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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this successful and increasing provincial organisation took place at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Since the formation of the province perhaps no gathering of Mark Masons of West Yorkshire has been so large, whilst none more harmonious could have been witnessed than that which assembled in St. John's Place, on the date above named. Fearnley Lodge, Halifax, No. 58 on the roll, and numerically the strongest in West Yorkshire, acted as host, and right well did Bro. W. J. Morris, the popular W.M., and his brethren discharge their self-imposed duties. Every possible consideration was given to the comfort and convenience of their guests, and the feeling was universal that the Halifax Mark brethren's arrangements left nothing to be desired.

At 4.30 p.m. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, who has held his distinguished position since 1883, entered. He was supported by his Deputy, Bro. John Barker, and a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

When the roll was called, which took place immediately after opening, it was found that every one of the 12 lodges constituting the province was represented, some very numerous.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY then announced or read apologies for absence or regrets at inability to accept invitation from Bros. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire; W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Leicestershire; C. Fitzgerald Matier, G. Sec.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; J. Wordall Wordall, P.G. Treas. North and East Yorkshire; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. Lancashire; Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire; W. R. F. Morton, Prov. G. Sec. Lincolnshire; and from many both Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers.

The minutes of the meeting held at Huddersfield in October of last year, which had been previously printed and circulated, were presented by the Prov. G. Secretary, and on the motion of Bro. Dr. SAMUEL JACOB, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., seconded by Bro. G. H. PARKE, P.M., P.G. D., were taken as read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the assembly as follows:

Brethren,—My first words to-day shall be to express deep regret at the great loss the Province has sustained by the death of our Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Thomas William Embleton. Bro. Embleton was advanced to our honourable degree as late as the 17th November, 1885; was elected Worshipful Master of the Portal Lodge, and installed in April, 1892; the same year he was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Province, which appointment he held at the time of his death on the 8th November, 1893. Bro. Embleton joined Masonry late in life, and the energy and enthusiasm with which he threw himself into all that concerned the welfare of our Order was the admiration of all who knew him. He was regular and constant in his attendance at lodge; his beneficence knew no bounds; he was ever ready to help and assist where it was needed; and those who had the privilege of seeing him when he visited our schools in London, gathering round him all the Yorkshire children and offering gifts will not soon forget the beam of sunshine which lighted up the faces of both the giver and the recipients. May we reverse the memory of one who has left us so good and noble an example. We have, I am sorry to say, to regret the loss of other worthy and distinguished brethren. Britannia Lodge, mourns the loss of Bro. Eyre, P.M.; Fearnley Lodge the deaths of Bros. John Leach and James William Davis; Integrity Lodge the death of Bro. Richard Flower, and Truth Lodge that of Bro. Thomas Sellars Higgins, P.M. May we with all confidence hope, when these departed brothers presented their life-work before the Great Master Overseer, they were found worthy to form part of that spiritual temple, that "House not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens." During the year 1893 we added one additional lodge to our roll, Legiolium, No. 457, Castleford, making up our number to 12. We desire to congratulate the Master and Wardens on the life and activity shown by the members of this new lodge. During its short career 11 brethren have been advanced. From the Registrar's statement, which will be read to you, it will be found that during the past year our members have steadily increased; that notwithstanding six deaths and 21 resignations, we can still show an increase of 25 on the preceding year. The lodge under whose banner we are assembled to-day has the honour of being the strongest in the province; it is, however, closely followed by Britannia, Sheffield, and Copley, Leeds. I desire to congratulate the Worshipful Masters of the lodges upon the decided improvements in relation to brethren in arrears. Last year there were 24, now there are only nine. I hope, brethren, at our next annual meeting we may again see a decrease. In all societies no one is allowed to enjoy the privileges of membership unless their subscriptions are paid, and I cannot see why amongst Masons the same rule shall not apply, and if our worthy Treasurers would only collect subscriptions at the beginning of the year instead of leaving it to the end, I feel sure we should have less arrears, as well as fewer exclusions; for it may with all fairness be argued, if a brother cannot pay one year's subscriptions, his inability to pay two is all the greater. The resignations are somewhat large—21 in all. Worshipful Masters should be careful to guard their lodges and watch that resignations, beyond those caused by necessity, such as removals and other like causes, do not come from anything within the lodge, and that nothing on their part shall cause the numbers to be decreased. The Executive of the province have noticed with great pleasure the efficient manner in which the work of the various lodges is carried on, which has been amply exemplified in the promptness with which the various Secretaries made their annual returns, and announced the meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge on their circulars. It is a matter of great satisfaction to us all that there is no note of discord in any of our lodges, and that that harmony which ought at all times to characterise our assemblies pervades the whole province.

The 26th Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on the 11th day of July next, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire. It has often been my pleasure to call attention to our Benevolent Funds, and I think I need not make any excuse for again doing so, as we have recently had a practical illustration of their working and efficiency. One of the members of the Britannia Lodge died, leaving his wife in poor circumstances. The brethren of the lodge took up the case, brought it before the proper authorities, and the widow was at once placed on the annuity list and became a recipient of the charity without delay, and without what in many cases is so very trying, anxiety as to the result. I am pleased to know that the Britannia Lodge appreciates this, and congratulates the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dodworth, on the support he is receiving as a Steward at the approaching Festival. Brethren, I thank you, one and all, for your kind and warm reception to-day. I thank our brethren of the Fearnley Lodge for the care and attention they have paid to the arrangements made for our comfort, and in conclusion would urge upon all to weigh well the lessons that are taught in this our branch of our great Masonic order. If we would only read those lessons aright we should find they are for our welfare. Let all our work be done in due order; let our ceremonies be carried out in no slovenly spirit, but with that dignity which tends so much to impress the minds of all those who aspire to enter our ranks, ever remembering that first impressions are the most lasting. Ours is no mean order; it has antiquity on its side of which we have ample proof in those grand old monuments which still adorn our land. Ever let us remember that whilst our efforts may not now be appreciated, the day will come when our work and labour will be valued like that of the Craftsman of old, and that the scoffers of to-day will be turned into the adulators of to-morrow.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. JOHN BARKER, also was exceedingly well received, and whilst he felt that most subjects of interest had been touched upon by the Provincial Grand Master, yet he wished to tell them that during the past 12 months he had visited all the lodges in the province; that he found a decided and most marked improvement upon the lax working of only a short time ago; that the Degree was advancing, and greater interest was being taken in it. He was also pleased to inform them that, following the example of their lamented Bro. T. W. Embleton, who died in harness as Senior Warden, and who endowed the chair he had so worthily filled, another brother had come forward offering to similarly endow the Prov. Grand Master's chair in the interest of the Mark Benevolent Fund. That this satisfactory condition of matters was further increased in the fact that the 12 Mark lodges had, by grant and subscriptions, raised a sum which was already close upon 50 guineas, and would, he felt confident, reach that amount for the purpose of supporting the Prov. Grand Master of the Craft, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, when he presided at the Boys' Festival in June. Bro. Barker said moreover that there were other schemes afoot, which had not yet come to maturity, all showing that the Order of Mark Masons in West Yorkshire was not going to be backward in the great work of philanthropy, which had so long distinguished Masons whatever their Degree; and whilst he personally derived the greatest satisfaction from this improvement, it only stimulated him the more strongly to impress upon them the dignity of the ritual and the importance and beauty of the lessons conveyed by its means.

Bro. A. E. KIRKHAM, 53, P.G. Reg., then presented the annual report of the lodges, which contained much valuable statistical information regarding the position and progress of Mark Masonry in the province.

Bro. G. F. CARR, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, then presented his balance-sheet. After explaining a few details, and pointing out its very satisfactory condition, he moved that it be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes.

On being seconded by Bro. R. WILLIAMSON, P.M., this was carried without a dissentient.

Bro. CARR, as outgoing Treasurer, then rose to propose Bro. Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 110, as his successor. No name, he declared, could be better or more honourably known than that of Bro. Herbert Green, and no man more fitted for the post could be found in the province. Bro. Green was not only well known and respected in West Yorkshire, but also in every province in England.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. JOHN BARKER, seconded the election of Bro. Green with great pleasure, and it was carried with acclamation.

When the retiring P.G. Officers had received the thanks of the Prov. Grand Master and given up their collars, the new P.G. Officers were conducted to the pedestal by two P.P.G. Wardens, and after being severally addressed in suitable terms, were duly invested. They were—

Bro. W. E. Smithies, 137	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. Woollons, 110	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" V. G. S. Dearden, 53	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. Myers, 111	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. Hodgson, 58	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. H. Stock, 398	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Herbert G. E. Green, 110	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. S. Blackburn, 374	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Joseph Mathewman, 110	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. J. Martin, 110	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Francis Smith, jun. (Mayor of Ripon), 352	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Thos. Wrigley, 14	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Thos. Robertshaw, 58	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. Norfolk (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Wm. Cockroft, 14	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Fredk. Webb, 398	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Brook, 137	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

Bro. T. H. Pattinson (T.I.) ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. B. Wilson, 459 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" M. J. Dodworth, 53 ...	...
" Wm. Senior, 127 ...	...
" Chas. Middleton, 111 ...	...
" J. H. Newton ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After five brethren had been chosen to serve on the General Purposes Committee, the PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Sheffield, in reply to an invitation given by Bro. M. J. Dodworth on behalf of the Britannia Lodge, of which he was W.M.

Bro. C. LETCH MASON also informed the brethren that he had just returned from paying a brief visit to Bro. Tudor Trevor, their late Prov. Grand Secretary. He found him, he said, in a very weak and unsatisfactory condition of health. He thought they ought not to part without some expression of feeling in respect to Bro. Trevor. He therefore proposed: "That this Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire desires to convey to W. Bro. Tudor Trevor, its late Secretary, deep sympathy with him in his severe and prolonged illness, and trusts that it may please the G.O. of the U. to speedily restore him to health and happiness."

This was suitably seconded by Bro. GEO. H. PARKE, and carried unanimously.

After a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Morris, W.M., and the brethren of Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, for their excellent arrangements, which, on the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. G.M., seconded by Bro. CHAS. WOOLLONS, P.J.G.W., was carried with acclamation, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

A tea à la fourchette was provided, of which upwards of 50 brethren partook. Bro. Morris, W.M. 57, presided, and was supported by the Prov. G.M. and his Deputy.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, heartily received, and responded to.

Some capital songs and recitations were given, and the evening was passed in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner.

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

CONVENT GENERAL.

The usual Quarterly Convent General, and National Great Priory were held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday the 11th inst. The V.E. National Sub-Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., acting, in the unavoidable absence of the V.H.E. Great Prior of England and Wales, for the M.E. Supreme Grand Master, opened the Convent General.

The ASST. ARCH REGISTRAR having called the muster roll, the M.E. Supreme Grand Master's assent to the alterations and additions to the statutes of Convent General carried on the 9th May, 1890, was read.

The V.E. National Sub-Prior of England and Wales read a letter from the V. H. and E. Great Prior, the Earl of Lathom, expressing his regret at being unable to attend. He said that he was sure he was only expressing the feeling of all present when he said that, deeply as they regretted the absence of Lord Lathom, they still more deeply regretted the cause which rendered it impossible for him to be present to preside over them on that occasion.

The V.E. National Sub-Prior of England and Wales, the Earl of EUSTON, moved—"That in the opinion of this Convent General, the time has now arrived when it is expedient to take into consideration the present relations existing between the National Great Priors and Convent General; and with this view it is resolved that a Commission consisting of seven Members from each Great Priory be appointed by their respective Great Priors with full powers to enquire into the matters in question, and report with recommendations to the next regular Meeting of Convent General, or to a Special Meeting of that body convened for that purpose."

The motion was seconded, and supported by the V.E. Prov. Priors for East Anglia and Lancashire, Sir Knights Captain PHILIPS and Captain BESWICK ROYDS.

Sir Knight CUMBERLAND read a telegram from a member of the Order at York, suggesting that the ritual should be considered by the Committee.

Sir Knight RICHARD EVE asked for information as to the scope of the proposed enquiry.

