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PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Priory of West Yorkshire of the United Order of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales was held at Haworth on Saturday, the 26th ult., under the banner of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, No. 89. In the absence of the Very Eminent Prior, Sir Knight Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., through sickness, the Eminent Sub-Prior, Sir Knight J. Dunning Kay, with the Great Officers and officers, opened the priory in ample form.

The muster roll was called, when all preceptories in the province were represented; 54 sir knights signed the attendance book.

The Eminent Sub-Prior was saluted.

The EMINENT SUB-PRIOR responded, and delivered an address as follows

Worthy Knights,—It is with sorrow that I have to inform you that all the bright anticipations of our Very Eminent Prior and ourselves being with us is not at this meeting at any rate to become fact. I have a letter from which the following are extracts: "By all means hold a priory summer meeting at Haworth on the 26th May. I would most gladly, if well enough, attend. On Wednesday last I had another operation, which went amiss. I have been ill since. I beg of you to take my place, and act on the 26th May for me. I can only ask you to convey my sincere regrets to the knights for their forbearance to their Prior, and that I still hope sometime to be able to come again. I heartily wish them a most enjoyable meeting under your able command. My fervent wish is for the success of this most beautiful and Christian Order. We must, as Christians, try and defend the Church and Cross of Christ from spoliation.—Yours ever faithfully, THOS. W. TEW." Beautiful sentiments, breathing resignation with just a murmur of regret at his enforced absence by reason of his painful illness. Let us continue our prayers for his convalescence. In accordance with my usual custom I give you a report of the progress of Templary in this province.—The number of knights in the province is gradually, though slowly, increasing. The returns for January, 1893, show 211 subscribing knights; for January, 1894, 226, being an increase of 15. During the year 1893, 28 companions have been installed knights in our preceptories, viz.: Three in Preceptory No. 3, Keighley; two in No. 4, Huddersfield; two in No. 13, Bradford; four in No. 18, Eastwood; two in No. 21, Halifax; two in No. 66, Sheffield; eight in No. 89, Haworth; two in No. 114, Leeds; and three in No. 158, Heckmondwike. We have lost four by resignation and four in arrears, and five by death, the only preceptory without an installation during 1893 being Dewsbury. This has, however, been remedied, and this year has begun with an addition, which I trust will be still further increased. Death has again been busy in our ranks, and I have to mention that of Thomas Ruddock, who died 28th February, 1894. He was installed a knight in the Hope Preceptory, No. 4, in 1874, but resigned in 1891; also of Knight Whipp Craven, solicitor, of Steeton, who died in March last. He was installed a knight on the 28th February, 1893, in the Plains of Rama Preceptory, Keighley. During the year 1894, nine companions have been approved as candidates for Templary. I trust that it will be satisfactory news that our worthy Knight Reuben Williamson, Provincial Prelate, has been appointed Sword Bearer in Great Priory, showing that West Yorks is not forgotten at head-quarters. May I urge each of you to bring the singular merits of this Degree prominently to the notice of your Arch friends. Some time ago the Great Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, whilst visiting on Masonic matters at Eastwood, mentioned that it would give him pleasure to attend at some priory meeting of West Yorks. In order to afford an opportunity for the purpose I wrote and mentioned that our annual meeting would be held in Sheffield late in November or early in December, and I received a reply that at this distance of time he could not fix a day certain unless a Saturday would be convenient. The Sheffield knights will, of course, be consulted, and the fixture made to suit them. In order to keep ourselves in touch with Great Priory our indefatigable Brother Knight J. W. Monckman volunteered to attend Great Priory in London on the 11th inst. and represent the Very Eminent Prior and myself, both of whom were unable to attend. He there saw the Great Sub-Prior, who repeated verbally to him what he had written to me. We are in a district which has been the cradle of Masonry in most of its Degrees since the latter part of the last century. In the very early part of this century there existed two Craft lodges, one Arch chapter, and two Knight Templar encampments working in Haworth at the same time, viz., from 1806 to 1812. The Lodge of the Three Graces was consecrated at Barnoldswick on 25th September, 1792, and numbered 506 and moved to Haworth (the present rooms) and erased from the Grand Lodge roll 4th December, 1822. The present Lodge of Three Graces was warranted at Haworth, 24th August, 1831, originally numbered 862 now 408. The Lodge Prince George, whose minute book begins with an entry dated 2nd March, 1796, and ends 16th November, 1812, when it sensibly amalgamated with, and merged the Prince into, and now forms a component part of Three Graces. The Brunswick Chapters old warrant was dated the 12th July, 1802, and the last minute recorded in the then minute book is the 6th March, 1831, after which time there appears a considerable gap as the present warrant is only dated 28th January, 1893. All these are now working well, but you will probably say this has nothing to do with Templary. Granted. Still I hope the information may be useful as a matter of statistics if not of pleasure. But now to our own domestic affairs. The warrant of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, No. 89, Haworth, is dated 17th February, 1806, and was granted to John Barriacough, John Sutcliffe, and T. Bancroft. The first meeting recorded took place April 26th, 1807; 11 knights were present and they installed nine knights. They held meetings in 1807-8-9-10-11-14-16 and 21, installing in these years 21 knights, making a total of 32 knights. The next meeting was in 1829 and the one following on November 30th, 1835. In the month of December, 1835, our good friend and Knight John Craven Taylor was installed. He died May 19th, 1891, having been 56 years a Knight Templar. Two meetings took place in 1836 and the next 29th day of October, 1867, under a resuscitation warrant dated 1st March, 1867. Success not having crowned their efforts this resuscitation was returned to London July 1st, 1870, the old warrant of 1806 remained at Haworth. On the 1st of March, 1892, a petition signed by 15 knights and approved

by Very Eminent Prior Knight Thomas William Tew, J.P., was sent to the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, the Very High and Eminent Great Prior, asking that the warrant of March 1st, 1867 be re-issued to them. This petition being granted, the first meeting took place on the 5th of September, 1892, when F. W. Turner was installed Eminent Preceptor, and John Spencer was appointed Constable, and Joseph Smith, Marshal. Three companions were installed knights and one in November the same year. Eight knights were installed in 1893. One knight has resigned leaving the present number on the muster roll 16. From a Grand Conclave circular (this circular is now in possession of our Chancellor) dated Monday, April 10th, 1890, we learn that there was at Haworth another Preceptory (or Encampment) as at the above-mentioned meeting a letter was read from Knight Stephen Paslow, dated Haworth, January 23rd, 1890, annexing a petition for holding an encampment at Bradford to be called the Encampment of Faith. It was recommended by Stephen Paslow, Principal of the Plains of Brunswick Encampment, Haworth, and on the 1st of April, 1890, a return of the number of the same encampment was sent to London by the same knight, with the sum of 3s. 6d. This encampment has ceased to exist, and no record of it, with the exception of the above, can be found. You will notice that our priory banners have been supplemented by one for the Plains of Mamre and the other for the Amphibious, these, as are all the others, are the generous presentation of Knight Monckman. I tender him, on behalf of myself and all the other knights, our warmest thanks for this and all his other ever thoughtful considerations for the decoration and well-being of our Priory. In addition to the apologies for absence which will be read by the Chancellor, I have special ones from the venerable Knights T. W. Tew, who repeats his good wishes; from the Rev. Joseph Senior, who says: "That he should have had much pleasure in being with you, but deeply regrets that extreme debility with age—87—will not permit him to leave home. He hopes you will have a most gladsome meeting, and adds: 'May the blessing of the Most High be with you all';" also from the late Vice-Chancellor Knight W. Tinkler, who writes: "I received the copy of the summons for the provincial meeting at Haworth on the 26th instant. I beg to thank you for so kindly remembering me, for, although I am no longer officially connected with the Order, I have not ceased to take a lively interest in its concerns. I am pleased to note the increase in the number of your members; in fact, there appears to have been a considerable addition to the Order all round. It certainly merits all the support it receives, and I would fain hope that its numbers may be increased yet more and more. I am extremely glad to learn that the Very Eminent Provincial Prior, Knight T. W. Tew, is so far restored to health, that he purposes attending the meeting. May he long continue to preside over the province. If opportunity serves, kindly express to the Provincial Sub-Prior, Very Eminent Knight J. D. Kay, my knightly good wishes. I hope that you are in the enjoyment of good health, and that you may have abundant blessings here and hereafter is the heartfelt wish of yours very fraternally, Wm. Tinkler, K.C.T., ex-Vice-Chancellor." Historically, I may mention that the Rev. Patrick Bronte, with his talented family, came to Haworth in February, 1820. His son, Patrick Branwell Bronte, born, I think, in 1818, held important offices in the Craft, and was for a considerable time Secretary to the Craft lodge, and generally took great interest in Masonry, he died 24th September, 1848. Under one of the seats in Whalley Abbey, not far from here, is this verse:

