrane, Grand Treas. Eng., M.E.Z.; J. Wyer, P.Z., H.; J. W. Folkard, J.; Charlie Woods, S.E.; A. Robertson, Treas.; J. Andrews, P.S.; J. Randall, 1st A.S.; Boswell, 2nd A.S.; Munslow and J. Mitchell.

Visitors: Comps. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1328, &c.; J. Hernaman, 1227; and Hodges, M.E.Z. 1534. Bros. C. W. Munslow and J. Mitchell were impressively exalted. The elections resulted unanimously as follows: Comps. J. Wyer, H., as M.E.Z.; J. W. Folkard, J., as H.; A. Harvey, S.N., as J.; J. Andrews, P.S., as S.N.; A. Robertson, Treas.; C. Woods, S.E.; J. Randall, P.S.; Boswell, M.R.C.V.S., as 1st A.S.; Bonner, as 2nd A.S.; Munslow and J. Mitchell, Stwds.; and Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. It was unanimously resolved to present Comp. S. Cochrane with a P.Z.'s jewel at the end of his year of office. The by-laws were read, and chapter closed.

The companions afterwards dined together, and duly honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

BIRKENHEAD.

Chapter of Fidelity (No. 477).—PRESENTATION TO COMP. SAMUEL JONES.—At the regular meeting on Monday evening, the 12th instant, there was a goodly gathering at the Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-street, to witness and participate in the presentation of a handsome gold hunting watch to Comp. S. Jones, S.E. The watch bears the following inscription on the dome: "Presented to Excellent Companion Samuel Jones, S.E., P.Z., P. Prov. G.H., by the members of the Chapter of Fidelity and a few admiring companions, as a token of their respect and high esteem, after 25 years' service in the chapter.—Birkenhead, February 12th, 1894."

The presentation was made by Comp. John Morris, P.Z., who, after a short history of the chapter since its formation, in March, 1845, referred to Comp. Sam. Jones's connection with it for a quarter of a century. During that period Comp. Jones had filled various offices, passed through the chair of First Principal in 1875, and from 1876 to the present time—a period of nearly 18 years—had performed the duties of S.E. Comp. Morris laid stress on the fact that the companions were under special obligations to Comp. Jones for the faithful manner in which he had held the chapter together in time of depression and trouble, and attributed its present flourishing condition to his unwearied and zealous efforts in the face of every difficulty.

The remarks of Comp. Morris were received with marked approval by the members of the chapter, and when he sat down Comps. James Clarke, Thorburn, Gamlin, Owen Jones, Coveney, and G. H. Brown paid hearty tribute to Comp. Jones, not only for what he had done for his own chapter, but for the ready assistance he had always rendered to the chapters and lodges in the neighbourhood.

Comp. Jones, who deeply felt the kind way in which all the speakers referred to him personally, thanked the companions for the very handsome presentation, by which they were pleased to show their appreciation of what services he had been able to give to the chapter and its members.

During the proceedings several letters of apology were read, among others being one from the Grand Superintendent and one from the Prov. G.S.E., who, at the last moment, were prevented attending the meeting, and expressing every kind wish for Comp. Jones's future happiness.

The following members and visitors were present on the interesting occasion: Comps. Joseph Clarke, Prov. A.G.S., I.P.Z.; R. G. Hawkins, H.; J. Syer Warren, J.; S. Jones, P.Z., P.P.G.H., S.E.; John Morris, P.Z., P.P. G.S., D.C.; Robert Robinson, P.S.; Geo. Poole-Poole, 1st Asst. Soj.; Jas. McLeavy, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Richard Parry, S.N.; Wm. Hopkinson, Treas.; Enoch Evans, P.H.; James Clarke, P.Z. P.Z. 605; Joseph Scarratt, James Watson, Jas. W. Shaw, George Lloyd, Thomas Thorburn, P.Z. 537, P.P.G.H.; Owen Jones, P.Z. 605, P.P.G.S.N.; Geo. H. Brown, P.Z. 537, P.P.G.D.C.; John Armstrong, P.Z. 605, Prov. G.S.B.; E. R. Latham, P.Z. 594, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; J. G. Adams, P.Z. 477; A. E. Coveney, P.Z. 605; James Gamlin, P.Z. 605; and George Proudman, S.N. 241.