It was stated, in reply, that the object of the enquiry was to consider the relations existing at present between the National Great Priory and Convent General, and to suggest any modifications which might appear to be for the good of the Order, but that it was not proposed to consider the question of ritual.

Sir Knight Colonel McCAMMON, as senior member of the Great Priory of Ireland then present, expressed approval of the motion.

The motion was then put and carried.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., Treasurer of the Great Priory of England and Wales, was, on the motion of Sir Knight F. RICHARDSON, K.C.T., seconded by Sir Knight J. S. CUMBERLAND, elected Arch Treasurer.

Sir Knight the EARL OF EUSTON, G.C.T., V.E. National Sub-Prior of England and Wales, announced that the V.E. and Supreme Grand Master had been pleased to appoint him Seneschal of the Order, and that H.R.H. had been further pleased to appoint Sir Knights the Right Hon. H. E. Chatterton, Arch Chancellor of the Order; the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan, G.C.T., Great Marshal of the Order; R. Loveland Loveland, K.C.T., Arch Registrar of the Order; Major-General John C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T., Vice-Arch Chancellor and Assistant Arch Registrar; Charles Belton, Sub-Marshal; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.T., Almoner and Chaplain; and Henry Thomas and Colonel Pratt Saunders, Aide-de-Camps. With the exception of two knights, unavoidably absent, the newly-appointed and elected Great Officers and officers were severally presented and invested by the Seneschal.

By command of the M.E. and Supreme Grand Master, the V.E. Seneschal invested the following Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander of the Order of the Temple:

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS.—ENGLAND.—Sir Knights William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., V.E. Prov. Prior for Hampshire; and Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, V.E. Prov. Prior for East Anglia.

IRELAND.—Sir Knights William E. Scott, D.L.; and Colonel Robert A. J. Cosby, D.L.

KNIGHT COMMANDERS.—ENGLAND.—Sir Knight Ralph Clutton, Arch Treasurer.

IRELAND.—Sir Knights Wakefield H. Dixon, Colonel Thomas A. McCammon, Treasurer, Great Priory of Ireland; and Robert Walker, Captain of Guards, Great Priory of Ireland.
The Convent General was then closed.

GREAT PRIORY.

A Great Priory was subsequently held, the V.E. National Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, on the throne, and there were present the V.E. Provincial Priors for Hampshire, East Anglia, Lancashire, Devonshire, Kent and Surrey, the Great Officers and Officers, and many Past Great Officers, Officers, Preceptors, and other Knights. Visitors: Sir Knight W. E. Scott, G.C.T.; Col. R. A. J. Cosby, G.C.T.; Wakefield H. Dixon, K.C.T., of the National Great Priory of Ireland; Col. Thos. A. McCammon, K.C.T.; and Robert Walker, K.C.T.

The National Great Priory having been opened and the muster roll called, the minutes of the National Great Priory of the 8th December, 1893, were read, and declared to be correctly recorded.

The Sub-Marshal then announced that the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. Canon Henry Baker Tristram, D.D., was in attendance for the purpose of doing homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior for Northumberland, Berwick and Durham. He was admitted, and having been conducted to the foot of the throne, did homage as Provincial Prior. He was then conducted to his stall, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom.

The report of the Council was taken as read.

As a result of a long correspondence between the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the Great Priory of England and Wales, &c., the following resolution was proposed and carried: "That whilst reasserting the position taken up with regard to jurisdiction, this Great Priory having ascertained that the preceptories, constituted by warrants from the Great Priory of Canada, are no longer under the jurisdiction of that body, and having received emphatic and satisfactory assurances from the Grand Master of the Order in Canada on the question of jurisdiction, do now rescind the resolution passed by Great Priory on the 9th December, 1887, and resume friendly relations with the Great Priory of Canada."

Motions arising out of the report were made and carried.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was re-elected Treasurer.

The GREAT SUB-PRIOR, in the name and on behalf of the Great Prior appointed the Great Officers and officers as follows:

Sir Knight Rev. William Lynes ...	G. Prelate
" R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., K.C.T. ...	G. Chancellor
" Sir Francis Boileau, Bart. ...	G. Constable
" Richard Clowes ...	G. Marshal
" Ralph Clutton, K.C.T. ...	G. Treasurer
" Raymond H. Thrupp, K.C.T. ...	G. Registrar
" Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T. ...	G. Vice-Chancellor
" Charles Belton ...	G. Sub-Marshal
" Rev. E. Mitford Weigall ...	G. Almoner and Chap.
" Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, K.C.T. ...	G. Warden of Regalia
" Bd. Surgeon, J. Balfour Cockburn ...	G. Herald.
" H. Harvey George ...	G. Std. Br. (Beau.)
" Henry Stocker ...	G. Std. Br. (Vex. Belli)
" John Halliwell ...	G. Priors Banner Br.
" G. F. Lancaster ...	} G. Aide-de-Camps.
" Richard Luck ...	
" P. de Lande Long ...	G. Chamberlain.
" W. E. Morrison ...	} Capt. of Guards.
" Arthur H. Bowles ...	
" R. Williamson ...	G. Swd. Br.
" Joseph Clifton ...	G. Organist.

The following were appointed and elected members of the Council for the ensuing year:—Appointed: Sir Knights Col. H. S. Burney, Ralph Gooding, Frank Richardson, and Charles Belton. Elected: Sir Knights C. A. Newnham, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Sir George Harris, T. W. Coffin, and James H. Keats.

The Almoner collected the alms, and the Great Sub-Prior closed the Great Priory.

A banquet afterwards took place at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the V.E. Great Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, presided.

THE NEW GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

FIRST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Lieut.-Colonel BENTHAM, whose appointment to office in Grand Chapter we announced a fortnight ago, is a Mason of some 25 years' standing, having been initiated on the 14th day of June, 1869, and raised in September of the same year in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne. In that lodge he worked up to the position of J.W., when he became one of the founders of the Percy Lodge, No. 1427, which was consecrated on the 5th June, 1873, when he was appointed the first S.W. In the natural course of events he became W.M. the next year and at the end of this term was unanimously elected to fill the chair for another year, and has done yeoman service to the lodge. When it was found necessary to form another lodge he became a founder, and was selected as S.W. of the new lodge named Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626, which was consecrated on June 13th, 1876, and when, some years later, the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260, was formed, he again became a founder and was again called upon to be the first S.W., and the next year was unanimously elected to the chair. In the Craft, he has held three offices in Provincial Grand Lodge. He was exalted in St. Peter's Chapter, No. 481, on the 17th May, 1871, in which he rose to be First Principal. He has held several offices in Arch Masonry in the province of Northumberland. On the 16th December, 1881, he was appointed Prov. G.S.E., in which capacity he has acted ever since, with the exception of one year, viz., 1883, when he was appointed Prov. G.H., but even during this year he attended to the duties of Prov. G.S.E. as well as those of higher rank. He has been most unremitting and energetic in promoting the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, a degree with which he has been so long and so honourably connected being still in the position of Prov. G.S.E. This year he has been selected by the M.E.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to fill the chair of 1st Asst. G.D.C. in Grand Chapter. He is also identified with other branches of Masonry. He is W.M. of the Tristram Mark Lodge, No. 346, and has held provincial rank during the last two years. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner of N. and B. Lodge, T.I. In the Allied Degrees, he is Grand High Priest, Royal Kent, T.I. In the Cryptic Degree he is Recorder, Royal Kent, also Rome and Constantine K.H.S., 1st Divisional General Northumberland and Durham. Knight Templar, Royal Kent Preceptors, Captain of the Guard, Northumberland and Durham. Knights of Malta, Royal Kent Preceptory, Captain of the Guard Northumberland and Durham. Rose Croix De Heredom, XVIII°. Royal Kent Chapter Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, Newcastle College. Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, Durham, and Cumberland.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave.—The installation meeting of this conclave was held on the 8th inst. at the Holborn Restaurant. Among those in attendance were Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br., Supreme Ruler; the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., Councillor; Stewart Brown, G.; W. G. Lemon, P.G. Treas., Treas.; Dr. Gross, P.G.C., Sec.; Dr. Roberts, P.G.S., V.D.; Bastow, I.P.S.R.; W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder; and J. J. Pakes, P.G.C. (Hon. Member). R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Bro. Stewart Brown kindly consented to represent the conclave for the second time as Grand Steward. R.W. Bro. Dr. W. G. Lemon also consented to hold the position of Treasurer for another year. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, W. Bro. J. J. Pakes installed Bro. the Rev. A. W. Oxford as Supreme Ruler. Among the officers appointed were Bros. S. Brown, C.; J. Tickle, Guide; Dr. Gross, Sec.; Gammon and Dr. Roberts, Visiting Deacons; and Freeman, Sentinel. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to W. Bro. J. J. Pakes for his admirable working of the ceremony of installation. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, F.S.A.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A.; J. Collins, P.S.R.; and many others. M.W. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member. The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

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

R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R., acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ABBEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2120.

The annual festival in connection with this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. H. J. Bidwell, P.M., P.G.D.C. Surrey (Preceptor), as W.M.; W. H. Gardener, P.M., P.P.G. S.W. Berks, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; A. W. Crewdson, P.M.; E. T. Madeley, P.M.; W. Dix, P.M.; C. Welch, W.M.; C. F. Passmore, W.M. 2317; A. W. Gerard, W.M. 1415; W. Goodman, J.W. 1900; W. F. Larkin, Stwd. 1900; J. Goring, 1900; T. Dix, F. Harper, W. Brooks, A. McCormick, C. Head, J. Hunt, H. G. Nesmyth, R. J. Hunt, E. Squire, E. A. Brown, W. Tranter, T. J. Rawlings, A. Reed, and J. Webb, Secretary.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sections of the first Lecture were worked in the following order: 1st Section, Bro. J. Hunt; 2nd, Bro. C. Head; 4th, Bro. R. J. Hunt. The W.M. having risen the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd time, the lodge was closed. All present congratulated the section workers on their splendid working, after which the annual banquet took place, Bro. W. H. Gardener, P.P.S.G.W. Berks, P.P. G.D.C. Surrey, in the chair.

After grace had been said at the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were given. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, the Pro. Grand Master, and rest of Grand Officers, present and past;" "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, and rest of Prov. Grand Officers, present and past," responded to by Bro. Bidwell, P.G.D.C. Surrey, in suitable terms, stating that our Prov. Grand Master was one of which the Province of Surrey was proud to have at their head.

The next toast submitted was that of "Success to the Abbey Lodge of Instruction," and Bro. Webb, in responding, spoke of the success the Abbey Lodge of Instruction had achieved since its commencement seven years ago. It had proved by the way in which the ceremonies had been worked in the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, by the Past Masters, that without the lodge of instruction the working of the three Degrees would not have been done in the manner that it had been. He (Bro. Webb), in conclusion, hoped that all brethren present who were not members of the instruction lodge would join at the earliest opportunity.

"The Health of Bro. W. H. Gardener," was then given, and met with very hearty response, Bro. W. H. Gardener being one of the founders and third W.M. of No. 2120, and one of the most popular brothers in the province.

In response, Bro. GARDENER said it gave him very great pleasure to occupy the chair that evening, and to see such a number of brethren present. He was also much impressed with the working of the sections, which he thought quite equal to what he had seen done in London lodges of instruction.

"The Health of the W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120," was then given.

Bro. WELCH, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received; he also thanked them for the way they had assisted him on his going up as Steward to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, when he had the honour of presenting the sum of £105 to that Institution.

"The Health of the Visitors," was responded to by Bros. GOODMAN, LARKIN, GORING, and BUTT, after which the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

The banquet was supplied by Bro. Mason, Tyler, and gave every satisfaction.