"Who mells wi' what another does,
Had best go home and shoe his goose."

An inhabitant of the neighbourhood being asked what sort of a clergyman they had at Haworth, said "a rare good one, he minds his own business, and ne'er troubles himself with ours"—i.e., he was not a meddler, although a good and careful pastor. This is, I believe, the character of our Haworth friends at the present day, they are not meddlers, whilst at the same time they worthily uphold the tents of Templary. Some of you have, I believe, taken the opportunity this day of becoming acquainted with the precincts of the beautiful heathery moors and will have found what a healthy, charming spot it is at which to spend a happy day or days. It now only remains for me to thank the Preceptory for our reception this day, for the knightly care taken for the observance of our rites and ceremonies, and in fact for the great attention given to every point which can minister to our improvements as knights and our comfort as men. Some other knights will put this in form that our minutes may bear record of the fact.

The roll of Great Officers and officers was called, and the minutes of the meeting held at Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 9th, 1893, were presented for confirmation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the minutes be taken as read and confirmed. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried that "The best thanks of the Priory of West Yorkshire be given to the knights of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, No. 89, for their cordial reception this day." The Almoner and Chaplain collected the alms which amounted to £1 11s. 6d.

The Priory was then closed, and the Knights, numbering 54, proceeded to the banqueting room and partook of refreshments kindly provided by the knights of the Plains of Mamre Preceptory, No. 89.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Priory was held at West Hartlepool, under the banner of Mount Grace Preceptory, on Monday, the 4th inst. The Provincial Grand Prior, Sir Knight the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., and the Provincial Great Officers and officers were received under an arch of steel. The Prov. Grand Prior of Lancashire and Warwickshire, Sir Knight C. Fendelow, K.C.T., visited the Provincial G. Priory and was received with the honours due to his exalted rank. There was a large attendance of sir knights. The Provincial G. Priory was opened and the muster roll called. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Priory, and also of the Special Priory held last June for the installation of the Provincial G. Prior, were read

and confirmed. The roll of preceptories was called over and reports from each duly received. The Provincial G. Prior then delivered a short address. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. Sir Knight H. B. Olsen was then unanimously re-elected as Provincial G. Treasurer. The Provincial G. Prior then appointed and invested his officers:

Sir Knight C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., J.P.	...	Prov. G. Sub-Prior
C. Jackson, B.A.	...	Prov. G. Prelate
G. R. Macarthy	...	Prov. G. Constable
C. H. Backhouse	...	Prov. G. Marshal
H. B. Olsen	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
E. Hudson	...	Prov. G. Registrar
J. Sinclair	...	Prov. G. Sub-Marshal
Rev. J. Walker	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
J. J. Forster	...	Prov. G. Almoner
W. C. Bell	...	Prov. G. Herald
W. B. Foxton	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
H. Lamb	...	Prov. G. Aide-de-Camp
F. H. Bennett	...	Prov. G. Capt. Gd.
J. Robinson	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
F. Lovey	...	Prov. G. Organist.

After some further routine business had been transacted, the Provincial G. Priory was closed and the sir knights adjourned to the Royal Hotel to dinner under the presidency of Dr. Hill Drury, the Prov. G. Sub-Prior. The usual nightly toasts were duly honoured and a pleasant evening spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Court Exchange at Bourne, under the banner of the Hereward Lodge, the P.G.M., Bro. W. H. Smyth, J.P., D.L., presiding. There was a good attendance from all parts of the large province, in spite of the uncertainty of the weather.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. G.M., who was attended by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Sissons, J.P., P.A.G.D.C. of England, and other Provincial Grand Officers.

The roll of lodges having been called, the financial statement of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, was received, as well as the report of the Committee and abstract of accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, Oliver Memorial Fund, Smyth Scholarship Fund, and Sutcliffe Fund to December 31st, 1893.

Bro. VICKERS, P.G. Sec., then read the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee, and the report of the Prov. Charity Stewards, Bros. M. Smith and T. Staniforth, were received.

Other business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Hy. Bott, W.M. 1232	...	Prov. S.G.W.
W. G. Loveridge, P.M. 1447	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. John Graham, 1304	...	Prov. G. Chap.
C. M. Nesbitt, P.M. 712	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Hy. Watson, P.M. 297	...	Prov. G. Reg.
B. Vickers, P.M. 297	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Shephard, P.M. 712	...	Prov. S.G.D.
G. Clarke, P.M. 838	...	Prov. J.G.D.
A. F. James, P.M. 1294	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
G. F. Barrell, P.M. 469	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Capt. W. H. Gane, P.M. 838	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
F. Baines, P.M. 422	...	Prov. G.S.B.
J. E. Townsend, P.M. 985	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
V. Hurst, P.M. 792	...	Prov. G. Org.
Walter Dawson, P.M. 297	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
F. Barrat, W.M. 792	...	Prov. G. Purst.
J. D. Goy, P.M. 1386	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
John Smith, P.M. 1839	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. J. Eve, P.M. 426	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
B. Coulback, P.M. 792	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
M. J. R. Behrant, P.M. 1482	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
P. A. Aldridge, P.M. 588	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
C. Spillman, P.M. 2075	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Kingston	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
W. Donner, Tyler 1447	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The band of the 2nd Vol. Batt. Lincs. Regt. was engaged by the local lodge, and played in the Market-place and during the banquet, which was served in a marquee, and supplied by Bro. Henry Bott, W.M. 1232. The tent presented a very brilliant appearance.

The reports were generally satisfactory, both as regards the charitable work of the province and numerical strength of the subscribing members, these last having increased by 18 during the year.

Bro. Nesbitt was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 23rd ult., by invitation of Excelsior Chapter, No. 1042. There were present Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Past Grand Prin. Soj. of Eng., Prov. G.H., Acting Grand Superintendent; C. Letch Mason, P.Z. 304, P. as Prov. G.H.; John Wordsworth, P.P.G.H., P.Z. 154, as Prov. G.J.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 154, Prov. G.S.E.; Fred. Rand, P.Z. 242, Prov. G. Treas., and other officers and members.

Comp. Henry Smith, Prov. G.H., Acting Grand Superintendent, having opened the chapter, the roll of chapters and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was called, and the minutes of the Prov. Grand Convocation, held at Wakefield, 24th November, 1893, were taken as read and confirmed.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered an address, which commenced with a kindly and sympathetic reference to the Grand Superintendent, who, he regretted to report, was not progressing satisfactorily, and had been ordered for change of air to the mild atmosphere of Leamington. He stated that Grand Chapter had made an addition of six provincial officers, the province having 30 chapters and upwards, and also referred to the new regulation as to exalting Master Masons after a period of four months, and passed on to notice the present position of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, which showed that there were at present 1298 subscribing members, as against 1257 in the previous year, and a slightly increased income. Referring to the Boys' School Festival, at which the Prov. Grand

Master was to preside, he was pleased to be able to state that out of 76 lodges 70 had contributed to the subscription list, as well as five of the chapters.