LAYING OF MASONIC FOUNDATION-STONE AT PONTEFRACT.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. Eng., P. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, performed the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of what is to be the future Masonic lodge, in Ropergate. It is intended that the buildings shall be of modern classical structure, of red brick, with terra-cotta panelling and stone-facing. On the upper storey will be a lodge room 34 feet from east to west, by 21 feet from north to south; adjoining will be ante-rooms, and the area downstairs will be occupied by a dining hall 51 feet by 21, which will also be available for use as a ball room, and will be fitted with movable partitions to make three smaller rooms. There will be a caretaker's house adjoining, and the whole work will cost about £1000. Bro. J. H. Greaves, J.W., is the architect.

There was also present at that day's ceremony: Bros. H. Smith, Deputy Pov. G. Master; Green, Prov. G. Sec.; J. A. Bentley, Sec. 910; Rev. F. E. Egerton, Chap. 910; H. R. Harrison, Chap. 910; Rev. A. H. B. Lees, Rev. F. Heptinstall, E. Lord, P.M.; S. Slack, P.M.; J. Quarterman, P.M.; W. Mathers, P.M.; C. England, P.M.; James Atkinson, P.M.; Ellis Foulds, W.M.; P. P. Wood, H. B. Wood, C. Woodhouse, Craven, J. Morrell, Lawson, S. Lowden, Smithson, H. Fisher, R. Fisher, T. Swales, Riley, Austerberry, Ream, Farr, Dr. Hillaby, C. E. S. Lowden, Spink, Roberts, Picker, J. H. Greaves, N. Greaves, Wheatley, I. Kaberry, Pygott, J. Hemmant, Nicholson, Davies, Warde, Monckman, Butler, and Garner.

Bro. S. SLACK called upon Bro. Ellis Foulds to request Bro. Tew to lay the foundation stone of that lodge.

Bro. FOULDS said he would not detain them longer than possible, but he could not let that opportunity pass without expressing the sincere thanks of the lodge to Bro. Tew for his presence that day. They had all of them felt the want of a new lodge, their present premises being deficient in accommodation; and it was gratifying to them to see some ocular proof that ere long they would have a new Masonic Temple.

wherein to house their members, and hold their lodge, and also, as he hoped, to propagate those principles which they all admired. In presenting Bro. Tew with that trowel to lay the stone, he need only say that the fact of his performing the ceremony would add to its sanctity in the eyes of the brethren, and give to them the greatest possible satisfaction. He would now ask him to lay the stone.

On being presented with the trowel, Bro. Tew, P.P.G. Master, said: Brethren, I ask you to allow me to keep on my hat, as I am not very well. I thank you, gentlemen, and Bro. Foulds for allowing me to be present here to-day to undertake this simple ceremony of laying the foundation-stone for the St. Oswald Lodge of Freemasons, No. 910 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. In doing so I look back to the time when, as the first Worshipful Master, and with only 10 members, I commenced this lodge in fear and trembling as to its prosperity and success. This was in 1862, and in looking back to that period we feel that it has prospered, for now we number over 70 members, while the Legiolium Lodge is a sprig or a branch from this parent stem; I therefore think that Freemasonry has been successful in Pontefract. But I wish to touch upon what this lodge has done for the great Charities in London. It has supported me as your late Provincial Grand Master, and whenever it has been deemed advisable to subscribe to these Charities you have always cordially responded to the invitation and laboured hard with me to make a handsome collection for them. It affords me the greatest pleasure to think, though I am no longer your acting Provincial Grand Master (for sickness and illness have obliged me to hand over the sceptre to the Right Honourable William Lawies Jackson), that in him you will have a most liberal, civil, kind-hearted, and accomplished successor to myself. To him I accord the most loyal support and allegiance, and I think this lodge will do the same, and that its members, always generous to me, will be equally complimentary to him. I take this instrument of power [picking up the trowel] to lay this stone in a simple way, and I hope that this act which I do to-day in placing this stone on the top of another with cement will never be undone or separated by human power, but that the principles of Freemasonry which we express will show to the outside world, as well as to those in the Mystic Circle, that all the world's a lodge and every man a brother.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. Harrison, as Chaplain of St. Oswald's Lodge, then offered up prayer.