Those who assisted with songs, recitations, &c., were Bros. Squire, Welch, Harper, Bidwell, Head, Webb, Brown, Goring, and others. The accompaniments were ably played by Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac., W.M. 2317.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. J. J. THOMAS,

whose portrait appears in our gallery of Worshipful Masters this week, was initiated in the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, in 1881, and was installed W.M. in 1888. In 1889 he was appointed Secretary, an office he still retains. He was one of the founders of the Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, in 1886, was appointed J.D. and became W.M. in 1890, also one of the Founders and first Treasurer of the Carrington Lodge, and was installed W.M. on the 24th ult. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Thomas was exalted in 1882 in the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, and in 1890 filled the chair of M.E.Z. On his retirement in 1891 he was elected Treasurer. In 1886 he joined the Prince Frederick William Chapter, and after filling various offices was installed M.E.Z. in 1892. He was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason in St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, in 1882, and was installed W.M. in 1891; was one of the founders and first W.M. of the Prince Frederick William Mark Lodge, No. 458, and was installed W.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to No. 1 St. Mark's Lodge, in 1891. In many other Degrees Bro. Thomas has been an active member. He was perfected in the Palestine Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 29, in 1885, and is now serving the office of Prelate; was admitted to the Four Degrees Royal and Select Masters in the Grand Masters Council, No. 1, as well as the Grade of Zelator of the Metropolitan College Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia in 1884, of which Society he has been Treasurer since 1892. He was one of the founders of the Horatio Shirley Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor in 1888, and was installed Supreme Ruler in 1893. In 1888 he assisted in founding the Cleve Fast Conclave of the same Order, and is now Supreme Ruler elect, was appointed President of the Board of Grand Stewards for the Secret Monitor Festival in 1890, and in 1891 was appointed and invested as Grand Guardian. To these services may be added that of Secretary for 12 years of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, in recognition of which he was, in 1890, presented by the members with a very handsome gilt clock, pair of vases, and an illuminated vote of thanks as a mark of their esteem and fraternal regard. Bro. Thomas has also done good service in the cause of Masonic Charity, he is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and is a member of the Board of Management, to which he was elected in 1892; is also a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He has served 11 Stewardships—four for the Boys, two for the Girls, two for the Benevolent Institution, and three for the Mark Benevolent Fund. It only remains to be said that Bro. Thomas's services to the Craft, and his reputation as a man of business, secured for him, in 1891, a seat on the Board of General Purposes, and its various Committees, positions to which he was re-elected in 1892-3, and is a candidate for re-election at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June next.

Obituary.

BRO. E. WORRALL.

Bro. Edmund Worrall died on the 7th inst., and was buried on the 10th inst. The funeral of this prominent and highly respected brother was attended by a large concourse of brethren and friends. He was initiated in 1861 in the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, and in the following year assisted in founding the Bedford Lodge, No. 925. He was installed W.M. in 1865 and continued an active member until his death. He was a founder of the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034. He was P.P. J.G.W. of Warwickshire and P.Z. of the following chapters—Trinity, No. 254, now St. Michaels, No. 1630; Howe, No. 587; and Elkington, No. 1016. Two years ago (1892) he was presented with a very

handsome testimonial for his services as Prov. Grand Scribe Ezra for 25 years in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Warwickshire, and last year he was appointed Prov. G.J. In the Mark Degree he was W.M. of the Bedford Lodge and G.S.B. of the Grand Mark Lodge. He was Life Governor of each of the Masonic Charities and had served as Steward at six Festivals. The Prov. Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Chapter, Prov. Grand Mark, and following lodges were represented: St. Paul's, 43; Light, 468; Faithful, 473; Howe, 587; Leigh, 887; Bedford, 925; Grosvenor, 938; Elkington, 1016; Forward, 1180; St. Alphege, 1431; Israel, 1474; and Charity, 1551. Also the following chapters: Fortitude, 43; Athol-Israel, 74; Howe, 587; Temperance, 739; Grosvenor, 938; Elkington, 1016; and Fletcher, 1031. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M., and Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., were prevented from attending, the former being in London, and the latter in Paris. Amongst others we noticed Bros. G. Beech, Prov. G. Sec.; F. G. Swinden, Prov. J.G.W.; John Harris, Prov. G. Treas.; E. Mallard, P.P.G. Mark J.W.; Dr. Belcher, P.G. Mark Org.; J. E. Chambers, G. Jones, M. Jones, F. H. Bell, J. C. Gray, W. F. Tolladay, W. M. Boddington, F. J. Turley, T. R. Arter, H. Clark, J. Stevens, W. Stevens, W. S. Stevens, M. O. Sufield, H. Sanderson, S. Cowin, T. Rowbotham, J. W. B. Brown, W. H. Cox, H. Graff, E. P. Cole, J. Adie, W. Short, R. B. Morgan, S. Gordon, M. Berlyn, A. Pearsall, W. Reynolds, Rev. H. G. Layton, Rev. Sims, C. Chambers, J. Ballington, J. Rooker, J. G. O'Leary, and others. Wreaths with Masonic emblems were sent from the M.E.Z., officers, and companions of Howe Chapter, 587; W.M., officers, and brethren of Bedford Lodge, 925; and W.M., officers, and brethren of Masefield, 2034. At the close of the ceremony the brethren dropped sprigs of acacia into the grave.

BRO. DR. RICHARD MORRIS.

Following quickly upon the announcement of the death of Professor Henry Morley, comes that of Bro. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., for many years Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, which has just taken place at Harold Wood. Born in 1833, at Bermondsey, and educated at St. John's College, Battersea, he was appointed in 1869 Lecturer in the English Language and Literature in the Modern Department of King's College School, which post he filled till 1890. In 1857 he had published a learned work on the "Etymology of Local Names," in 1867 the first portion of his "Specimens of Early English," and had edited numerous old English works, including, for the Clarendon Press, "Selections from Chaucer," when, in 1870, he received the degree of LL.D. from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The following year he was ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Winchester, and admitted to priest's orders in 1872, from 1871 till 1873 was curate of Christ Church, Old Kent-road, in 1874 received the M.A. degree from Oxford, and in 1875 was elected Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, where he remained till 1888, and in 1890 was appointed Head Master of Dedham School. He was a prolific author in his own peculiar field, his best known works being "Historical Outlines of English Accidence," "Elementary Lessons in Historical English Grammar," and a "Primer of English Grammar," while among the numerous works he edited may be particularised "Genesis and Exodus," "Ayenbite of Inwyrt," "Old English Homilies," and "Legends of the Holy Rood." Dr. Morris was a member of the Council of the Philological and Early English Text Societies, and in 1874 was elected President of the Philological Society. His remains were interred on Thursday afternoon at Hornchurch, Essex.

BRO. JOSEPH JOHN MARSH.

Bro. Joseph John Marsh, whose death occurred recently, was initiated in the year 1872, in the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, and became Worshipful Master in 1883. He was exalted in the Marquis of Ripon Chapter, No. 1489, in 1879, and afterwards joined the Lebanon Chapter, of which he became First Principal. He also held Grand Office in the Province of Middlesex, having been appointed Prov. G.S.B. by the late Sir Francis Burdett. For many years Bro. Marsh has acted as Tyler to a large number of lodges and chapters, and in that capacity gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

It is one of the unchangeable laws of the Institution that no woman can be made a Mason; therefore, lodges which admit females to membership can never legally exist. Our fraternal brethren, with that gallantry for which that nation is renowned, at an early date from the time Freemasonry was established in that country, recognising the valuable aid of the women in carrying to completion the work of the Order, sought by the establishment of societies, composed of Masons and their female relatives, and having a resemblance to the peculiar organisation of the Craft, to enlist the sympathies and friendship of the ladies in behalf of the Fraternity. These societies were termed "Loges d'Adoption," because every lodge of females was obliged to be adopted by, and under the guardianship of some regular Masonic lodge. These mystic societies shortly became very numerous and were exceedingly popular, so in 1774 the Grand Orient of France established a new rite, called "Rite of Adoption," and prescribed rules and regulations for its government, one of which was that no man should be admitted to the meetings except regular Freemasons; that each lodge should be placed in charge and held under the sanction and warrant of a regular lodge of Masons, whose Master should be presiding officer, assisted by the Mistress of the female lodge.—*Masonic Guide*.

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No. on Poll.	MALES.	Votes.
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2	" James William Avery ...	4377
3	" John William Lakin ...	4002
4	" Thomas Alcock ...	3846
5	" George Frederick Swan ...	3343
6	" John Collie ...	3257
7	" Harry Adams ...	3248
8	" Henry James Smith ...	3245
9	" William Henry Myers ...	3212
10	" Andrew Finch ...	3191
11	" Joseph Huntley Spencer ...	3157
12	" James Neave ...	3081
13	" Thomas Hopkinson ...	2961
14	" Jabez Benjamin Sergeant ...	2948
15	" Richard Wetherell Hammond ...	2929
16	" William Henry Gill ...	2857
17	" Walter William Boniface ...	2827
18	" Charles Ship ...	2808
19	" William Dodge ...	2784
20	" Edward George Bruton ...	2732
21	" Edward A. Lingard ...	2713
22	" Henry Haigh ...	2706
23	" John William Turner ...	2677
24	" Richard Glover ...	2671
25	" Thomas C. Johnson ...	2583
26	" John Bagshaw ...	2550
27	" George Fox ...	2498

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1	Mrs. Sarah Welsford ...	5907
2	" Amelia Thomas ...	5825
3	" Elizabeth Ough ...	5708
4	" Sarah Wills ...	5732
5	" Mary Jenkins Clifton ...	5708
6	" Ann Maria Tayler ...	5677
7	" Catherine Morris ...	5671
8	" Helena Antonia Platt ...	5585
9	" Mary Ann Parker ...	5576
10	" Elizabeth Mills ...	5523
11	" Ann Bailes ...	5300
12	" Sarah Mann ...	5296
13	" Maria Vile ...	5238
14	" Emma Pickett ...	5228
15	" Mary White ...	5088
16	" Charlotte Martha Seabrook ...	5042

The Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the next Election.

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Masonic Notes.

Six weeks hence and we shall be face to face with the third and last Anniversary Festival of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The day fixed for the celebration of this important event is Wednesday, the 27th June, and, as we announced last week, the Board of Stewards has already decided that it shall be held at Brighton, where there is fair reason to hope that the successes of former Festivals at this favourite sea-side resort will be renewed.

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Moreover, for several months past it has been known that the Chairman of the day will be Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, who was installed in office in the autumn of 1893, and will thus inaugurate his career as the chief of West Yorkshire Freemasons by presiding at one of the chief annual events of our Society; nor do we doubt that he will use all his influence, both official and personal, in order to obtain the necessary supplies for our junior School during the current year. On the few occasions on which he has been able to take part in our gatherings, and notably at the Girls' School Festival last week, Bro. Jackson has given evidence of the deep interest he takes in the work of Masonry, and if only the Craft supports him as he deserves to be supported, we shall have the good fortune to record for the third time within four years some very big figures in connection with this particular Institution.

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The prospects otherwise are most encouraging. The Board of Stewards is already some 500 strong, and of these about two-fifths are West Yorkshire Masons, who may be trusted to support their chief with the loyalty which has always characterised the members of this influential Province. But we may be sure there will be no lack of good-will or effort on the part of London and the other represented Provinces to bear their legitimate share in the benevolent work. Indeed, we have heard of some formidable London lists being in course of compilation, and similar lists are certain to be compiled by country lodges, especially by those who have been holding themselves in reserve for this Anniversary.

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Still, though the prospects are so encouraging, we must not content ourselves with these and the hope, that when the day arrives, they will be found to have been realised. The Boys' School, with its 268 pupils, and its limited capital of less than £40,000, is always in need of help. Its annual expenditure is between £12,000 and £13,000, while its permanent income does not exceed £1200. The last four years have witnessed a great improvement in the monetary condition of the School, but much remains to be done in order to bring it to a level in respect of invested capital with the other Charities. We, therefore, appeal most earnestly to the Craft, whether in town or country, to do all they can in support of "Our Boys." The affairs of the Institution are well administered, and the training the pupils receive, as shown by their successes in various public examinations, excellent. Thus, it not only requires support, but deserves it, and we trust this will be forthcoming in response to Bro. Jackson's advocacy at Brighton on the 27th prox.