Comp. Fox, Chairman of the Charity Committee, pursuant to notice, proposed: "That the sum of £52 10s. be granted to further endow the Grand Superintendent's chair in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and in support of the chairmanship of the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., who will preside at the 96th Festival, to be held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 27th June." He also stated that the chair of Grand Superintendent being already a Vice-President's, this grant would bring double votes (10) in perpetuity.

The motion was seconded by Comp. SMITHSON, Past Chairman, and carried.

The PROV. G. TREASURER, in very felicitous terms, proposed that Comp. Henry Cowbrough, P.Z. 1042, be elected as his successor.

Comp. WILLIAM BINGHAM, in seconding the proposition, said how much gratified the companions of the Excelsior Chapter would feel if the proposition received the approval of the Prov. Grand Chapter, and spoke as to Comp. Cowbrough's qualifications for the position.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then invested the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Henry Smith	...	Prov. G.H.
Col. J. E. Bingham	...	Prov. G.J.
Herbert G. E. Green	...	Prov. G.S.E.
José Rickard	...	Prov. G.S.N.
Henry Cowbrough (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Major G. Bolton	...	Prov. G. Reg.
G. H. Robinson	...	Prov. Dep. G. Reg.
Alfred Verity	...	Prov. G.P.S.
Hy. Blackburn	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
John Hunt	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
Hy. Saml. Goodyear	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Wm. Harrison	...	Prov. Dep. G.S.B.
W. David Shoebridge	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Charles Newsome	...	Prov. A.G. Std. Brs.
William Oddy	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Thos. Uttley	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
Wm. Metcalf	...	Prov. G. Org.
Walter Critchley, J.P.	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
Thos. Lawrence	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Samuel Jacob	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
Frederick Simpson	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
Joe Booth Whiteley	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
John Dyson	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
John Cass, J.P.	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
William Murphy	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
Thos. Chester	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been voted to the entertaining chapter, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Beverley, by the invitation of the Beverlac Lodge, No. 281. There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst those present being Bros. Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.M.; Col. R. G. Smith, D.P.G.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M.; the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, M.A., P.G.C.; T. Thompson, P.G.S.B. Eng.; W. H. Cowper, P.G.I.G. Eng.; H. O. Piercy, P.P.G.W.; and others.

Telegrams of regret for absence were received from Bros. C. L. Mason, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and W. Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire.

The roll having been called and the report of the General Purposes Committee read and confirmed, the P.G. Treasurer's balance-sheet was presented and adopted.

Bro. John Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, having resigned that office, which he had held and discharged to the satisfaction of the brethren for some years, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him for his services, and his son, Bro. W. J. Marshall, was elected his successor.

The Fitzwilliam Lodge, of Malton, gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting in Malton.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the invitation should have his favourable consideration.

Donations were then voted from the Benevolent Fund for relief of poor and distressed M.M.s, also to the Prov. Educational Fund and the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in an interesting speech, alluded to the prosperity of the province, and thought it might be found to be to the convenience of the greater number of the brethren to hold their future meetings in York, and asked for an expression of opinion from the various lodges before their next assembly. He also expressed their indebtedness to the Beverlac Lodge for their hospitality and the excellent arrangements.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. G. Smith	...	D. Prov. G.M.
Thomson Foley	...	Prov. S.G.W.
F. Creaser	...	Prov. J.G.W.
W. P. Cochrane	...	Prov. G.M.O.
J. Kirby	...	Prov. S.G.O.
J. S. Seals	...	Prov. J.G.O.
Rev. E. A. B. Pitman	...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. J. Marshall	...	Prov. G. Treas.
A. W. Walker	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Longford	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
J. R. Lane	...	Prov. S.G.D.
E. K. Spiegelhalter	...	Prov. J.G.D.
F. J. Halliwell	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
H. T. Hayes	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. T. Newcombe	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
T. G. Brogden	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
H. Harrowing	...	Prov. G.S.B.
H. Myers	...	Prov. G.I.G.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Beverley Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE CAMDEN LODGE,
No. 704.

It was indeed a night of nights and one that will be long remembered by the members of this well-known lodge and their ladies and friends who had the good fortune to be present at the interesting gathering at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult., at which there were upwards of a hundred present. The first words on the menu and programme, upon which there was a capital portrait of Bro. D. Ososki, the W.M., were: "We greet you well," and this was confirmed in every detail throughout the entertainment.

The following were present: Bro. David Ososki, W.M., Mrs. and Miss Ososki; Bro. Edwin Styles, I.P.M., and the Misses Styles; Bro. and Mrs. Nottingham (S.W.); Bro. H. W. Copelstone, J.W.; Bro. and Mrs. Nathaniel Goodchild (Sec.); Bro. and Miss Morrill; Bro. and Mrs. Osborne; Bro. and Mrs. Coffin; Bro. and Mrs. Evers and Mrs. Evers, jun.; Bro. N. J. Goodchild, Asst. Sec.; Bro. and Mrs. C. Gammon; Bro. F. V. Mackenzie and Miss Brambley; Bros. P. Livingstone and G. Niblett, Stwds.; Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Lane; Bro. and Mrs. G. Cartwright; Bro. and Mrs. W. T. Hawkin; Bro. and Mrs. Wartski; Bro. and Mrs. Mills; Bro. and Mrs. Williams; Bro. and Mrs. Robertson; Bro. and Mrs. Kenim; Bro. and Mrs. Collins; Bro. and Mrs. Pickett; Bro. and Mrs. Henschall; Bro. and Mrs. Towerzy; Bro. and Miss Hudson; Bro. and Mrs. Haas; Bro. and Mrs. Bowden; Bro. and Mrs. Pohl; Bro., Mrs., and Miss Wharmian; Bro. and Mrs. Hodgkinson; Bro. and Mrs. Burt; Bro. and Miss Cohen; Madame Addler, Madame Levy, Miss Ware, Mrs. Penn, Bros. Wharton, Harris, Challis, Brown, Scale, Rydon, Barnes, Cooper, Barnell, Nieve, Elkan Symonds, W. W. Morgan, O. Cooper, and R. T. West.

The W.M., Bro. Ososki, presided at the banquet table, having on his right his charming wife, and was well supported by the officers of the lodge.

The banquet was more than excellent and fully maintained the great reputation of Bro. A. Clemow, and was admirably served by an efficient staff under his personal superintendence and that of his manager, Bro. Evans, who was most assiduous in looking after the comfort of the large company.

At the close of the banquet a musical entertainment of an exceptionally superior quality was provided by the W.M., in which the following took part: Miss Jessie Huddleston, Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Amy Brooke, R.A.M. (niece of Bro. Edwin Styles, I.P.M.), who gave "The Venetian song" (with mandoline obligato), and later on a mandoline solo, which was rendered most artistically, for which she received an enthusiastic and well-deserved encore. Mr. Oswald Sharpley, Bros. H. Delma, Elkan Symonds, and Henschall. An original musical duologue, "The Proposal," was ably given by Miss Phyllis Hope and Mr. O. Sharpley, and gained great applause. The sweet and exquisite singing of the ladies deserve special mention and their great efforts were much appreciated.

The toasts were few, the night having to be devoted to amusements more congenial to the ladies than speech-making.

In brief but eloquent terms the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which were duly honoured.