Bro. S. SLACK then called upon Bro. John Holmes Greaves, the architect, to present the plans of the buildings, and to explain their various arrangements.

Bro. GREAVES, the architect, presented the plans to Bro. Tew, and explained the plan of the building.

Bro. TEW said that he accepted the plans with pleasure, and bade them "to proceed with the building of this new lodge, and at the earliest convenience to report the completion of the same to the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire."

The stone having been laid with the customary ceremonial, three cheers were then given to Bro. Tew, and another three for Mrs. Tew.

The Rev. F. E. EGERTON, S.W., Chaplain, then offered up prayer.

Bro. NICHOLSON proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Tew for his presence, and for performing the ceremony; and

Bro. J. ATKINSON seconded the vote, which was carried amidst cheers.

A luncheon was afterwards held at the Elephant Hotel.

After full justice had been done to the luncheon, several speeches were given bearing upon Craft matters. Bro. SMITHSON'S address on the progress made by the Boy's School belonging to the Order in London being most interesting, and acknowledging the great service Bro. Tew had rendered to this Charity during his long and distinguished service as Provincial Grand Master.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. John Newton, a Vice-Patron of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; W. Fisher, John Hattersley, A. Mulford, Charles Sheppard, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; V. F. d'Arcy Brennan, Hugh Cotter, W. Webber, T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G.P.; William Hollis, George E. Fairchild, Charles J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Moore, W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; J. Bunker, W. Belchamber, J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution; A. H. Hickman, A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br.; R. Griggs, Charles Kempton, James Speller, C. H. Webb, A. Durrant, Thomas Glass, W. H. Hubbert, H. M. Hobbs, Thos. B. Daniell, Robert D. Cummings, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of five male and two widow annuitants, and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read. A letter was read from Bro. W. H. Smithson, P.G.D., relative to the purchase by Bro. G. Heaton, of Lodge 258, of a perpetual presentation to the Male Fund of the Institution for £1260, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Smithson for his trouble. The Committee then declared the number of candi-

dates for the election in May next to be as follows: Male Fund, 66; Widows' Fund, 54; while the vacancies to be filled—the three deferred annuities being in each case included—were announced as Male Fund 22 and Widows' Fund 14. The applications of the widows of two recently deceased annuitants for half of their late husband's annuities were granted. The Committee then took into their consideration the three petitions which had been deferred for further information from the January meeting with the result that two were accepted and one rejected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

"OUR BOYS" VISIT TO THE PARKHURST THEATRE.

The Parkhurst Theatre is situated at Holloway. It has a good reputation among provincial theatres, and that reputation has been greatly enhanced among the boys of the Royal Masonic School since their visit to the pantomime there on the 5th instant.

The performance was a very creditable one for any theatre. The stage-managing was naturally "Perfect." The words were written by Tom Craven, and the "Storey" (Fred. of that ilk), was of course Ar.

The principal parts were all capably filled, and the effort of Aladdin, Abanazar, and Widow Cranky were, in particular, heartily appreciated by the boys, while a distinctive feature of engrossing interest was the marvellous display of the Bros. Spink on the rings and trapeze.

Altogether, the boys had a good time, thanks to Bro. Perfect, the proprietor of the theatre, and Bro. Oldis, P.M. 1288, who was much in evidence during the afternoon distributing buns and oranges galore, which feast he had been instrumental in securing by the kind subscriptions of Masonic friends in North London.

The Craft Abroad.