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It was fitting and appropriate that the Duke of Marlborough when he desired to become a member of the Craft should prefer to be initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, which was founded in 1841 at Oxford under the family name of the Marlboroughs. Viscount Valentia, P.G. Warden and Deputy Grand Master of the Province assisted at the ceremony.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.**

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday (Friday), at Freemasons' Tavern, London, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer to the Institution, in the chair. He was supported by Bros. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Dr. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Sec.); and a large number of representatives from London and the provinces.

The Auditors' report having been read and adopted, the report of the Management Committee was read by Bro. TERRY.

On a motion being put, the report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. KEYSER, Bro. Farnfield was re-elected Treasurer.

The election of annuitants followed, and the result will be found in our advertising columns.

**Craft Masonry.****METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—An interesting and most successful gathering of this very old established and prosperous lodge took place on the 3rd instant at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. F. Brendel, a highly esteemed member of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. E. Todd, W.M., supported by Bros. R. Douglas-Smith, I.P.M.; F. Brendel, S.W.; H. J. Macfarlane, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Mat. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; D. Niven, S.D.; T. Hughes, J.D.; A. T. Webster, D.C.; F. Bull, I.G.; F. Harrison, P.M.; S. R. Lamble, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; Isaac Scarth, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; W. Winn, J. C. Barnes, J. Whiffen, R. J. Ham, R. Emery, A. Porter, W. A. Pattison, J. Symmons, J. L. Dunford, T. L. Ullmann, G. J. Newton, W. H. Allcorn, F. May, W. H. Ullmann, S. Ullmann, J. Bangs, C. J. Pallot, J. Hollyman, C. R. Kemp, A. Symmons, H. P. Robinson, H. C. Todd, and R. J. Morley, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. S. Napper, P.M. 1471; A. Briscoe, P.G. Org. Surrey; C. H. Dancocks, P.M. 2671; W. T. Blastock, 50; G. F. Burrows, 1707; W. Malham, W.M. 1539; J. Thorn, P.M. 2331; G. C. Crow, 2362; T. J. Bird, P.M. 1507; A. Harvey, P.M. 1903; W. D. Church, P.M. 1305; D. Campbell, W.M. 1305; N. Robinson; R. Gregory, 2108; G. R. Bolton, 1314; P. P. J. G. W.; J. W. Murray, 145; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; G. Payne, 1539; W. A. Innes, 1539; J. E. Culverhouse, 534; B. Kauffmann, P.M. 1732; F. Marx, P.M. 957; J. D. Warren, 147; H. Langston, 1348; G. A. Hilditch, 1348; W. A. Needes, 53; R. A. Hose, P.M. 1314; J. F. Croager, 30; R. Hicks, 704; H. Willsmer, 1567; A. Myett, 1567; J. Hamilton, 1929; F. A. Baldwin, 2168; T. Welham, 1989; G. Wyatt, 1559; W. B. Elliott, 172; J. Pearce; J. H. Browne, 1604; J. Gardner, 1503; F. W. Scruby, 795; H. J. Cousins, 172; D. M. Sherwill, 813; D. D. Heath, 2012; W. N. Race, 1712; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; J. Armend, 1471; G. E. Todd, Sec.; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M., Bro. A. E. Todd, passed Bro. Kemp. Bro. F. Brendel, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. A. E. Todd. The following were appointed and invested officers for the year: Bros. H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.; D. Niven, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; Tom Hughes, S.D.; F. Bull, J.D.; C. J. Pallot, I.G.; D. Jacobs, P.M., and C. R. Kemp, Stwds.; A. T. Webster, P.M., D.C.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. A. E. Todd in a manner that made it impossible to have been better rendered. The balance-sheet, showing a substantial sum in hand, having been adopted, it was unanimously resolved to have a summer outing.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the large company adjourned to an excellent banquet, for which Bro. A. Clemow was responsible, and admirably served under his personal superintendence and that of his able lieutenant, Bro. Evans.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts having received full justice,

Bro. A. E. Todd, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that it was an honour and pleasure to submit the toast. The members well knew his many qualifications and what he could do of the ritual, and he would be a great acquisition to the lodge as W.M.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Brendel (the W.M.), in responding, said that his very best thanks were due to them for their cordial reception, and to Bro. Todd for his generous words. He would do his utmost to study the comfort of the brethren and the interests of the lodge, and he hoped that when his term of office expired that the little he might do would be satisfactory to all, but he trusted to have plenty of work.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. A. E. Todd." He said that he was glad to have been installed by Bro. Todd, whose working was more than excellent and the lodge should be proud that

they had so able a member. He had had a very successful year of office and he trusted that the great success he had attained in the lodge would follow him throughout his career. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel for his efficient services, remarking that no previous W.M. had done more for the lodge, and his earnest wish was that he would be with them for many years to wear the jewel and to give them his valuable assistance.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. A. E. Todd, on rising to respond, received a hearty welcome. He did not know how to express his thanks, but if he had done his duty he was satisfied. He had tried his best and if the way he had been received that night was evidence that he had given satisfaction he was more than pleased.

In appropriate terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. G. R. Bolton responded, observing that it was well known that visitors to the lodge were always certain of a hearty welcome. The work they had witnessed that night was splendid, and, in conclusion, he made special mention of Bro. A. E. Todd's rendering of the installing ceremony.

Bros. J. D. Warren, W. M. Stiles, P.M.; N. Robinson, D. Campbell, W.M.; A. Briscoe, P.M.; and H. Hill, P.M., also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working, the hospitality of the members, and congratulating the W.M. and the officers on the success of the lodge.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," to which several good speeches were made in reply by Bros. D. Jacobs, P.M.; S. R. Lamble, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.; Matt. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; and H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.

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

Bros. J. H. Browne, H. J. Macfarlane, T. I. Bird, R. J. Ham, A. E. Todd, and Thoms vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren, Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.G. Organist Surrey, kindly officiating at the pianoforte, at the request of Bro. Macfarlane.

Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors to witness the installation of Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.M. 2278, Prov. G. Std. Br. Herts. There was a considerable quantity of business to be done, but this had wisely been postponed until an emergency meeting on the following day. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, showing the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition. Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.M., W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. A. M. Whitby, W.M., and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Cobb was placed in the chair in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. M. Whitby, I.P.M.; D. A. Langdon, S.W.; W. G. Mills, J.W.; B. S. Liddall, Treas. (absent through illness); H. F. Nell, P.M., W.M. 2278, Prov. G. Std. Herts, Sec.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D.C.; T. C. Taylor, S.D.; J. Cier, J.D.; W. R. G. Emerson, Org.; T. Ockelford, I.G.; E. J. Stafford, S. Armfield, and J. Jenkinson, Stwds.; and E. Mallet, Tyler. The addresses were then given by the Installing Master, Bro. Whitby, in a most effective manner. The Secretary reported to the lodge that a case in which the brethren had been interested had been successful at the recent election for the Boys' School. The W.M., in a few graceful words, expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of Bro. Liddall, Treas., and the Secretary was instructed to communicate to his family the feelings of the brethren. After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, after which the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated the lodge on having to preside over them such an experienced brother whose services to Freemasonry had earned for him honours in the province to which he belonged. He had no doubt that if the brethren would give him the same support they had accorded to his predecessor, a successful year would be in store for the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast which had been proposed by the I.P.M. in such kindly terms. He could assure them that he felt it a great honour and privilege to be elected to preside over that old and distinguished lodge, and to meet on that occasion such a large gathering of the brethren. They had placed him in a position of great responsibility, but it should be his endeavour at all times to discharge the duties and render the ceremonies in a dignified and capable manner, to promote harmony and brotherly love amongst the members, and in every way to study the best interests of the lodge. With the kind support of the officers and brethren, on which he could rely, he should look forward to having a pleasant and successful year of office, and by his conduct in the chair to merit their confidence and approval.

The next toast was "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. A. M. Whitby." The W.M. said he had much pleasure in proposing the toast, which he knew would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Whitby had proved himself a most capable Master and had performed the various duties of his office in such a manner as to reflect credit on himself and the lodge. He had managed a somewhat difficult business with tact and judgement, and had earned the admiration of the brethren. He (the W.M.) had much pleasure in presenting the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and hoped that whenever it was worn it would call up most pleasant recollections of the successful year of office he had experienced. Might he be long spared to give the lodge the benefit of his counsel and instruction.

Bro. Whitby, I.P.M., replying, expressed the pleasure he felt on receiving the commendation of the brethren, and assured them that he should wear the Past Master's jewel with pride as it marked their appreciation of his efforts.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said he was very pleased to see such a large number present, one brother especially, who was his father in Freemasonry, Bro. Patch. He was also pleased to welcome Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers from Essex and Herts.

Bro. Buck, P.P.S.G.W. Essex, congratulated the I.P.M. on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of

installation, and said that during the past fortnight he had witnessed the consecration of three new lodges in the province of Essex.

Bro. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, said the W.M. had referred to him as his father and tutor in Freemasonry. He was proud of his pupil, no more apt one could be desired. The Strong Man Lodge had already had convincing proof of his ability. They had in the W.M. one who would be equal to any of his predecessors. Twenty years' acquaintanceship had given him some knowledge of the W.M.'s capabilities. He was very pleased to be present at his installation, having been his I.P.M. in another lodge.

Bro. Langdon, P.G.D. Essex, and Bro. F. Tomlin, W.M. 1360, also replied.

Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., P.G.S. Herts, Sec., replying to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," expressed regret at the absence of the Treasurer on account of his very serious illness. He said the work had increased since the time when he first undertook the duties of Secretary to years ago. He was pleased to inform them that the Charity Association had been successfully started in connection with the lodge of instruction. The members had elected him President and Treasurer, and Bro. T. Burgess had agreed to undertake the duties of Secretary. They had secured 50 members, and he hoped that during the next four years 500 guineas would be realised for the Charities.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Tom Taylor and W. Emerson, and a very excellent programme was submitted, consisting of songs by Bros. James Brand, Tom Taylor, Tom Burgess, and W. T. Spencer, violin solos by Bro. A. V. Metcalf, and humorous sketches by Mr. Fred Frampton. Bro. W. R. G. Emerson accompanied in his usual brilliant style.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, I.P.M., as W.M.; White, S.W.; J. Godfrey, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Swan, S.D.; Gluckstein, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., hon. member; Chas. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Welch, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Frederick Robinson, and he being in attendance, was duly and impressively initiated by the I.P.M. The Secretary read a letter that he had received from the widow of the late Bro. W. Langdale, P.M., expressing her thanks to the lodge for its vote of condolence. Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., the father-in-law of the deceased, also expressed his acknowledgment to the members of the lodge, and thanked them likewise for electing him an honorary member. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. John Trott, W.M., C. Wetzler, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The acting W.M. presided most efficiently. His *post-prandial* remarks were brief but pertinent.

In the intervals, Bro. Fawnes and others vocally entertained the brethren.