Bro. EDWIN STYLES, I.P.M., said that if the ladies were inquisitive they would probably want to know why he took the gavel in his hand. It was to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which was, in his opinion, the most important toast of the evening, exclusive of that of "The Ladies." Bro. Ososki had been a great success, both in the lodge and otherwise, and he deserved the very best thanks for having given them a summer outing, a ball, and that night's grand entertainment. He was an excellent Mason and one of the best of fellows, and no one could have a better friend, and the great things he had done for the lodge and the members would never be forgotten.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, the ladies being most enthusiastic, which spoke volumes that the W.M. was a great favourite with the fair sex.

Bro. OSOSKI, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that his sincere thanks were due to them for the way they had received him, but he did not merit or deserve such a greeting. If the little he had done for the lodge had given satisfaction, he was more than gratified. It was the usual thing for a Master of a lodge to have nice things said of him while occupying the chair, but this ought not to be, as a lot of work fell to the officers, and a W.M. could not carry out his duties with perfection without their able assistance. Then, as to the ladies—and he was honoured with the presence of so many that night—it had always been his wish to show them that in belonging to the Craft, it did not mean giving up one's home, wife, or those dear to one, but where it was possible, Masons were only too pleased to have ladies at their festive boards. If he had erred in what he had carried out, it was, he thought, on the right side, but he had done what, in his opinion, was the best for the lodge, which he ventured to think would compete with any in the City of London. That was the last night he would preside as W.M., and he took that opportunity to thank his officers for their able co-operation, making special mention of the Secretary, Bro. Nathaniel Goodchild, P.M., for his great assistance, and, in conclusion, he earnestly hoped that his successors would not forget the ladies, as he was more than certain the ladies would never forget the lodge.

Bro. A. M. WARTSKI gave, in very brief terms, "The Ladies." (He doubtless thought that it needed no

words of his to commend the toast to the company to give it that enthusiastic reception which it had).

Bro. J. SIMPSON replied on behalf of the ladies, who, he was requested to state, had enjoyed themselves during the W.M.'s year of office, and they all testified to the great success of that evening, which was the last night of the reign of the genial and good W.M. In conclusion, he said he must refer to Mrs. W.M.—Bro. Ososki's wife—who was a charming lady, and she was just as anxious for the welfare of all present as was the W.M., and the ladies tendered their best thanks to the W.M. and Mrs. Ososki, and to the members for their grand hospitality, which would never be effaced from their memory.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors." It was, he said, well known in the Masonic world that their success was due to visitors. He was pleased with their attendance that evening, many of whom were distinguished, but all of them appeared to appreciate the presence of the ladies, and he gave them a hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. A. E. Harris, P.M.; Bull, P.M.; and Piggott.

Bro. A. E. HARRIS, in reply, observed that he was somewhat bashful in the society of ladies, but he was glad to be at the grand entertainment the W.M. had provided.

Bro. BULL, P.M., also responded.

Bro. PIGGOTT also replied. He said the lodge was going on in the right direction by entertaining the ladies, a good example which he thought should be followed by other lodges.

Bros. WHARTON, ELKAN SYMONDS, C. H. COHEN, HODGKINSON, BOWDEN, and HOUGHTON, also responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Past Masters," making special reference to Bro. E. STYLES, I.P.M., who replied. Bros. MOREL, Dr. GOODCHILD, and N. J. GOODCHILD, also responded.

Bro. GAMMON proposed "The Health of Mrs. David Ososki." He said that she had done her utmost to assist the W.M. in the three happy gatherings of the lodge, where ladies were present. She was an estimable lady, and to know her was to appreciate her, and he included in the toast the names of the sisters of the W.M., who were present from Paris and Berlin.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, on behalf of Mrs. Ososki, said that what she had done had been a source of pleasure to her, and she was glad to have been able to help him in making the arrangements for that evening.

Bro. ELKAN SYMONDS, in an eloquent speech, responded on behalf of the sisters of the W.M.

"Auld Lang Syne" ended a most enjoyable entertainment, which was carried out without the slightest hitch, and Bro. D. Ososki is to be commended and congratulated upon its great success.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE CHARITY LODGE,
No. 1551.

This flourishing and influential lodge held its annual gathering outside the porchway, or entrance to the Temple, on the 25th ult. The brethren of the lodge, with their ladies and friends, were the recipients of a very graceful invitation from Lady Sawyer, the wife of the W.M., Bro. Sir Jas. Sawyer, M.D., to a luncheon at their family seat, Hazeley Hall, near Knowle. The brethren, with their wives, daughters, and friends, in the early morning repaired to the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, and from thence journeyed to Hazeley Hall by road, occupying a long line of stage coaches, landaus, and open carriages, supplied by and equipped in a most complete manner by a brother of the lodge—Bro. Geo. Coldicutt.

The cavalcade was met at Wroxall, about two miles from Hazeley Hall, by the Worshipful Master, splendidly mounted on his graceful and high-bred charger, who, as a Justice of the Peace, after pointing out, as a warning to the brethren, the "village stocks," and comforting the ladies with the assurance that the "ducking stool" was gone, led and conducted the party the remainder of the journey to Hazeley Hall and through his beautiful and well-kept grounds, by the new serpentine road leading from the old Warwick road to the mansion, crossing at a gallop, to the sound of the horn, the artistic stone bridge over the ornamental water, or lake, which lies in front of, and helps to give enchantment to, the view from the windows of the mansion.

The visitors were met at the door of the mansion by her ladyship, Lady SAWYER, who expressed the pleasure it gave her to see the brethren and their ladies, and to whom she extended a most hearty welcome to her home.

A very sumptuous and *recherché* luncheon was immediately afterwards placed before the visitors, Lady Sawyer presiding, supported right and left by Past Masters of the lodge, the Junior Warden's chair being occupied by the W.M., Bro. Sir Jas. Sawyer, and the Senior Warden's chair by the S.W., Bro. C. T. Holder, each being well and lovingly supported.

After the luncheon, the W.M., Bro. Sir J. SAWYER, as "mine host," proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was most loyally responded to.

The toast of "Lady Sawyer and Bro. Sir Jas. Sawyer, W.M., Hostess and Host," was given by the oldest Past Master and Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. EDWARD MALLARD, who, in very grateful and befitting terms, thanked her ladyship and the W.M., on behalf of his brethren and their wives and lady friends

and their kind and courteous invitation given to them, and for their liberal hospitality and kindly welcome to Hazeley Hall, and wished them both and their family continued good health and prosperity.

This toast was received and responded to in the heartiest possible manner.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding on behalf of his lady and himself, again wished all the visitors a very hearty welcome, and assured them that the resources of his home and establishment were entirely at their disposal, and thanked them personally and collectively for the honour they had conferred upon him and Lady Sawyer, who was the originator of the invitation.

The brethren were then very kindly entertained with an exhibition of the literary, artistic, and valuable curiosities in the possession of the W.M., and which, among other things, included one of the hoofs of the charger which rode at the head of, and supported the gallant commander of, the Light Brigade in their famous and ever memorable charge at Balaclava. This hoof, the authenticity of which is beyond question, is now beautifully mounted in silver, and contains a choice and fragrant "mixture" with which the W.M. regales himself in the midst of his domestic troubles, and with which the learned doctor and politician furishes up his potent and witty darts for his political opponents, and what is better creates those far-famed prescriptions which procure balm and consolation to the afflicted of the human race, and is highly prized by its possessor. Amongst the literary curiosities kindly offered for inspection was a letter addressed to the W.M. personally by the late Home Secretary, the Right Hon. Henry Matthews, 6th December, 1888, announcing, and congratulating him upon, the fact that her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen had been pleased to confer the honour and dignity of the title of a "city" upon the town of Birmingham. This the W.M. has preserved and had beautifully bound up with copies of the announcements in the Birmingham papers of the following day. The brethren were very greatly amused by a collection of cartoons by eminent local artists, cut from influential and other local journals, depicting him during his successful government of the Conservatives of the Midland Counties, the several artists evidently pandering to the tastes of the envious as well as those of his grateful and admiring colleagues and followers.