CAIRO.

Bulwer Lodge (No. 1068).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 6th ult., at the new Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Bailey, W.M., assisted by Bros. T. McDonnell, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Walker, J.W.; and the rest of the officers. After the minutes had been confirmed and a joining member accepted, Bro. T. McDonnell, W.M. elect, was presented for installation to Bro. W. E. Bailey. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. T. McDonnell was duly installed in the chair of K.S., in the presence of nine Past Masters, by Bro. W. E. Bailey, I.P.M. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. J. Walker, S.W.; G. Bain, J.W.; H. J. Scott, Treas.; T. Phillips, Sec.; H. Bruce, D.C.; W. Summers, S.D.; J. Mackintosh, J.D.; H. Breen, J. G. Murrell, Page, and Crozier, Stwds.; and W. Hasted, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

All Masonic business having been ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, as excellent in quality as bounteous in supply, at Sante's Restaurant.

At the termination of the banquet, the brethren honoured the usual toasts and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, songs being rendered by Bros. Summers, Pneasant, Crozier, Collier, G. Walker, Mackintosh, and W. E. Gaze gave a recitation.

The W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen," "The Grand Master," "The Khedive," and "Kindred Grand Lodges," the latter toast was replied to by Bro. Hanna Bey Bacoon, P.D.G. Master.

The I.P.M. proposed in the most graceful terms, "The Health of the Worshipful Master," stating that he had known him for years, and paid a high tribute to his known uprightness and integrity.

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in his reply, expressed his pride in being placed in the chair of K.S. of so important a lodge as Bulwer, and trusting that at the end of his year of office the brethren would be satisfied with his efforts to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M., in a brief speech well to the point, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer, Bro. W. E. Bailey," and stated that in every possible manner the I.P.M. had striven to promote the welfare and prosperity of the lodge, and it was the unanimous opinion of the brethren that his efforts had been crowned with every success. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel.

This toast was honoured with unbounded enthusiasm, and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Bro. W. E. Bailey, I.P.M., who was visibly affected by the ovation accorded to him, thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the handsome Past Master's jewel, and above all for the way they had responded to the toast. He could only say he had striven to promote the well-being of the lodge, and the greatest reward he could have received he had in the welcome accorded to him that evening.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors."

Bros. Peters, P.M. 2436; C. E. Vansittart, P.M. 2399; and W. E. Gaze, 1755; suitably responded.

The toasts of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful evening.

Among the brethren present at the lodge and banquet were Bros. Hubert J. Scott, P.M.; J. A. Agar-Hamilton, P.M.; H. Crooksank, P.M. 1105; C. E. Vansittart, P.M. 2399; W. B. Michael, W.M. 1105; W. P. Peters, P.M. 2439; Hanna Bey Bacoon, P.D.G.M. Egypt; W. E. Gaze, 1755; W. Master, of Latief and Itadar Lodges; J. Walker, G. Walker, Murrell, Collier, Crozier, P. Black, Woodhead, Diacano, and others.

Lord Houghton, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, held his first levee of the season at Dublin Castle on Tuesday afternoon. There was a large official attendance, while the private *entrée* was more numerous than at the corresponding levee in 1893.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 24, 1894.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

RAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1394, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1041, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

7, Four Kings, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

RAFT LODGES.

1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1560, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1337, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1694, Imperial, Clocot's Restaurant, Victoria-street.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, London Tavern.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

RAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
71, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
104, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
43, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1339, St. Andrew, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1095, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
204, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
201, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2015, Wharton, White Hart, Widseden.
2213, Old Westminsters, Cafe Royal.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
184, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
251, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

236, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.
418, Cam. en, Anderton's Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

Oxford and Cambridge University, 35, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

MAISON, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
aper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Carance and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. at 8.
Institutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton buildings, at 7.
Lancaster, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Continental, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Finsbury, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Jomantic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Juke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheshire, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
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Among the papers to be read before the Society of Architects during the next few months is one on "Freemasonry in Architecture," by Mr. D. Fearon Ranking, M.A., LL.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone returned to town from their sojourn at Biarritz on Saturday, the right honourable gentleman having greatly benefited by the rest he obtained.