Macdonald Lodge (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst. at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. A. Marshall, W.M.; Colonel Ernest Villiers, S.W.; Major T. E. Easterbrook, J.W.; Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Nevill, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Pitcher, S.D.; S. F. Cornish, I.D.; Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Pearn, I.G.; Sidney Hill, Org.; F. B. Baxter, I.P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; T. A. Harper, P.M.; A. C. Bradley, P.M.; Major A. J. Style, P.M.; C. H. Davies, P.M.; A. R. Cranch, P.M.; T. V. Turner, P.M.; W. S. Harvey, P.M.; A. G. White, P.M.; C. J. Henton, J. B. Hemmings, F. Chapman, C. Player, A. England, F. J. Pullan, F. B. Williams, J. Howard, C. W. Smith, H. Fawcett, A. W. Jones, A. Roe, H. Harden, F. H. Cates, C. P. Lovelock, C. W. Groom, and R. C. Back. Visitors: Bros. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master; the Hon. Captain Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D.; Colonel W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, 349; Major J. P. Probert, P.M., Treas. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.G. Stwd.; G. R. Steel, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Major R. J. Vincent, W.M. 1641; Surgeon-Capt. G. Swaby-Smith, P.M. 1380; Captain G. A. Lister, P.M. 1320; C. P. Bellerby, P.M. 2021; W. T. Snell, S.D. 1818; J. Bradley, J.W. 1329; W. Scott, J.W. 857; T. Roe, P.M. 1641; W. Glazier, P.M. 34; A. S. Berenberg, S.W. 1728; C. C. Crouch, P.M. 857; H. J. Davis, J.D. 1719; W. H. Andrews, S.D. 227; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 919 and 1928; J. J. Shelley, 101; G. F. Rossiter; C. Neil, S.D. 1728; W. J. Hellyer, J.W. 2099; A. Dunn, S.W. 342; F. A. Bennett, 1947; T. Preston, 1669; E. Preston, 1669; F. Carter, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.D.C.; R. P. Upton, S.W. 1328; J. Tomkins, P.M. 1669; E. A. Whitby, P.M. and Sec. 1475; S. F. Mackway, W.M. elect 2310; S. Richards-Campbell, 1415; C. Clarkson, 1604; S. W. Kent, Org. 1927; W. B. Heagerty, P.M. 907; J. R. Reep, W.M. 2241; S. Scott-Young, P.M. 329, P.P.G. Std. Br. East Lancs.; Trevor A. Dagg, 1329; P. Lettwich, 1; J. Husbands, 23; J. H. Hastie, P.M. 1216, 2310; W. Hiles Smith, 1706; W. H. Simons, 1986; W. S. Payne, P.M. 1909; D. James, 1706; J. L. Haddon, 1709; and H. Ashley, 2206.

After the opening formalities Bro. Col. E. Villiers, brother-in-law of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, was installed as W.M. of the lodge, by Bro. R. A. Marshall, the outgoing Master, the whole of the ceremony being beautifully performed. The new officers were appointed as follows: Bros. Marshall, I.P.M.; Easterbrook, S.W.; Pitcher, J.W.; Nevill, P.M., Treas.; Messenger, P.M., Sec.; Cornish, S.D.; Pearn, I.D.; Alfred England, I.G.; Bridges, P.M., D.C.; Hill, Org.; F. J. Pullan, Stwd.; F. B. Williams, Charity Stwd.; and Whiteman, Tyler. Bros. the Earl of Lathom and Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell were elected honorary members of the lodge, which compliment both those distinguished brethren acknowledged.

Lodge was afterwards closed and the brethren sat down to a choice banquet in the large hall, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The Charity box produced the sum of £118. 6d.

In giving the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master," Bro.

Col. Villiers said the interest the Prince of Wales took in Freemasonry was so well known that no words of his were necessary. Notwithstanding his Royal Highness's various and varied duties he always gave constant watchfulness to the welfare of Freemasonry. Only recently abroad, while attending the marriage of his niece at Coburg, he took the opportunity of appointing H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia a Past Grand Master of England. What did this show, but that at all times and under all circumstances his heart was with Freemasons?

Bro. Col. Villiers said he rose with great diffidence to propose the next toast, but he was quite certain that there was no brother present, or in the United Kingdom—he would go further, and say there was no living person in the civilised world, who had not a just appreciation of the Masonic Order. But to what did they attribute the name which the Order had borne for so many years, and the credit which it had brought on its name? As much as anything did the brethren owe it to those high in office, who had assisted by their energies, by their lives, and by their working, to keep up the name of Freemasonry. The toast which it was his privilege for the first time within that hall to propose in the presence of that high officer was that of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England." Whatever his predecessors in times gone by might have done for the good of Freemasonry, they all knew that he was second to none in the energy, the ability, and the keenness which he had shown in supporting the Craft, whether it was in the various official ceremonies he had to perform, whether it was in the Charities which he personally superintended and assisted, whether it was by the advice and assistance which he gave to all those who had come in contact with him, or whether it was by the example of his own life—in all these matters the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master most notably and amply filled the post to which he had been exalted. It was not his place in Lord Lathom's presence to occupy the time of the brethren by dilating too much on his merits, they were too well known, and he would content himself by asking them, knowing it was in all their hearts, to re-echo his feelings, and drink this toast, thanking Lord Lathom most cordially and gratefully for attending that evening. Long might they live to be under his rule.

The Earl of Lathom, who, on rising to respond, was received with a general outburst of applause, assured the brethren that it gave him very great pleasure to come among them that evening. It was his second visit to Surrey, in which county a few years ago he had the honour of installing the Grand Master of the province—Col. Money. He had had a most cordial welcome that evening, and he thanked the brethren for it. He was very sorry it was not in his power to visit private lodges so often as he could wish; but if he did his duty in that respect his own lodges in West Lancashire would take up a third of the year, and that would not give him much time to go. But when he was able to go he was always glad to do so, and to see how the working was carried on. He congratulated the brethren very much on the way the ceremony had been carried out that evening. As they might suppose, in his long Masonic career he had had many opportunities of seeing it performed; but rarely had he seen it done with greater ability. He had said his long Masonic career, for it was a long one, considering that it commenced in 1856, probably before many now present were made. Though he hardly thought it possible it could be so, he would be glad to find there was an older one. He could only congratulate the brethren on the choice they had made of a W.M. He was proud to think that a relative of his had become a ruler of the Craft. He wished him long life and prosperity in his office. After taking his seat, his lordship again rose, and said he had to offer sincere apology for a mistake he had made. He had spoken of this as being his second visit to Surrey. He ought to have mentioned another visit; he had had the honour of consecrating a lodge in the room where they met that night, and he was very glad to appear on the scene of a former exploit.

Bro. Col. Villiers, in proposing "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," observed that what he had already said as regarded the interest taken in Freemasonry by one so high in command as the Earl of Lathom was equally true of those who were their other rulers in the Craft. The duties of the D.G.M. and the Grand Officers were all important, and all necessary for the proper ruling and ordering of the Craft. It was from them that Masons received instruction; they carefully watched over the granting of new lodges; they saw to the correct working of lodges that already existed, and on them really lay the responsibility for that unity and oneness on which the Craft was formed. It was for that reason that at the banquet this toast was put one of the first. They were the officers who were really at the helm and guided the ship in its course. He was pleased to have several Grand Officers present, among them one whom he had the privilege of meeting under less peaceful circumstances, Captain Lord Skelmersdale, who had assisted him on two occasions at Easter at military manoeuvres.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W., said he was not going to dilate upon the good qualities of the Deputy G. Master, because all the brethren knew them as well as he did, but he must thank them again for the very kind way in which they had received the toast and his name. He was very proud to be there that night again—as the W.M. had reminded them it was not the first time he had come among them; might he venture to hope it would not be the last. The M.W. Pro Grand Master had told them that he was one of the oldest Masons in the room. He was almost afraid to say he was one of the youngest; but although he was among the youngest he was not the least energetic. There was one bond between them all which united them, from the Entered Apprentice to the Worshipful Master, that of being a Mason. They were all proud of being Masons, and wished all the good they could to the Craft. They wished to show the world that the Craft was the finest thing in it.

Bro. Marshall, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," congratulated the Worshipful brother most heartily on being installed that evening in the chair of the Macdonald Lodge in the presence of brethren so exalted and beloved in Masonry. Those brethren would be able to carry away with them the conviction that the brethren from the highest to the lowest had but one desire—to do their work well, and to do their duty in assisting brethren. They knew very well when in Freemasonry, or in other institutions, they must throw earnestness into their work, and as this was one of the characteristics of Colonel Villiers, they were all proud to serve under him. They hoped that during Colonel Villiers's year of office the sun which had risen with eastern

splendour, would pursue its course brilliantly until it reached its greatest altitude, and, following its course, sink in the far distant west, leaving nothing but the reflection of a glorious year of office.

Bro. Col. Villiers, W.M., in reply, said among all the duties which were new to a W.M. on the night of his installation, he thought there was nothing which was more difficult than to return thanks to the brethren for the reception they gave to his name. He felt deeply the responsibility which he had that evening undertaken. Throughout his life, from the time many years ago when he joined her Majesty's Army down to this day, he had always endeavoured that every duty he undertook should be carried out to the best of his ability. The duties to which the members of the Macdonald Lodge had kindly exalted him that day he had undertaken with a stern and true sense of their responsibility. Every word of that solemn oath and assurance he took came from his heart, and to the best of his power he would carry it out during his year of office, not only to the satisfaction of the lodge itself, but of the rulers of the Craft, and of the Craft generally. All he could ask of the brethren was to forgive and to pardon any shortcomings or weakness he might show. The responsibilities of the Master of a lodge were by no means light; the W.M. was for the time being the ruler of that lodge, either it might be as he trusted it would be to approve of what was done, or to show his dissent or disapproval of the action of any brother, should such a calamity arise. Whatever it might be he should not shrink from carrying out his duties. He hoped an unfortunate eventually would not occur; but as to the working of the lodge, as to the duties, as to the interest which should be shown by the W.M., he could promise he would do his duty to the fullest of his power. He knew not that he could say more; there were very few words wanted. This time next year it would be for the brethren to say whether he had done what he had undertaken to do. He again thanked the brethren for placing him in that high position, and the distinguished brethren for honouring the lodge with a visit.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as one of the respondents to the toast of "The Visitors," said that the old Masons present that night had been reminded of their age. He was an old Mason, and had seen a great deal of work, and he might say that he had never seen better work done, conducted, clothed than it was that night. The welcome had been cordial, the dinner excellent, the company superb; everything had been most agreeable. As Chairman of the House Committee of the Girls' School for the month, he would inform the brethren that the Earl of Lathom was going to be Chairman of the 106th Anniversary Festival of that Institution on the following Wednesday. That had not yet been spoken of as a proof of the intense interest he took in Freemasonry. Freemasonry without its Charities was nothing worth. There was no Charity more thoroughly looked after than that which sheltered the little ones who needed that shelter at a home two or three miles from where he was standing. On Monday, Lady Lathom would present the prizes to the girls, and on Wednesday they would have, he hoped, a most successful festival under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master. They all loved the Charities thoroughly. A good many years ago he was the founder of what he might term for the moment, not a Regimental Lodge, but a Volunteer Lodge for the Volunteer Artillery of Middlesex. He believed in the discipline of a Corps Lodge; he found it worked well and did much good. This he found was the case in the Macdonald Lodge.

Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, said having been already the unworthy subject of one of the toasts he had ventured to hope he might have passed through the evening without any further special notice. But he felt deeply sensible of the great compliment the W.M. had paid him in associating his name in their toast, and he thanked him for the more than kind words in which he had referred to him. He accepted the invitation to this meeting with more than ordinary pleasure. Bro. Sir J. Monckton, he believed, claimed to be the oldest Mason in the room, but he (Bro. Letchworth) thought he might claim to be the oldest volunteer, for he joined the force in 1859 and his captain's commission was dated the early part of 1860. He did not profess to be much of a warrior, and he was sorry to say after a military experience of five or six years he abandoned the force, for which he always entertained the highest possible respect. His association with this hall were not agreeable, because he could remember, two years since, in the lodge room, not without trepidation, he undertook his first duties, since his appointment as Grand Secretary, of consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter. It had afforded him great pleasure to witness the work which had been conducted that evening, and he had enjoyed to the fullest possible extent the kind hospitality they had afforded him in common with the rest of the visitors. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bros. Scott-Young and Vincent also responded.

Bro. Col. Villiers proposed "The I.P.M.," and, in the course of his observations, said the working of the Past Masters of the Macdonald Lodge was proverbial. There were 15 Past Masters present, and, without reflecting for one minute on any one of them, every brother would agree that the new addition to their number, Bro. Marshall, was well worthy of the record they had made for the lodge. The year of office which had just passed, with Bro. Marshall at their head so able and well, had been a most prosperous one. Everything had gone smoothly, and a great deal of that result was due to the admirable manner in which Bro. Marshall performed the duties of the chair. Now that he had vacated it, it was with the satisfaction and knowledge that he had done his duty—the proudest feeling any man could have. Bro. Marshall was a very difficult Master to follow; he had done more than was expected of him; the work of the lodge had been admirable; his attention and energy had been all that any one could have required, and therefore it was with confidence that he asked the brethren to drink his health, and wish him long life, prosperity, and much advancement in the Craft.