The Worshipful Master afterwards conducted the party through his beautiful grounds, leading them over hill and dale, beside pure streams and through beautiful woodlands and copices, the latter carpeted by a complete mass of wild spring bloom, and in which the conies were disporting themselves, apparently in the highest glee, and without fearing the poacher or sportsman. The Manor of Hazeley, accordingly to "Dugdale," is of considerable antiquity, and formerly belonged to the Warwick Estate and was granted by Queen Mary of blessed memory to the Throckmorton family, who figured in various ways in the history of that period. The present mansion has been greatly extended, beautified, and enlarged by the present owner, the architect and builder being particular friends of the W.M. and brother Masons, viz., Bro. E. Woods, P.M. 662, and Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, P.M.

After the brethren and ladies had fully enjoyed the courteous and liberal hospitality of Lady Sawyer and her worthy husband, the W.M., they drove to the hostelry of Bro. Fred. Mundy, J.D. of the lodge, at the sign of "The George in the Tree," at Berkswell, a neighbouring village near Kenilworth, where they sat down to a most beautifully served and liberally supplied banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

The toast of "The Queen and the Prince of Wales and other Members of the Royal Family" was given in very appropriate and eloquent terms by the W.M.

The toast of "The Ladies" was given by Bro. EDWARD MALLARD and was responded to by Bro. PULLINGER in very feeling and gallant terms.

The party returned to Birmingham about eight o'clock in the evening, spending, in the opinion of all present, the most enjoyable outing the lodge had ever experienced.

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Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 4th inst. There was a large attendance of members. The E.P., Sir Knight John Sinclair, opened the preceptory. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for Comp. Abbey, which proving unanimous, he was admitted and installed, the ceremony being performed in a most careful and eloquent manner by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury. The Provincial Prior and the officers of Provincial Priory were then received and the Provincial Priory opened.

At the close of the business the sir knights adjourned to the Royal Hotel for dinner.

WEYMOUTH.

Weymouth Preceptory (No. 30).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of the E.P. Zillwood Milledge, supported by Sir Knights Sir R. N. Howard, Prov. Prior of Dorset; Colonel Skene, H. Tizard George, Rev. F. Munday, Sidney S. Milledge, W. B. Morgan, J. B. Welsford, B. Browning, and others. The Earl of Portarlington was accepted and installed a member of the Preceptory and Sir Knights Sidney S. Milledge, B. Browning, and the Earl of Portarlington were given the Mediterranean pass and received into the Priory of Malta, the ceremonies in both degrees being performed by the E.P. assisted by Sir Knight H. Tizard George, P.E.P. The sir knights dined together after the meeting at the invitation of the E.P.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1894

Masonic Notes.

Monsieur J. M. Rogier, the artist whose portraits of the M.W.G.M. and Bro. the Earl of Euston now hang on the walls of the Great Hall of Mark Master Masons, in Great Queen-street, has added a third to his previous triumphs. The portrait of Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, which was presented at the last Grand Lodge, is as distinct a success as were the other two. The Marquess is in morning dress, and appears in the full clothing of Pro Grand Master. It is a speaking likeness.

It will be seen by a letter in our correspondence column that the Grand Chaplain, the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair is announced to preach at St. John's Church, Clapham, on Sunday next, and on the following Sunday, at the parish church of Bromley St. Leonard. On both occasions the Masonic body will be present, and at the latter service a dispensation has been granted by the Grand Master for Craft and Royal Arch clothing to be worn. The Grand Prior of England has also given his sanction for Knights Templar. The appointment, in this instance, seems to be abundantly justified, and we hope that the Institutions to be benefited will receive a further proof that the greatest of the Masonic virtues is Charity.

In a recent number we chronicled the advent of a monthly journal devoted to Irish Freemasonry, and now we have to welcome an equally promising candidate from beyond the Tweed. This speaks well for the enterprise of our Scottish and Irish brethren, and we sincerely hope that the faith the promoters have in the existence of a large Masonic reading public will be justified by success. In an address to its readers, the editor of the "Scottish Freemason" says the promoters are hopeful of

securing support by putting within the reach of the Craft a journal at a merely nominal price. Seeing that the price is one penny, we can readily admit the further statement that their objects "are other than those of a sordid kind." They appear to be more disinterested even than "Philanthropy and 5 per cent.," so much talked of recently.

The magnificent volume which Bro. Howell, of Portsmouth, has produced, and which has been the subject of notices from time to time in our pages, is now in the hands of the subscribers. The exhaustive and appreciative notice of the work, written by Bro. Hughan, and published in our issue of the 28th April, renders much further critical examination of its contents unnecessary, and we have only now to add that the History is certainly the finest of the kind ever issued and that it is a most important contribution to the literature of the Mark, Royal Arch, and Knights Templar Degrees, especially in regard to the Mark, as it traces that Degree back to 1769, as given by Thomas Dunckerley. The plates are very fine, and the volume altogether, in printing, paper, and binding, is worthy of a place even amongst the *Editions de Luxe* of the book collector.

A work is announced by Bro. Edward Cander, jun., under the title of "Records of the Hole Craft and Fellowship of Masons, a short history of the rise and progress of the art or history of Masonry from early times, together with notes of the architectural developments of various periods." It will contain also copious extracts from the books of the Masons' Company, never yet published in any form, as well as much other information respecting the Craft, gathered from official sources.

We welcome this addition to Masonic literature, if not strictly speaking the literature of Freemasonry. The records of the Masons' Company have long been a sealed book to the Masonic student, and now that the ice is broken we shall look forward to some interesting particulars affecting the History of Freemasonry as at present existing.

Correspondence.

THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON AT ST.
JOHN'S CHURCH, CLAPHAM ROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Ven. the Archdeacon of London (one of our respected Grand Chaplains for the present year) has been announced to preach at St. John's Church, Clapham-road, S.W., on Sunday evening next, the 17th inst., at the seven o'clock service. In answer to enquiries, I should be much obliged if you would grant me the hospitality of your columns to state that seats will be reserved, up to the commencement of the service, for any brethren wishing to attend, who will communicate with me beforehand.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. W. OCKENDEN,

P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D. Middx.,

Churchwarden St. John's Church, Clapham.

75, Jeffrey-road, Clapham, S.W.,

June 13th.

The Craft Abroad.

MELBOURNE.

Combermere Lodge (No. 752, E.C.).—This old lodge—the only one left in Victoria belonging to the English Constitution—celebrated the installation festival in Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, April 19th. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. Thomson, P.M. 111, P.S.G.D. (V.C.), in the presence of a very large assemblage of members, also of visitors from Victorian lodges, numbering altogether upwards of 300, and including Bro. George Baker, P.G.M., D.G.M. of Victoria, and several other Grand Officers of the sister Constitution. The W.M. elect was Bro. E. L. Oldfield, and the ceremony of placing him in the chair was witnessed by about 120 installed Masters, probably the strongest "board" ever assembled in the colony. The installing Master was Bro. A. Thomson, assisted by Bros. Dr. E. H. Williams, P.M.; Dr. J. J. E. Willmott, P.M., P.G.D. England; and F. B. Force, P.M., P.G.D. Victoria. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. Snowball, S.W.; Dr. F. W. W. Morton, J.W.; C. B. Williams, Treas.; W. R. N. Virgoe, P.M., Sec.; Dr. G. Cuscaden, S.D.; G. Hall, J.D.; Dr. E. G. Balding, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Clarke, Org.; H. Role, Choirmaster; R. G. Spoll, I.G.; G. H. Palfrey, J. MacNaughton, and W. Burston, S.W.s.; and J. Paul, Tyler.