The British Channel Squadron, consisting of the Royal Sovereign, Empress of India, Rodney, Immortalité, Narcissus, and other vessels arrived early in the week at Tenerife.

The directors of Perry and Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have declared a dividend on the ordinary shares, viz: 12½ per cent. for the year and 2½ per cent. bonus, being the same as last year. The same amount is also placed to the Reserve Account.

The old United States Kearsarge, which sunk the confederate privateer Alabama in the English Channel in 1864, was wrecked some days since on Roncadore reef, and was abandoned with the Stars and Stripes flying at her peak, Admiral Stanton and the officers and crew being, however, very fortunately saved.

Colonel Gould Adams, who had started to find the bodies of Major Wilson's party, has been detained en route by the flooded state of the country, but the attempt to recover the bodies will be prosecuted, and Dr. Jameson and Sir John Willoughby have proceeded to Inyati to consult with Colonel Adams as to what further shall be done.

Among the guests at the dinner party given by the Earl of Rosebery, at his residence in Berkeley-square, on Monday, were the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, and Duke of Abercorn, the French, Russian, and United States Ambassadors, the Netherlands Minister, Bro. General Lord Roberts, and Col. Stanley Clarke, in attendance on the Prince.

A Court of Aldermen was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday, when, on the nomination of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Lincoln was appointed to preach the Spital Sermon, before the Lord Mayor and Corporation, at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Easter Tuesday. At the same Court Bro. Alderman Colonel Davies was elected a governor of the United Westminster Hospitals, in place of Alderman Faudel Phillips, resigned.

The Royal Horticultural Society held a very successful exhibition at the Drill Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday afternoon, the various groups of cyclamens, orchids, palms, lilacs, and other plants being elegantly set out. The principal prizes were taken by Messrs. Veitch, Sir Trevor Laurence, Messrs. Paul, of Walthamstow, Messrs. Paul, of Cheshunt, Messrs. Lane, of Berkhamstead, and Messrs. B. S. Williams, of Holloway.

On Tuesday evening, a ball, promoted by the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Townsend, and the brethren of the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 204, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley. Dancing commenced at eight p.m., and was continued with great spirit until 3 a.m. The band had been provided by Bro. A. Fearnside, and great credit is due for the excellent manner in which they performed. The arrangements were carried out in a most satisfactory manner by the officers of the lodge. Bros. Major Blackburn and C. Cooper were the M.Cs.

Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler presided at the meeting which was held in the Guildhall, on Tuesday evening, when the Duchess of Teck distributed the prizes to the Post Office Rifle Volunteers, of which the Duke of Teck is honorary colonel. There was a full attendance at the meeting and the proceeding terminated with a vote of thanks to the Duchess, which was cordially acknowledged by her husband. Subsequently Bro. Lord Mayor Tyler and the Lady Mayoress gave a dinner party at the Mansion House. Among the guests invited to meet the Duke and Duchess being the Earl and Countess of Waldegrave, Lord and Lady Methuen, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Lady Ellis, Sir Charles Hall, M.P., Mr. Algernon Turner, C.B., and Lady Henrietta Turner, Bro. Sir John and Lady Monckton, Sir Joseph Fayrer, and others.

THE SOUTH LONDON MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION, which has already been mentioned in these columns as being in course of formation, was duly constituted at a meeting held on Tuesday, the 30th ultimo, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The elections of officers were by ballot. Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., was elected President; Bro. F. Hilton, Vice-President; and Bro. R. J. Voisey, Treasurer. These brethren are all well-known in South London, and the fact that they are the officers placed at the head of the new Association is a sure guarantee that it will be administered in a liberal spirit, as well as with prudence and foresight. Bro. E. Janau, who had hitherto been acting Secretary, was elected Hon. Secretary, but, while thanking the representatives for the honour done him, he declined to accept the office, thinking it should be undertaken by a brother having more time and more influence. It was then decided to postpone the election of Hon. Secretary until the next meeting in March. Bro. Janau consenting to continue meanwhile as acting Secretary; his address is 92, Elms-road, Clapham Common. The aim of the Association is, as explained before, to centralise the voting power of the lodges as is done by the provincial Associations. The South London Masonic Charitable Association has made a good start, but, remembering the true old maxim—"Union is Strength"—we hope many more lodges and chapters will join and ensure its complete success.