Bro. Marshall, I.P.M., to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented in lodge, said in response to the toast that he was thankful to the brethren for their appreciation of what he had endeavoured to do. That they thought he had done his work well was his proudest feeling. The W.M. had said it would be difficult to follow him. When he was working his way up to the W.M.'s chair he certainly thought he should never do it; but he tried hard and learned his part to the conclusion, often travelling about, and reciting it as he went. He was successful. Any brother if he threw heart and soul into the matter would meet with success. There was a fine array of P.Ms.

in the Macdonald Lodge, and they worked not only the ceremonies well, but Charity well. That was a most difficult thing to take up. He entered Masonry lightly, but he was checked by a brother, and he told him he hoped to live and do his work well, and he shortly after succeeded. He went in for the Charities, and joined one or two Masonic Clubs which made life subscriptions. He approved of the plan, for the amount a brother parted with he did not miss. He hoped by next October they would institute one of these associations, and let the lodge represent the Charities more than it had in the past.

Bro. Major Bridges, replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said there were now 16 of those brethren present. In the early days of the lodge when the first Master, Major Irvine, occupied the chair, he (Bro. Irvine) was one of the best workers he had ever seen, and he worked in such careful and dramatic manner that he set an example to the brethren of the lodge that had not yet died out, and he hoped never would, because each Master in the chair had endeavoured to emulate the example set by Bro. Irvine, and hoped they had in a more or less degree been successful. The very latest addition to the ranks of the Past Masters, Bro. Marshall, they were much pleased with, and from the exhibition he had given that night they could see he had worthily sustained the honour of the lodge. It was now some 25 or 26 years since he (Major Bridges) joined, and during all that time never had there been a better Master in the chair than Bro. Marshall. Sir John Monckton said they ought not to be unmindful of the Charities. In the old days the Macdonald Lodge was well represented, and was Vice-President of one or two of the Charities. He was quite sure that in the future and another association being formed they would be able to send up a good list.

Bro. Easterbrook, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, having spent a charming evening.

The Pro Grand Master was conducted into the lodge by nine Past Masters, representing the honour due to a Pro Grand Master.

Tyssen Amherst Lodge (No. 2242).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Amherst Club, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, and was attended by a large number of the brethren of the lodge, together with numerous distinguished visitors. Among those present were Bros. T. J. Cusworth, P.M., P.Z.; W.M.; A. F. Lay, I.P.M., Treas.; C. C. Paine, S.W.; R. S. Ellis, J.W.; S. J. Cross, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Coan, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; W. E. Dipple, Org.; Palmer Bryant, D.C.; F. W. Smith, A.D.C.; F. Small, H. J. Pryce, and R. W. Carter, Stewards; J. Very, Tyler; Lord Amherst of Hackney, P.M., P.G.W.; H. Logsdail Sarson, A. Rusby, J. H. Crabtree, A. E. Geary, T. C. Winckworth, D. M. Upsdale, and C. W. Crook. Visitors: Bros. Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. C. Black, W.M. 2504; W. Hayworth, W.M. 1261; A. J. Potter, P.M. 813; W. Hicklin, P.M. 1261; C. H. Halford, P.M. 1607; H. T. Walker, S.D. 373; W. O'Neal, I.G. 857; W. R. E. Emerson, Org. 45; C. Coram, 2332; G. Allan, 2242; J. B. Frost, 917; G. Bagrall, 2374; S. G. Hayworth, 2510; and W. C. Mann, 2168.

The lodge was opened by Bro. T. J. Cusworth, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee approved and adopted. Bros. Crabtree and Geary were raised to the Degree of M.Ms., and the W.M. elect, Bro. C. C. Paine, S.W., was presented by Bro. A. F. Lay, I.P.M. The impressive ceremony of installation was ably and eloquently rendered by the retiring Master, Bro. T. J. Cusworth, and Bro. C. C. Paine was duly installed. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Ellis, S.W.; Coard, J.W., Lay, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Thompson, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Bryant, I.G.; Dipple, Org.; Smith, D.C.; Small, A.D.C.; and Pryce, Carter, and Winckworth, Stwds. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. stated that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, in presenting Bro. Cusworth, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel in gold, a gift from the members of the lodge to mark their esteem and regard, and their appreciation of the ability he had shown in his conduct of the chair during the past year. Bro. Cusworth feelingly thanked the brethren for their kindness, paying a special tribute to the zeal, excellence, efficiency, regularity and punctuality of his officers, and said that the past year was one of the happiest he had ever spent in Freemasonry. Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney, P.G.W., asked the indulgence of the brethren, as the first W.M. of the lodge, to congratulate the lodge on its having carried out so successfully the high ideals formed at its consecration, and on its having entered upon a new stage of its existence, when its own children were beginning to fill its chair. The present W.M. was the first initiate of the lodge, initiated by him six years ago, and he exhorted him to follow in the steps of the I.P.M. The work of the evening had afforded him the keenest satisfaction, and he was sure the lodge would hold its own with any under the register of the Grand Lodge of England. He congratulated the lodge on its W.M., and on its success, not only by its W.M.'s, its Treasurers, and its Secretaries, but on its own members, who contributed so largely to its success by the introduction of new members. He exhorted the brethren to exercise care and attention in their introduction, in the promotion of harmony, concord, and peace, and in the duties they owed each other. He hoped the lodge would flourish for many generations. He thanked the brethren for their kind invitation, and hoped he should be able to accept it for many years to come.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given for a happy and prosperous year of office, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet served in the large hall of the club.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received most heartily and cordially.

Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney, P.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed the pleasure Grand Officers always felt in discharging the onerous duties of the Craft. That lodge was particularly under a great obligation to the W.M. the Grand Master for his intercession in favour of the lodge on its formation. He was proud of the honour they had done him in naming the lodge after him, and was glad he was able to be present that evening, which was an epoch in the history of the lodge, when its first initiate became its W.M.

He congratulated the Installing Master upon his able and efficient working, and the officers for their ability and attention to detail. He exhorted the new officers to continue the excellent working done in the lodge, and impressed upon the brethren that it was their duty to ensure the prosperity of the lodge by taking a lively interest in its working, and by introducing suitable candidates for initiation.

Bro. Le Strange, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Norfolk, also responded, and thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He thought Masons were to be congratulated on having men of such position and ability as their present Grand Officers to guide them. He was gratified and pleased that that lodge was not as many London lodges were, excellent only in the Fourth Degree, for he had been as surprised as delighted by the fluency, the excellence, and the precision of the working. He had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and it had given him great pleasure to re-visit the lodge after six years.

Bro. Cusworth proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and felt sure the Tyssen Amherst Lodge would continue to improve in numbers and influence under his guidance.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Cusworth and the brethren for their good wishes, and hoped the brethren would give him their indulgence in following such an excellent Master as his predecessor, but assured them he would do his utmost to render himself worthy of the great honour they had that day conferred on him. He then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," with special reference to the Installing Master, who ably responded.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in responding for "The Masonic Charities," expressed his regret that Bro. McLeod was unavoidably compelled to be absent. He congratulated Bro. Cusworth, I.P.M., who was going up for the "Boys," on his excellent list, which, he was glad to see, included 20 guineas from the lodge and 10 guineas from the lodge of instruction, and he hoped that when the W.M. went up for the "Old People" in February next the lodge and the brethren would give him their liberal support in the cause of so deserving a Charity.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to in eloquent speeches by Bros. Potter, P.M. 813, and Hicklin, P.M. 1261.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by Madame Alice Carter, Miss Edith Serpell, and Bros. Coram and Mordy, which were most thoroughly enjoyed, Bro. W. E. Dipple, Org., ably pre-iding at the piano.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most enjoyable, as well as the most successful, meetings of the Tyssen-Amherst Lodge.

Grafton Lodge (No. 2347).—The installation meeting of this very select and flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, Regent-street, when Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, C.B., M.P., was placed in the chair by Bro. Lord Fuston, assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier, and in the presence of a most numerous and very distinguished Masonic assembly, amongst whom we noticed Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire; Viscount Duncannon, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. Guernsey and Alderney; General Hay, C.B.; Freeman; Major Carrell; Clifford Probyn; Edward J. Curlin; Col. Newnham Davis (the Dwarf of Blood); Stewart Brown; Saillard; Gordon Miller; A. R. Carter; and others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

AMERSHAM.

Carrington Lodge (No. 2421).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the British School-room, on Saturday, the 28th ult. About 60 brethren attended, amongst whom were: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B. (hon. member); J. E. Bowen, P.G. Sec. Bucks; Charles Bullock, P.G. Sec. Herts; F. Johncock, W.M. 1501; W. J. Mason, P.G.D. Surrey; H. W. Davis, P.M. 173; R. T. Redfern, W.M. 753; R. Wright, W.M. 1305; J. L. Apsey, P.M. 534; H. S. Beaman, S.D. 227; H. J. Thomas, J.W. 753; E. W. Hobbs, I.G. 2308; G. Price, 619; H. E. Dallas, 1503; D. K. Price, 1381; A. Lundie, I.P.M. 1381; R. B. Lodge, 2308; C. H. Nickerson, 2308; H. Rankin, 2218; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753; J. Mills, 1614; A. Bevan, S.W. 2458; and E. Delevanti, 2121.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. Geo. Reynolds, P.M. 1614, W.M. 2191, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bros. Greer, J. W. Smith, and V. Bennett, were passed to the Second Degree in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Fitzroy Tower. That brother afterwards, in a most impressive manner, installed his successor, Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, &c. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. James Stephens, P.M. 2420, P.S.G.D., as S.W.; R. Ferguson, J.W.; H. N. Price, P.M. P.P.G. Stwd., Treas.; T. H. Hobbs, I.P.M. 2308, Sec.; H. G. Clarke, S.D.; W. Andrews, J.D.; F. J. Harding, I.G.; H. S. Woodd, D. of C.; G. Darlington, A.D.C.; J. G. Stone, and W. Ruddell, Stwds.; and Whiting, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, also collar and jewel, were presented to Bro. Tower, who has proved himself a most excellent Master, and has earned the respect of every brother of the lodge. It was also resolved to recommend him to the Prov. Grand Master for provincial honours. Bro. W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753, was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall to partake of a banquet which was capitally served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed that of "The P.G.M. and other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

This was responded to by Bro. Bowen, P.G. Sec., in felicitous terms, and in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," he alluded to the excellent services rendered and the good record possessed by Bro. Thomas in his other lodges, which gave a complete assurance that he would honour the office.

The toast was most cordially received by the brethren.

The W.M., in responding, stated that he felt very proud indeed in being selected to fill the chair, and he would do all he could to further the interests not only of the lodge but also of the province. He regretted the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M. and the Dep. P.G.M., whose public duties had called them to other parts of the country.

Proposing "The Health of the Installing and Immediate Past Master," the W.M. expressed the satisfaction of all with the fluency and skill displayed by Bro. Tower in the performance of the ceremonies during his year of office, and particularly in that of that day. He had been a most genial occupant of the chair, and had endeared himself to all of the brethren, who hoped he would long live to be of service to the lodge. He also coupled with the toast the name of the first Master of the lodge, Bro. H. N. Price, and elicited a hearty response from the brethren in his allusions to that brother's illness and the gratification felt by all at his recovery.

Bro. Tower, I.P.M., assured the brethren that whatever he had done during the past year was owing, in the first instance, to the kind support and assistance he had received from his I.P.M., Bro. Price, and he felt he owed him a debt of gratitude for his valuable advice, and ever ready assistance. He had also received loyal support from his officers, and to that fact he attributed a large measure of the success achieved during the past year.

Bro. H. N. Price said it was a very pleasing thing for him to be present, and he thanked the W.M. and I.P.M. for their kind expressions. He was glad to see that everything had gone on so well, and thankful to all for their kind sympathy extended to him during his long illness. He hoped to be with them for many years to come.