The subsequent banquet was quite as successful as any of its predecessors, thanks to the fine harmony contributed by the choir, in which respect the Combermere Lodge has, for very many years, been *facile princeps*, whether at work or at the festive board.

The character of the speeches may further be gauged from the circumstance that the W.M., in proposing the "M.W. Grand Master of Victoria," expressed the gratification felt by his brethren of the Combermere Lodge at the good terms prevailing between them and their brethren of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.



"MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUFFOLK FOR 1894." (*The Ipswich Journal and Printing Company, Museum-street.*)—It is intended to continue this excellent publication annually, and being edited by Bro. N. Tracy, the esteemed Prov. G. Sec., besides having the support officially of the Provincial Grand Lodge, it may be relied upon as thoroughly reliable and down to date of issue. It has features of its own, for the full reports of Provincial Grand Lodge are given, thus adding much to the usefulness of the publication from year to year. There are 22 lodges and nine Royal Arch chapters, of which full particulars are afforded, and so of the Mark lodges, &c. The Charities are exceptionally well attended to, there being a total of some 4000 votes held in the Central Masonic Institutions, which is a most satisfactory record. The votes are given for April and October for the "Girls" and "Boys," but we have made the necessary deductions. The information is most valuable as to the Stewardships served in past years, and in every respect the Editor has done his utmost, and, what is more, succeeded to make the work all it should be. He asks for corrections or suggestions. We have none to offer of the former, but as to the latter venture to state that the dates of the Centenary Warrants held by No. 71 Lowestoft, and No. 114, Ipswich should be given. If the original warrant exists of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, Lowestoft, a transcript for publication in the *Freemason* would be most acceptable, the date being of special value.

"THE MAKING OF BIRMINGHAM: BEING A HISTORY OF THE RISE AND GROWTH OF THE MIDLAND METROPOLIS, by Robert K. Dent" (15s. and upwards, according to binding, &c.) This most remarkable work is published by the *Illustrated Guide Maker*, Mr. J. L. Allday, of Birmingham, from whom it may be obtained, or from Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., London. There are over 200 illustrations from old prints, original drawings and recent photographs, &c., 22 plates being separate from the text. Some of these are exceptionally effective, especially those photographed by Whitlock (of New-street) and Poulton & Sons (London), and the drawings by A. Freeman Smith and W. Hallsworth Waite. When all are so good it is invidious to make selections, but some of these artists have made admirable pictures of this great and attractive centre of commerce. It seems fairly established that about the middle of the seventh century the Beornings or Bermings (a patronymic or family name) made their clearing on the outskirts of the largest of all the forests of Britain—that of Arden—so inaccessible, that the conquerors refrained from penetrating it. The *ham* means a home or residence; thus we have Birmingham. *Berm*, a man's name; *ing* or *ung*, the progeny or tribe; and *ham*, the settlement. Those interested in this point should consult the *Athenæum*, Sept. 8th, 1855, which has a letter thereon by Dr. James Freeman. It would be impossible almost, and certainly not wise, to attempt to trace the descriptions of the historian from early days down to modern times, but "Leland's Itinerary" may well be quoted for the year 1538, when the author visited the town, and states that "In it dwell smithes and cutlers," as also that he "came through a pretty street, and that a great part of the towne is maintained by smithes, who have their iron and sea-cole out of Staffordshire." The work is well arranged, ably indexed, beautifully printed, and profusely illustrated. Its eight great divisions embrace the (a) History of the Town to the year 1700; (b) 1701-1725; (c) 1726-1750; (d) 1751-1775; (e) 1776-1800; (f) 1801-1825; (g) 1826-1850; and (h) 1851-1893. Every test we have applied has but proved the accuracy and thoroughness of Mr. Dent's labours; and beyond question as a record of a magnificent city from its infancy to the present time, such as this of the now Greater Birmingham, this splendid volume deserves, and doubtless has, a circulation far beyond Warwickshire. Nearly 600 pages are devoted to the "Making of Birmingham," and we have failed to detect even a single page that lacks interest or importance in relation to one or more of the many sided subjects considered by the historian. As a record of present day questions, facts, and progress, the noble volume is simply invaluable, and we are not aware of any more thorough history or a grander tome of the kind. Mr. Allday richly merits all the kind words Mr. Dent says about him as a spirited publisher, and though he has not regarded it as a commercial undertaking, but more "as a manifestation of local patriotism," we feel assured that there will be no loss on the enterprise if the handsome volume is properly brought before the notice of *Book Lovers*, locally and generally.

PICNIC OF THE DUCHESS OF YORK LODGE, No. 2182.

In glorious weather, Bro. T. Archer Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Worshipful Master of the above lodge, started on Wednesday morning, the 6th instant, in a special saloon train to visit Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire. He was accompanied by ladies, gentlemen, and brethren to the number of 100. The route taken was through Boslow, driving on to Sheffield, and on to Chatsworth, returning to Sheffield (after viewing the mansion) for dinner, which had been provided at the Royal Victoria Hotel, thence returning to Manchester about 10 p.m.

Space will not allow a description of the innumerable pleasures and beautiful scenery gone through on the journey; but we learn it was a magnificent success throughout, and everyone present enjoyed themselves thoroughly, as might only be expected when conducted with the usual energetic brilliancy of Bro. Archer Lowe, W.M., as a frequent remark from him is "If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well," and all the intricate arrangements had been well done.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present: Bros. James Smith, W.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; T. Selby Henrey, Chap.; Thos. Cobu, Treas.; Henry Legge, Sec.; A. J. Holmes, S.D.; Chas. Garton, J.D.; J. M. Mower, D.C.; Wm. Baker, I.G.; C. Couchman, Tyler; G. Goodes, P.M.; F. Hughes, I.P.M.; R. Martyn, F. R. Kenning, J. G. Robeson, Thos. Stokes, E. G. Johnson, J. W. Clarke, Irwin, J. J. D. Bevan, R. Dart, and P. L. Simmonds. Visitors: Bros. John K. Gwyn, S.W. 1426; and H. Hyde, 1227.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Henrey, F. R. Kenning, Robeson, and Stokes, were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Johnson was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. S. J. Derham, W.M.; T. Pickett, S.W.; H. E. Webb, J.W.; J. Loader, P.M., Sec.; Ballard, S.D.; W. Dawson, J.D.; W. E. Jeffery, I.G.; Potter, D.C.; Choveaux, Org.; J. Parr, Stwd.; Bowler, Tyler; F. Hilton, P.M., A.G.P.; Pullin, P.M.; Hamlyn, P.M.; Martin, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; Dunn, P.M.; Poor, Niblett, Thompson, S. H. Hilton, Biggs, Reap, Melthorpp, Brambleby, Squirrell, McKay, Cohen, A. Salmon, Goddard, Clarke, F. Williams, C. H. Mayo, Shaw, and Meyer. Visitors: Bros. H. C. Turner, S.W. 1662; Morris, I.G. 1030; Bannister, P.M. 1632; F. H. Salmon, J.W. 1475; Dallimore, P.M. 87; H. Wood, W.M. 101; Dowsett, J.D. 101; Milliken, P.M. 43 (I.C.); Rice, S.D. 1320; Thomas, 1641, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; and Slater, 22. Bros. Mayo and Squirrel were respectively passed and raised, both ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Pickett, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for next year, and Bro. Dunn, Treasurer. The W.M. then presented Bro. Hilton with a handsome set of Grand Lodge clothing, which he explained had been subscribed for individually by the members of the lodge, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which Bro. Hilton was held in the Rose Lodge, and of the satisfaction his appointment to the office of A.G.P. had given. Bro. Hilton gracefully acknowledged the kindness of the brethren of the Rose Lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In reply to "The Grand Officers," Bro. Hilton thanked the brethren for the reception given to the toast, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be associated with so distinguished a body of Masons. The brethren would be pleased to hear that the Grand Secretary had invited him to take part in the consecration of the Walter St. John Lodge on the 28th inst.