"PASS ALONG, PLEASE," is the polite, yet firm, request of our guardians in the main when our streets become blocked by a loitering or disorderly crowd. Generally this admonition is cheerfully obeyed, for all sensible men are aware that in the power of the law their welfare is secured. We bethink those turbulent spirits who oppose their puny strength against right and might; they are compelled to obey by being relegated to a place where reflection convicts them of their folly in trying to overthrow the bulwarks of public safety. Holloway's Pills and Ointment are the guardians that make disease "Pass along" out of our path, and they are able to assist it before the system becomes too enfeebled to resist its attacks.

Bro. Capt. Lord Charles Beresford has returned from Cairo to Chatham, and has resumed his duties as commandant of the Steam Reserve, but Lady Charles Beresford will remain in Egypt for some time longer.

Intelligence has been received at Carnarvon to the effect that the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to attend the National Eisteddfod, which will be held there in the week commencing 9th July.

The third annual conference of representatives of the Solent-yacht-racing classes will be held at Southampton on Saturday next, the 24th inst., under the auspices of the Castle Club, of which Bro. the Earl of Dunraven is Commodore. His lordship has promised to preside.

Lord Aberdare was present and presided at the 39th meeting of the Royal Commission on Old Age Pensions, which was held at the House of Lords on Tuesday, among the members who attended being the Prince of Wales—who has been present at 34 out of the 39 sittings—Lord Lingen, Lord Playfair, and Sir H. Maxwell.

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.

Sir Philip Currie, the new British Ambassador to Turkey, arrived at Constantinople on Saturday last. He was met at Adrianople by Sir Alfred Sandison and Ibrahim Bey, the special representatives of the Sultan, who accompanied him to the capital, where he was met by the whole staff of the British Embassy.

The recovery of the Czar from his recent very serious illness is well assured, Dr. Sukharin, who was summoned from Moscow to attend upon his Majesty, having left St. Petersburg towards the close of the week on his return home, having first been presented with the Order of St. Alexander Newsky, in recognition of his services.

Another bomb outrage occurred in Paris on Monday afternoon, a man named Léon Breton having entered a restaurant near the Saint Lazare railway station about 9 p.m., and threw a bomb, which at once exploded and wounded more or less seriously several persons. The man, however, was very speedily captured and the police had some difficulty in protecting him from the enraged populace.

General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught returned from leave to be present at a cavalry brigade field day, which took place in the Long Valley, Aldershot, on Thursday. There were also present Major-General C. F. Gregorie, Major-General Sir W. F. Butler, Major-General A. H. Utterson, Major-General J. Alleyne, Col. T. Kelly-Kenny, Col. H. S. G. Miles, Col. Auld, Col. Bruce Brice, Col. Sir A. Mackworth, and Col. Waller.

Princess Ena, daughter of the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, was thrown from her pony while riding in the grounds of Osborne House on Saturday afternoon last. The mishap was caused by the pony, which was being led by a groom, suddenly stumbling and pitching the Princess over its head, while the groom was also thrown down. According to the latest reports, the Princess, who is the only daughter of their Royal Highnesses, is progressing favourably.

We have to record with regret, the death of Bro. R. A. Morgan, which took place on Friday, the 2nd inst., at his residence, Plas Teg, Rushey Green, Catford. Bro. Morgan, who was only 46 years of age, had been in failing health for several years, but had only been compelled to keep his bed for about a month immediately prior to his death. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., the first portion of the burial service being conducted at St. Lawrence, Catford, by the Rev. W. Hook Longsdon, M.A., the interment being at Lewisham Cemetery.

Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson, whose firm provides the coverings for so many heads in the city, has shown by a little brochure recently issued that he himself not only possesses a head, but is capable of making use of it to some purpose by recording his observations during a visit to America. Like many other city men he journeyed to the World's Fair, and during his journey took in *en route* most of the cities and places of interest in the States. Amongst other things he describes a visit to a Masonic lodge, on the 18th storey of a building, having no fewer than 22. Of course, our brother refers to the renowned Masonic Temple of Chicago. The paper was read before the members of the United Wards Club.

THE LIFEBOAT SATURDAY MOVEMENT.—In view of the remarkable success attending and resulting from the introduction of the Lifeboat Saturday Movement and the formation of Ladies' Committees initiated in Manchester and Salford in 1891, and so strongly advocated last year by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution have decided to take steps to develop the movement in all the principal centres of industry and population throughout the country. With this end in view they have appointed, in the first instance, three Organising Secretaries—Mr. William Martin, of Glasgow, for Scotland, &c., and Messrs. A. J. Boyle and J. R. G. Roberts for districts in England and Wales. These gentlemen are to enter on their duties at once.

MASONIC FUNERAL IN DUNDEE.—On Saturday, the 10th inst., the remains of Bro. Alexander Allan, who for the past ten years had acted as Secretary of the Thistle Operative Lodge, No. 158, were consigned to their last resting-place in the Eastern Necropolis. Brethren to the number of 60, and representing almost every lodge in the city, met in Princes-street Hall. After religious services, conducted by Bro. T. Bruce, Chap., in deceased's house, the brethren formed up in processional order and walked to the cemetery. The pall-bearers were Bros. Arthur William Lumsden, A. Smith, W. Johnston, and W. Henry. Bro. Alexander Ramsay conducted the last rites at the grave. The deceased was upwards of 23 years in the employ of Messrs. Jaffe Brothers, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. He has left a wife and six children, for whom much sympathy is being expressed.

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Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass has returned to town and resumed his work in the City at the close of the very successful mission conducted by him at Liverpool.

The result of the examination at the London University in January last for matriculation shows that 521 students satisfied the examiners, or considerably less than one-half of those who presented themselves. Eighteen, of whom four are ladies, took honours; 339, including 70 ladies, appear in the first division; and 29 ladies and 135 gentlemen in the second class.

We are informed by Comp. John Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.S.E., that the annual convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Eastern Division of the County of Lancaster will be holden in the St. Mary's National Schools, Rawtenstall, on Thursday, the 15th prox., at half-past two. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent, will preside.

Bro. James Stevens' lecture on "Australia and its Irrigation Colonies" was delivered to a "full house" at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday evening, and gave general satisfaction. About 100 elaborate dissolving views of Australian scenery and the new Colonies of Mildura and Renmark, the prospective "fruit gardens of the world," illustrated the lecture, which kept the audience in rapt attention for an hour-and-a-half, and appeared to afford them considerable enjoyment. At its termination a hearty burst of applause testified to the satisfaction with which the company had listened to the instructive and highly interesting discourse.

A considerable amount of damage appears to have been caused to life and property by the gale which raged over the greater part of the country during last Sunday night. Numbers of chimneys appear to have been blown down, and in some cases with disastrous results, windows too have been blown in and houses and churches either wholly or partially unroofed, while more than disaster is reported along our coasts. The Manchester Ship Canal traffic was for the time disorganised. At Holywell, in Flintshire, the roof of the English Presbyterian Chapel was blown off and the building almost entirely wrecked. At Scarborough a number of houses were blown down, while at Shields several vessels were dismantled or seriously damaged.