Bros. Bullack, P.G. Sec. Herts; Mason, P.G.D. Surrey; Redfern, and Davie responded for "The Visitors," each testifying to the excellent work they had witnessed, and the hearty hospitality afforded to them.

Responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, expressed to the lodge his thanks and admiration for the way in which they had, during the short career of the lodge, supported the three Institutions. It was to him a most pleasing thing to know of the success which had attended the lodge, as he could claim to have been the brother who discovered Amersham as a new centre for Masonic activity. He felt sure that the brethren would recognise the peculiar claims of the Boys' School, as the W.M. was an energetic member of its Board of Management, and a most generous supporter of all the Institutions. He had kindly consented to attach himself as Steward from that lodge to the next Festival, and the brethren would most assuredly never regret giving assistance, to the fullest extent of their power, to his list. The Institution was being most admirably worked, and the Craft generally were recognising the need of increasing its funded capital.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges of the Province" was a happy int-ropulation of the W.M., and was ably acknowledged by Bro. A. H. Bevan, S.W. 2458.

During the evening, Bro. Bennett, the worthy host of Ye Crown, at which the regular meetings of the lodge are held, presented to the lodge a splendid portrait of the M.W. Grand Master, as a mark of gratitude for having been permitted to see the light of Masonry in that lodge.

Bro. Bennett was warmly thanked by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, for his valuable gift.

The brethren greatly enjoyed the capital songs which were rendered during the evening by Bros. Lodge, Stephens, H. J. Thomas, Nickerson, Geo. Price, Hobbs, and others.

MANCHESTER.

Shakspeare Lodge (No. 1009).—We had great pleasure in visiting the installation meeting of this lodge on the 4th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The installing portion of the ceremony was divided by the following: Bros. C. W. Southwell, W.M.; Crossland, P.M.; and William Brookes, P.M., all of whom acquitted themselves in the usual efficient style which it is customary for them to exhibit. The gathering was one of the largest it has been our privilege to witness, there being 25 Past Masters present. The following brethren were appointed to office for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles C. Hilton, W.M.; Charles W. Southwell, I.P.M.; William T. Olive, S.W.; Joe Young, J.W.; C. S. Allott, P.M., Treas.; J. Halden, P.M., Sec.; W. Brookes, P.M.; Charity Representative and D.C.; William Horsley, S.D.; George G. Brookes, J.D.; Gilbert Lewis, I.G.; Fredk. James, Org.; Fredk. L. Lane, John Goodier, George H. Firth, and Henry Bentley, Stwds.; and E. H. Flower, Tyler.

At the banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the toast of "The Immortal Bard" was proposed by Bro. J. Halden, P.M., Sec., with great ability, and exhibiting his great knowledge as an historian.

We regret on account of our limited space we are not able to give a detailed list of those present, but it will be very interesting to know there were 70 brethren present.

RIVERHEAD.

Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The meeting of this lodge which falls in the "merry month of May" has many attractions for its members, especially the London contingent, who mourn if they miss the run down to Sevenoaks to meet their brethren of the hop county. Visitors, too, who have been once at the installation meeting of the Amherst, hesitate not to accept again, as the recorder of the last gathering personally can testify. On Saturday, the 5th inst., there was a fuller attendance than has been known by the oldest member of the lodge, not only at work but also at "play," and very few missed the former, thereby witnessing a most interesting display of ritual all round.

Bro. Barford, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by all his officers, supported by eight Past Masters, and with a goodly array of "purple" around him. After the transaction of routine business, in the course of which it was reported that there was still a most satisfactory balance in hand, justifying the quotation which the worthy and veteran Secretary, Bro. Jewell, had put to the name of Treasurer Durnall on the toast list, "Overcharged with gold" (*Pericles*, Act 3). Bro. Henry Work Dodd, F.R.C.S., W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation. The chair was then taken by Bro. Duret, P.M., P.P.G.D. Midx., who had Bro. Holcroft, P.S.G.W. Kent, as S.W., and Bro. Langley, P.J.G.W. Kent, as J.W., and in eloquent and perfect style the ceremony of installation was proceeded with to the end. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 20, of whom one half were of Prov. G and rank, and the salutation of the new W.M. was most hearty. In due course came the appointment of officers in the following order: Bros. Dr. Whitcombe, S.W.; Evenden, J.W.; Durnall, P.M., Treas.; Jewell, P.M., Sec.; Wilmot,

S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Mist, I.G.; Le May, D.C.; Lerner, Org.; Redmond, and Lock, Stwds.; and Holmes, A.D.C. Bro. Duret then gave the three addresses, and the W.M. presented to Bro. Burford the Past Master's jewel which the lodge had voted to him. There being a large number of visitors, much time was saved by the tendering of H.G.W. to the W.M., by one in the name of all, an example worthy of imitation.

An adjournment was then made to the parish rooms, where tables were laid for 70 guests, but two or three remained unoccupied. Bro. Waller, of the Amherst Arms Hotel, put on a banquet of much excellence, everything being praised, and the moving spirit in the arrangement (Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M.) came in for compliment as well as the caterer.

After dinner, the customary toasts were proposed, but brief and pithy speeches were the order.

For the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Holcroft made an excellent response, and spoke of the esteem, and indeed affection, which the whole Province had for the Earl of Amherst, its head in Masonry; and wished the lodge, which it had given him great pleasure to visit, continued prosperity and success.

For "The Visitors" several were called upon to speak, and from all came alike testimony as to the perfect working which had been displayed in lodge, and to the splendid hospitality shown afterwards.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" had a very warm reception, and Bro. H. W. Dodd made the most of the toast which the toast list supplied—"Tis known I ever have studied physic" (*Pericles*). Here it may be mentioned that the W.M. is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of London and Surgeon at the Westminster Ophthalmic and the Royal Free (Gray's Inn-lane) Hospitals, and the quotation was strictly correct, for he mentioned that he formed a determination to follow the profession when but 13 years old, and was the eighth in succession in his family practising surgery.

Bro. Duret's services as Installing Master were duly acknowledged, and after the I.P.M. had thanked the brethren for the kindness shown him during his year of office, and the indulgence with which his deficiencies were viewed (to which the brethren demurred), the Senior Past Master responded.

Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.P.G. Org. Kent, reminded the brethren of the lodge that it was 17 years since he was in the chair, and well he remembered the occasion. They were then but 10, but there was a good number of visitors, and from that time onward the lodge had gone on increasing in strength and influence, until now, he was proud to be able to say, the Amherst Lodge ranked with the best in the province. For that they had to thank Bros. Duret, Jewell, Durtrall, and one or two now no longer with them, and the gathering that night amply repaid him (Bro. Dodd) for the work and anxiety of years past. They had never had such an assembly before, and he was grateful to the Prov. Grand Officers and the visitors generally for helping to make the installation of his young kinsman such a brilliant success. For some years past Bro. Dodd has remarked upon the number of Past Masters present at installations, and time after time it has been "we are seven," but that night he had to vary the expression, there being nine at table.

The other toasts came in order, and a hearty welcome was accorded that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," who stood by the lodge in critical periods, never likely to recur under the changed order of things.

Bro. Herbert Scharlau directed the music which agreeably varied the speeches, and beside accompanying all corners, he sang several ditties in his own incomparable style.

Among the visitors, in addition to the Prov. G. Officers named, were Bros. the Rev. C. H. Fielding, P.G. Chap. Kent; W. Russell, P.G. Treas.; J. Abrey, P.G.D. Kent; C. H. Parkley, Whymam, W.M. 2046; Millidge, W.M. 1078; W. Drewett, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; Gallard, W.M. 2200; Noverre, Org. 10; J. W. Lack, W.M. 874; Sir Hugh Beaver, 2000; S. R. Wilson, P.M. 4209; Sæter, P.M. 2255; Osterstock, W.M. 1185; F. Dargenfield, P.M. 1260; F. D. Vine, P.M. 173; G. Gabb, P.M. 502; G. W. Church, W.M. 20; and several others.

SOUTHPORT.

Scarisbrick Lodge (No. 2295).—The installation meeting was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Lord-street. We are glad to find the lodge going on so successfully as it well deserves. The brethren having assembled, the lodge was opened by Bro. T. E. Williams, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were submitted and favourably reported by the Auditors. The W.M. installed his successor, and appointed as his installing officers Bros. Patric Hunter, P.M., P.P.G.W., as S.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., as J.W.; and Tom Adams, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as I.G. Bro. R. A. Chadwick, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. John Sutton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and he was duly installed into the chair, and we congratulate Bro. Williams upon the admirable way in which he performed the ceremony in its entirety, and with great effect. It was not surprising he was complimented very highly after the proceedings. The newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed by Bro. Joe Lees, P.M., P.G.S., and he was duly saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. Dr. Alfred Charlack, P.M., presented the working tools, Bro. Warwick Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., addressed the officers, W.M., and brethren, with great ability and effectiveness. Bro. A. Charlack addressed the brethren. The service was fully choral, under the direction of Bro. Walter Wilkinson, Org. The other brethren taking part were Bros. W. Calvert (alto), Sam Boyce, P.M. (tenor), and Tom Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. (bass). The numerous visitors present gave "Heartly good wishes" and congratulated Bro. Chadwick upon attaining his high position in the lodge. A very valuable gold Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. for the members of the lodge to Bro. T. E. Williams, I.P.M., for the very great ability he has displayed during his year of office, which gift was gracefully accepted.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs and recitations given by Bros. Calvert, Boyce, Whitehead, Franceys, and Round. The accompanist was Bro. Walter Wilkinson, Org.

The handsome jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and was much admired.

WATFORD.

Earl of Clarendon Lodge (No. 1984).—On Thursday, the 26th ult., the members of this lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, for their annual gathering, there being a large number of visiting brethren from other of the Herts lodges, as well as from the Metropolis and neighbouring provinces. Bro. Boydell, with great ability, installed Bro. J. Pearce Taylor, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being worked with even more than Bro. Boydell's usual power. The newly-installed Master then invested the following officers: Bros. T. C. Grant, I.P.M.; R. Overy, S.W.; J. Southam, J.W.; S. Goodchild, Treas.; James Rogers, Sec.; H. M. Dove, S.D.; H. Buck, J.D.; H. Haywood, I.G.; W. T. Graves, D.C.; E. P. Rowse, Steward; and J. Percival, Tyler. Bro. J. J. Rogers was chosen to represent the lodge on the Herts Charity Committee.

Afterwards the members of the lodge dined together in the Corn Exchange, an excellent dinner being served by Bro. W. H. Murrow, of the Essex Arms. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Taylor, presided, and was supported by the brethren already named and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, it being stated that Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, would have been present, but that Parliamentary duties prevented him from leaving the House of Commons that evening.

In giving "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. referred to the good work not only of the Provincial Grand Master, but of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Lake) and of Bro. Keyser.

Bro. Grant, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," a toast received with much warmth and feeling—spoke of the ability that brother had shown already in the discharge of those duties in the lodge which had up to the present time devolved upon him.

Bro. J. J. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., gave "The Installing Master," which called forth a happy speech from Bro. Boydell, who urged younger Masons to work and do their part in maintaining the high repute of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Larkin replied, and to that of "The Past Masters" Bros. Goodchild, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and W. T. Graves, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., suitably replied.

Bros. Overy, S.W., and Southam, J.W., made capital speeches in response to the toast of "The Officers," in proposing which the W.M. expressed the hope that in all and every one he had that day invested he should find a true supporter at every ordinary lodge gathering.

During the evening the W.M. presented Bro. Grant, the outgoing Master, with a handsome and valuable Masonic jewel, suitably inscribed, in recognition of the able manner in which he performed the duties of his office, Bro. Grant suitably replying.

The musical arrangements of the evening, which were under the care of Bro. Arthur Spicer, were of a most agreeable character, the contributors to the musical programme including Bros. Lovett King, 2100; W. James, H. L. Barrett, H. Haywood, and Arthur Spicer.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; Stevens, H.; Larcomb, J.; W. J. Collins, P.P.G.N., P.Z., S.E.; Capt. T. C. Walls, D.G.D.C., S.N.; Mapleton, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., 1st Asst. S.; G. Heming, D.C.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Birch, P.Z.; Samuel Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; Nash, Pratt, Larter, and Goddard, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; F. Graves, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; and others. Before the chapter was closed a vote of congratulation was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. T. C. Walls, on his appointment as an officer of Grand Chapter.