Bro. Pullen, I.P.M., then, in complimentary terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was enthusiastically received.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: Brethren, I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have received the toast of my health. I can assure you it will be with great regret that I shall vacate the position I now hold. This has been one of the most happy years of my life, and I appreciate very much the goodwill and brotherly friendship shown me by every member of the lodge, and hope I may be spared for many years to be present among you.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed and was cordially received.

Bro. Thomas, in reply, said: It is some years since I had the privilege and pleasure of being in the Rose Lodge, and I am glad to have renewed that pleasure to-night. With regard to the hospitality of the Rose Lodge, like the name it bears it always leaves a pleasant recollection behind. I am particularly glad to be present to-night to find that the brother whom I had the pleasure of introducing into your lodge has been unanimously elected W.M. He will, I am sure, prove himself worthy of the selection the brethren have made.

Bro. Rice, in responding, said: So long as the Rose Lodge continues in its present prosperous path and the present good fellowship exists among the brethren there will be no lack of good Masters and good officers. Your W.M. elect, although unable to attend our lodges of instruction frequently, is none the less capable of doing the work and none the less appreciated amongst you; I am quite certain that when he occupies the position which you, Worshipful Master, now perhaps reluctantly leave, he will receive the approbation of the brethren and the Rose Lodge will maintain its reputation as the cream of South London Masonry. You cannot have higher honours thrust upon you more than you have to-night and I assure you it has given me the greatest possible pleasure to be present at the presentation of Grand Lodge clothing to one of your members.

Bros. Wood and Bannister also responded.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," thanked those brethren for the assistance they had given him during his term of office, and assured those who were following him that the same kind help and advice would be extended to them.

Bro. Pullen and Dunn responded. The latter thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him in electing him Treasurer, and hoped he would also have the respect and esteem which the brethren had always paid to the late Treasurer.

In responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Loader conveyed to the W.M. and brethren the sincerest thanks for the kind sympathy towards Bro. Kirby, the late Treasurer, in his continued illness, and

assured the brethren that so far as his own duties of Secretary were concerned, he was well repaid for those duties if what he did was of service to the lodge.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast brought to a close an enjoyable evening.

The clothing was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 28th ult., and was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. N. P. Lardner, W.M.; Herbert Herbert, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Bachhoffner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; M. H. Woodhill, S.D.; J. M. Murphy, J.D.; H. Harden, I.G.; J. Evans, D.C.; W. R. Witt, A.D.C.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.M. 84, Asst. Org.; J. D. Webb and C. J. Cawthorne, Stewards; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S., G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M.; C. G. W. Moore, C.C., P.M.; and among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. J. Brock, P.M. 299, P.P.G.D. Kent; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; C. Arnold, P.M. 1679; A. S. Street, P.M. 1679; J. G. Turner, S.W. 299; G. F. Wheeler, S.W. 1602; R. W. Rice, S.D. 1656; S. H. Pearsall, J.D. 1298; W. J. Reid, 72; S. T. Temple, 75; Oscar Moore, 176; J. Cumming, 538; W. C. Cran, 733; T. S. Newell, 860; G. Maxwell, 1158; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. B. P. Lucas was raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. J. H. Lile, C.C., and it being unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. Bro. H. Herbert having been presented, was installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Young, P.M., as S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M. as J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.M. as D.C.; and G. Herbert, P.M. as I.G. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the very excellent manner in which he performed the ceremonies of initiation, raising, and installation. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. C. Bachhoffner, S.W.; M. H. Woodhill, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Murphy, S.D.; H. Harden, J.D.; J. D. West, I.G.; J. Evans, D.C.; W. R. Witt, A.D.C.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, Asst. Org.; Cawthorne and Shapcott, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M. 1623, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M., and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted and an abstract ordered to be entered on the minutes. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Treasurer upon the highly successful result of his year's labours. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., P.M., P.G. Treas. Eng.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; E. Schultz, P.M.; Alderman W. P. Treloar, P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.M., P.P.G.R.; B. Turner, C.C., P.M.; W. Wellsman, C.C., P.M.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Hon. Member); and many others. Previous to the closing of the lodge, upon the motion of Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Strugnell, P.M., a vote of congratulation was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Stwd., upon his recent appointment by the M.W.G.M. to the office of Grand Standard Bearer.

A banquet followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Craft toasts received ample justice.

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." in kindly terms.

Bro. H. Herbert having replied, gave the "Installing Officer." In the course of his remarks, he said that it was a difficult matter to speak in adequate terms of one who had done so well. Bro. N. P. Lardner's year of office had been a very prosperous and happy one. He (the speaker) wished that he possessed the eloquence of some of the Past Masters, in order that he might convey to the I.P.M. his appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day.

The I.P.M., briefly, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the warm manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He had endeavoured by regular attendance at lodges of instruction and with the assistance of one who was his brother in a dual capacity, to render himself worthy of the high position of a Master of so large and flourishing a lodge as No. 1745. That he had succeeded in his desire was proved, he might say without egotism, by the vote they had so kindly passed that day, and by the handsome jewel that they had voted to him.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Lile, C.C., in response, said that he had been highly impressed that evening by the ceremony. He felt sorry that he had not entered Freemasonry earlier in life. Of course he knew nothing of the future steps he had to take, but if the principles and precepts were similar to those contained in the Degree he had taken that day, Masonry was an institution pre-eminently pure in tone, religious in sentiment, and charitable to a degree.

"The Health of the Visitors" came next in order. Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., as an old Mason, expressed himself as being highly gratified with the work in the lodge, and with the hospitality and harmony of the Fourth Degree. The I.P.M. was a young man, and necessarily a young Mason, but there were very few old members of the Craft who could have carried out the duties better. He (Bro. N. P. Lardner) had the advantage of having the excellent example to follow, and the experience to reap of his brother in the flesh, and a Past Master of the lodge. He (the speaker) had a very high opinion of Bro. H. J. Lardner, who was not only a good fellow but a brother of high attractions, who, no doubt, had striven hard to impart his superior knowledge to his younger brother, and the other visitors would agree with him (Bro. Ayling) that the results had been most gratifying.

Bros. J. Brock and H. W. Thurgood also spoke.

Bro. T. Simpson, P.M., responded in a humorous and happy speech, for "The Past Masters"; Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., for "The Treasurer and Secretary"; and Bros. C. Bachhoffner and M. H. Woodhill for "The Officers."

During the evening some excellent instrumental and vocal music was presented. The I.P.M. and the Treasurer particularly are to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which the whole arrangements of a long and arduous day were carried out.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BLACKPOOL.