The Prince of Wales presided on Thursday at the second smoking concert of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, in Queen's Hall, which was filled with members and guests. His Royal Highness is constant in his support of this admirable body of non-professional instrumentalists. The Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Louis of Battenberg, and Prince Ernest of Hohenlohe were also among the company. Mr. George Mount had chosen his programme with a view to variety, as usual, for the list of orchestral items included overtures by Nicolai and Suppé, a selection from Gounod's "Faust," together with pieces by Saint-Saëns and Spindler. Mr. Leonard Borwick was the pianist of the occasion, and songs were contributed by Madame Bella Cole and Madame Bonanoska.

A ball given by the brethren of the Borneo Lodge of Harmony took place in October last, and was pronounced on all sides to be a decided success. At nine p.m., the festivities were opened by a concert in the large dining room of the Borneo Hotel, and the chief feature of which was a topical song in praise of Masonry, composed by Bro. H. B. Dunlop and sung by Bro. W. H. Hastings, Mrs. Pryor and Mrs. Vander Hoeven took part in the performance, and Bro. Jones was loudly encored. Bro. McGeehan's fine voice was heard to great advantage, the room possessing undeniably good acoustic properties. At the conclusion of the concert the room was rapidly cleared and dancing was commenced. The decorations of the room formed a theme of admiration to all present, the mottoes, Masonic emblems, and greenery adorning the walls having been most tastefully and artistically arranged by Bro. Wolfe, who is quite at home in these various branches of decorative art. Dancing was kept up with spirit until two a.m.

MASONIC SOCIAL CHARITABLE ASSEMBLY.—On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, the chiefs and ordinary members of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, held an exceedingly pleasant reunion and ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities—the West Lancashire, Hamer, and Alpass Institutions. There was an attendance of about 150, and it is hoped the deserving Masonic schemes named will reap substantial benefit from the festive gathering. Bro. John Wylie, W.M. (accompanied by Mrs. Wylie, who did much to give a pleasant tone to the gathering), was a very valuable President of the ball committee; and others associated with him in perfecting the arrangements were Bros. J. Williams, P.M., Vice-President; E. H. Perks, I.G., Secretary; S. Holden, Treasurer; and W. E. Morton, P.M., M.C.; with Bros. J. Edgar, S.D.; W. H. Moore, J.D.; A. S. Ramage and J. Hornby, Stwds.; W. Roberts, S.W.; J. Morgan, J.W.; F. Jenkins, Sec. 673; N. C. Gibb, J. Kennedy, J. Clarke, T. Gidman, F. G. Hand, and G. Morris, as members of an energetic committee. The catering arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mercanton, were most satisfactory. The music for dancing was supplied by Mr. F. Wright's band.

A meeting of the Princes Lodge, No. 607, was held on Monday, the 5th inst., in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow. Bro. Jas. Boyd, R.W.M., S.P.G.M., presiding. He was assisted in his duties by Bros. Col. Jas. A. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, P.M., 32°, P.S.G.W.; Major F. W. Allan, P.M., 32°, G.S.D.; J. Guthrie Smith, D.M.; Jno. Carrich, S.W.; Geo. B. Young, J.W.; Dr. W. W. Tulloch, D.D., and Dr. John Watt, D.D., Chaps.; Alex. Foulis, Treas.; J. Law Crawford, Sec.; Jno. Mitchell, B.B.; Jno. Sanderson, J.D.; Emile Berger, Director of Music; Jno. M. Ross, Stwd.; Rees Price, I.G.; and Walter Ross, Tyler. There was a large turnout of the brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the formal business having been disposed of, Bro. Robt. Rankin Hunter, M.D., was received in affiliation, and Messrs. William Bilsland, William Collins, jun., John Gibson Fleming, Jas. P. McIntyre, Oliver C. Townsend, and Alexander Paul were on the billet for initiation. Those who were present were instructed in the First Degree by the R.W.M. During the evening the Provincial Grand Lodge made its annual visitation and inspected the books. The deputation was headed by Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, 32°, Prov. G.M., Substitute G.M. The Prov. Grand Secretary's report of the year's working was a favourable one. At the conclusion of the business the lodge proceeded with a well-sustained harmony.