A banquet followed, the usual toasts receiving full justice. Comp. S. Cochrane responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," regretted that there had been no candidate for exaltation that evening. Comp. Radcliffe was a good worker in the Royal Arch Degree, and had been so for many years. In addition to his Masonic abilities he (the M.E.Z.) was a most genial and kind-hearted man.

This toast having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The health of the Second and Third Principals" followed. In proposing the toast, the M.E.Z. spoke in high terms of commendation of the services rendered to Masonry by Comps. Stevens and Larcomb.

This pledge having been responded to, "The Health of the Past Principals" came next in order, and was coupled with the names of Comps. Birch and McDougal.

Comps. W. J. Collins and Mapleton replied to the toast of "The S.E., Treasurer, and Officers."

During the proceedings Comps. Nash, Cochrane, Collins, and others musically entertained the companions.

Hornsey Chapter (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ultimo. Present: Comps. Altman, M.E.Z.; Dehane, H.; Laundry, J.; J. Stephens, P.P.J.G.W. Bucks; and Cumming, Treas. The chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The officers of the year were elected, Comp. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, and Charity Representative Essex, being installed into the chair of M.E.Z. for the second time in this chapter, evidently to the great satisfaction of the companions. Comp. Dehane is one of the greatest and best workers in Arch Masonry, and owing to his unremitting care and perseverance the great success of the Hornsey Chapter is due. He installed his H. and J. in a most admirable manner, investing his officers with a few kindly words to each, impressing upon them the necessity of making themselves thorough masters of their different offices, and to keep up the prestige and reputation of the Hornsey Chapter, viz: Comps. Laundry, H.; Holroyd, J.; Stephens, P.P.S. G.W. Bucks, S.E.; P. P. Cumming, Treas.; Rudall, S.N.; Peall, P.S.; Baxter, 1st A.S.; and P. P. Brandon, 2nd A.S. All business being ended, the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to the banquet, which was served under the supervision of Bro. A. Clemow.

The toasts and speeches were short, and very much to the point, "The Health of Comp. Dehane" being most enthusiastically received, who, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure it was to him to feel sure the companions supported him in bringing about success to their chapter.

The toasts of "The H. and J." and "The Officers" were also given and expressed in the most sincere terms, and was heartily responded to.

The Janitor's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a very happy conclusion.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Comps. E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., M.E.Z.; J. Young, P.M., H.; J. S. Plummer, J.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z., Treas.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; E. Mallet, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as a joining member for Comp. Walter Lurcott, P.S. 704, and the election was unanimous. It was also taken on behalf of Bro. John Michael Murphy, J.D. 1745, and he, being in attendance, was duly exalted. The M.E.Z. is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he, for the first time, performed the ceremony of exaltation. Comp. J. Young was elected First Principal; J. S. Plummer, Second Principal; and Capt. W. Lurcott, Third Principal for the year ensuing; and Comp. Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; J. M. Murphy, P.S.; and E. Mallet, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z., and a Past Principal's jewel voted to him for his services during the past year. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.Z.; Thomas Simpson, P.Z.; Herbert Herbert, S.N.; Dr. Lott, P.Z., P.G. Org. Eng., Organist, and others.

The chapter was then closed and a dinner followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. During the evening the M.E.Z., and Comps. J. Young and J. S. Plummer instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645). The yearly installation was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Comp. W. Brooks, H., was installed into the first chair, Comp. Arnold to the second, and Comp. N. Herford to the third. All the beautiful ceremonies were performed by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.H. East Lancashire, in a most superb manner, and who illustrated the Supreme Degree in a most effective manner. He also invested and addressed the officers.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst., when there were present, amongst others, Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.J., P.Z., M.E.Z.; A. Toulmin, jun., H.; W. J. Hakim, J.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P. G.J., Treas.; G. J. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; and Harrison, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, per Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, as Steward. The M.E.Z. then installed Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., as First Principal; Comp. W. Taylor inducted Comp. W. J. Hakim as Second Principal; and Comp. S. T. H. Saunders installed Comp. W. Taylor as Third Principal. The ceremonies being performed in a manner that left but little to be desired. Among those invested were Comps. E. W. Davis, S.N.; Taylor, Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. The Auditors' report was read, adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Treasurer. The financial position of the chapter is most satisfactory, and which is mainly due to the careful guidance of Comp. Taylor. A letter was read from Comp. Smiles, P.Z., acknowledging the vote of condolence that had been forwarded to him on the death of his wife. The resignation of Comp. the Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., P.P.G.J., was received with regret. Comps. R. H. Thrupp, P.Z., P.P. Std. Br., G.H. in charge; and Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E., D.G.D.C., sent apologies for non-attendance. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed. Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z., gave the respective toasts with commendable brevity.

During the proceedings Comp. G. J. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P. G. Org., entertained the companions instrumentally and vocally.

Knights Templar.

Bard of Avon Preceptory (No. 127).—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held at Golden-square, on the 7th inst. In the absence of Sir Knight Harry Nicholls, the chair was occupied by Sir Knight W. E. Chapman, who opened the preceptory, and proceeded to install Comp. McManus as a member of the Order. This ceremony having been satisfactorily performed, the installation of Eminent Preceptor then took place, and Sir Knight William Lake, who had been elected at the previous regular meeting, was inducted into the chair with all the forms and rites appertaining to this Degree. The E.P. appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights Frederick Mead, Constable; Lennox Browne, Marshal; Major Clifford Probyn, Prelate; Col. Chas. Harding, Treas.; Will. E. Chapman, Registrar; Gordon Smith, Sub-Marshal; Harold Burk, 1st Std. Br.; Herbert Wright, 2nd Std. Br.; Arthur T. Young, 1st Herald; J. G. Tucker, 2nd Herald; C. A. Fry, Capt. of Guard; and R. Tuckett, Steward. The E.P. then referred in grateful terms to the work that had been done by Sir Knight Will. E. Chapman, in connection with what amounted almost to a resuscitation of the preceptory. Not only had his year of office as E.P. been a signal success, but he had followed it up as Registrar by the most painstaking efforts to place the preceptory on a sound footing. He thought the sir knights should show their appreciation of his work by presenting Sir Knight Chapman with a Past Preceptor's jewel and collar, which he would ask him to accept in the name of the preceptory. This was carried with acclamation.

After the usual business, the sir knights adjourned to a banquet at the Café Royal, at which the E.P. presided.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 2, 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, MAY 26.

RAFT LODGES.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.
2172, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1184, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1621, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Clewick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.
Ebony, Grap's Tavern, 123, High-street, Brough, S.E., at 8.
Eaton, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
Kag Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Ymca, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitching-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, MAY 28.

RAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
183, Unity, Shipan Turtle Tavern.
901, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1715, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1825, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
181, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.

MARK LODGE.

4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 7.
Camarnon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Cornon, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Fruars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marques of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Marc-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Peregrine, O.D. 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. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, North-east Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mo., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 29.

(No Meetings).

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 1.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Conthian, George Hotel, Chubb Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord St. 11 y, Pa ag n-rd, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheap-side, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
F. & M. Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Exfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
F. & M. Chapter, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
St. George's, New Cr. s. Hall, 8.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, at 8. [at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-rd., South Hackney, Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 6.
Yerborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

RAFT LODGES.

898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

MARK LODGE.

176, Era, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Craze Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 7.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-st., at 8.
Londesborough, Herkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Palmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
P. & M. Chapter, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Farr's Head, Knight-trader-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushy Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Park, 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Mar, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitching-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
A. & W. Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 31.

House Committee R.M.B.I. at Croydon, at 3 p.m.
General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse E., at 7.30.
Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltbam.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, H. & L. N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutchfield Friar, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Caucus Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

RAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1479, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Beaumont, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

RAFT LODGE.

1612, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 2, 1894.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given.

MONDAY, MAY 28.

RAFT LODGES.		
Birmingham	43	Bridgend ... 1752
Gateshead	48	Okhampton ... 1753
W. shill	353	York ... 1991
Eastbourne	1110	Landport ... 2069
Tenby	1177	Southport ... 2129
Mo'sley	1218	Bristol ... 2257
Pontypool	1258	Leicester ... 2429
Liverpool	1325	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Buxton	1683	Todmorden ... 219
		Gt. Yarmouth ... 317

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton	184	Saltash ... 1071	Bromley ... 1692
Bradford	302	Moss ey ... 1218	Landp rt ... 1776
Huddersfield	521	Canterbury ... 1449	East Retford ... 1802
Liverpool	724		Hull ... 2134

TUESDAY, MAY 29.

RAFT LODGES.		
Carlisle	310	Norwich ... 913
Corsham	335	Loughborough ... 1007
Holyhead	597	St. Albans ... 1479
Cambridge	859	Brighton ... 1036
		Sheffield ... 1779
		Fenton ... 1942

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham	74	Proadstairs ... 429	Stockton ... 940
Whitehaven	119	Halifax ... 448	Bradford ... 974
Liverpool	241	Hyde's Cross ... 581	Jarrow ... 1119
Batley	264	Cl ckheaton ... 693	Saltburn-by-Sea ... 1618
Maryport	371	Wootton-under-Edge ... 853	Huddersfield ... 1783
			Chertsey (Abbey)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

RAFT LODGES.		
Manchester	76	Brecon ... 651
Manchester	163	Manchester ... 1043
Leeds	304	Jarrow ... 1119
Bingley	439	Overby Bridge ... 1283
		Cleaton Moor ... 1999

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham	20	Haverfordwest ... 464	Derby ... 1085
Rochdale	298	Newbury ... 574	Herne Bay ... 2099
Bingley	439	Worthing ... 851	Beckenham ... 2260

THURSDAY, MAY 31.

RAFT LODGES.		
Darlington	111	Leek ... 966
Kendal	129	Tywardreath ... 1151
Jersey	550	Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1332
Morpeth	636	Hazel Grove ... 1957
Northwich	827	South Shields ... 2118
Rotherham	904	Frome ... 973
		Douglas ... 1004

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury	31	Leeds ... 289	Sandown, I.W. ... 1869
Plymouth	50	Uxbridge ... 382	Shanklyn ... 1884
Gravesend	17	Midstone ... 503	Wallingford ... 1887
Merthyr Tydvil	110	Sudbury ... 1224	Hazel Grove ... 1957
Batley	264	Romford ... 1417	Bradford ... 2321
		Leyton ... 1695	

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

RAFT LODGES.		
Manchester	44	Huddersfield ... 521
Leeds	306	Ripon ... 837
		Aldeburgh ... 935
		Barnard Castle ... 1230

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond	123	Keighley ... 265	Saltash ... 1071
Bristol	187	Bristol ... 326	Bristol - Province
		Southend ... 1002	

SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

RAFT LODGES.		
Walmer	1096	Plymouth ... 1550
Riverhead	1223	Feltham ... 1567
Manchester	1458	Croydon ... 1923
		Wilmington ... 2118

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead	478		
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WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.—GRAND OPERA.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

At 7.15, THE TWO ORPHANS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

At 8.30, DON JUAN.

TRAFALGAR THEATRE.

At 8.15, GO-BANG.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE.

At 8.30, A GAIETY GIRL.

LYRIC THEATRE.

At 8.15, LITTLE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

GRAND THEATRE.

At 7.30, A SPAN OF LIFE.

SURREY THEATRE.

At 7.30, MAN TO MAN.

BRITANNIA THEATRE.

At 7, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

EMPIRE.

At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

ALHAMBRA.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

LONDON PAVILION.

At 7.30, AN UNSURPASSED VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

TIVOLI.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

OXFORD.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

CANTERBURY.

At 7.40, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

PARAGON.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.

At 7.30, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTES

METROPOLITAN.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

MIDDLESEX.

At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

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