Clifton Lodge (No. 703).—The regular meeting was held on the 7th inst. at the Clifton Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Clayton, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and important business transacted, not the least being in the shape of the presentation to the lodge of a banner, the want of which has been felt for a considerable time. The magnificent emblem is a fine masterpiece of workmanship, and bears the name of the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, together with the Blackpool coat-of-arms and motto emblazoned upon it in richly coloured silks. There is also an inscription embroidered upon the scroll: "This banner was subscribed by a few brethren. April, 1894, W. Bro. J. W. Clayton, W.M." Great interest was manifested in the event, a large number of brethren being present. The presentation was made in the name of the brethren by Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, and was gracefully acknowledged. There were present Bros. J. W. Clayton, W.M.; E. Wolstenholme, S.W.; T. Loftus, W.M. 1476; J. Collinge, W.M. 1256; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G.C.; Thos. Forrester, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; S. Hill, P.M.; J. Walsh, P.M.; J. Horsfall, P.M.; J. Heyes, P.M.; S. Fisher, W.M.; E. Taylor, J. Ellis, T. Whiteside, C. E. Hindle, J. Wright, E. Thompson, W. Holland, R. Harwood, A. C. Bond, D. Fish, L. Walsh, C. Noden, E. Proctor, F. Bradshaw, W. Nuttall, T. Hopkinson, J. Turner, J. Cotterall, H. Harrison, and J. Lancaster.

The banner was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The installation meeting of this prosperous young lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., P.G. Stwd., W.M., presiding. There were present, Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., W.M. 45; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.G.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; T. Wye, C. C. Renaud, H. R. Bower, E. N. Benningfield, R. von der Sahl, A. J. Robinson, and other members. The visitors were Bros. W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; S. Scott-Young, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. E. Lancs.; T. Simpson, 1604; E. Loxley, 2241; T. Jackson, S.D. 2205; and C. Stuart Walker, 1348.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the Treasurer's account for the past year was read; it proved to be a highly satisfactory one, the financial year being entered upon with a considerable balance and no liabilities whatever. It was unanimously passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., Bro. E. H. Moore J.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed as sixth W.M. of the lodge in the presence of a Board of 11 Installed Masters. The officers appointed and invested were: Bros. H. T. Nell, I.P.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, P.M., J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas. (fourth year); J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., S.D.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Rattenbury, I.G.; N. Pearce, D.C.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; J. Gravatt, Stwd.; and T. Williams, Tyler. Bro. Cobb then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge was then presented to Bro. H. T. Nell, I.P.M., and suitably acknowledged. A candidate for initiation was proposed, also a brother as a joining member. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors having been tendered to the W.M., the lodge was closed.

After partaking of an excellent banquet, the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replying to that of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Petch, P.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W. the P.O. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P."

The cordiality with which it was received gave proof of the high esteem in which the Prov. G.M. is held by the brethren.

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers," to which toast Bro. C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D., replied.

Bro. H. T. Nell, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Moore was the first initiate of the lodge who had reached that position. He had discharged the duties of the various offices he had filled with much credit, and there were no doubts in their minds as to the ability with which he would do the work of the lodge. The brethren united cordially in wishing for him a happy and successful term of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he felt grateful for the manner in which the toast had been received. He assured them that during his occupancy the speeches from the chair would be short. He had had good fortune beyond the experience of most brethren in reaching his present position in less than five years from his initiation. He had done his best to qualify himself for the important duties he had undertaken, but his task was a difficult one in succeeding such experienced Past Masters. He should, however, do his utmost to maintain the lodge at the high position to which it had been raised.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. congratulated himself on having the support of one of the best of Masons, and best of friends.

Bro. H. T. Nell, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the kindness they had shown him during the past year, and for their indulgence on the occasions when he was unfortunately compelled to be absent. He expressed his pleasure in being the recipient of a Past Master's jewel, and assured them that his interest in the welfare of the lodge would remain unabated.

Bro. J. G. Cobb, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Installing Masters," and said it had been a great pleasure to Bro. Coxon and himself to take part in the ceremony that day.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., Bros. S. Scott-Young, P.M.; Shutt, P.M.; Loxley and Walker, eulogized the working they had witnessed in the lodge, and the hospitality they had met with. Most of the visitors had been present on previous occasions, and as one brother humbly put it "they still would come."

Bro. Petch, P.M., Treas., acknowledging the toast of his health, gave a lucid statement of the work done by the lodge, with especial reference to the contributions to the Charities.

Bro. Bell, P.M., Sec., also replied.

Bro. Nicole, S.W., responded for "The Officers," and the proceedings terminated.

The musical programme comprised songs by Bros. C. Stuart Walker, H. R. Bower, E. N. Benningfield, H. T. Nell, and W. E. Goodwins, who accompanied with his usual ability. The efforts of the brethren gave a great deal of interest to the after-dinner proceedings.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. C. Fox, W.M.; R. N. Brunyee, I.P.M.; J. Faulkner, S.W.; J. Constable, Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, Sec.; W. Pickering, S.D.; S. H. C. Ashlin, J.P.; W. A. Wressell, I.G.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; A. S. O. Birch, Stwd.; T. Stanforth, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; G. Naylor, Tyler; G. S. Tyack, H. Hoe, J. Batty, R. Meadley, A. W. Cundall, C. Fox, 2; and W. S. Scholey, Visitors: Bros. F. C. Lucop, 57; and H. Hirst, 1605. Bro. Tyack was duly passed to the Degree of F.C., and Mr. H. T. Lane was initiated, the W.M. being assisted in the working by Bros. Stanforth, Ashlin, Faulkner, and Constable. Bro. J. Faulkner was unanimously elected as the W.M. of the lodge, and Bros. J. F. Watson and G. Naylor were unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bros. W. Burtonshaw and Cundall were appointed Auditors of the accounts.

The annual installation banquet is to take place on July 17th.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The fifth installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the New Constitutional Club, Elm Grove, for which purpose a special dispensation had been granted. There was a capital attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C., W.M., supported by all his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, both being favourable, and they will be initiated at the next regular meeting after the vacation, as well as the other work due on the summons. Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M., was again elected Charity Representative. The Auditors' report was adopted, and the balance-sheet passed. It is very satisfactory to know, and we think it worth recording, that the balance in the Treasurer's hands is £70, whereas, in addition to this during the four years the lodge has been in existence, no less a sum than £200 exactly has been contributed to various Charities. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O., was requested by the W.M. to take the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, who appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R., as S.W.; R. G. Bradley, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; and F. Stretch, P.M., as I.G. Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. G. A. Myers, I.P.M. and the ceremony was successfully carried out. There were 18 Past Masters present at the Board of Installed Masters. Upon the brethren being admitted they were under the direction of Bro. Myers, who proclaimed the W.M., &c. The working tools were presented in each Degree by Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. invested and addressed his officers in a most admirable manner. Bro. Fred. Stretch, P.M., delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great ability and effectiveness.

All business being completed, the lodge was closed, and subsequently a banquet was held at the Didsbury Hotel, where everything had been provided and arranged by Mrs. F. Stretch, the worthy hostess, in a most princely fashion, and would have done credit to the best caterer in the country.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by two recitations from Bro. Morgan, I.G., and songs and glees from Bros. Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Wm. Dumville, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; and Alfred Lewtas, P.M. Bro. Smith acted as accompanist.

The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Arthur K. Boothroyd, W.M.; G. A. Myers, Prov. G.D.C., I.P.M.; James Minshall Veal, S.W.; John Walker, J.W.; Chas. Edgar Towell, P.M., Chap.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Fred. Thomas, Sec.; Joseph Ward, S.D.; James Sharples, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. East Lancs., D.C.; Young, Org.; Fred. Morgan, I.G.; and J. Laurisch, W. W. Wilkinson, J. Lawrenson, and R. J. H. Sayers, Stwds. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M., P.G.D. of C.; F. Stretch, I.P.M.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; J. Walker, Sec.; Fred. Thomas, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., D.C.; James Sharples, I.G.; F. Morgan, Stwd.; G. Metcalfe, Baldwin, W. Barker, Boddy, J. J. Booth, A. L. Boothroyd, Brundrett, Dearnaley, J. A. Kay, Paine, Parr, Rowsell, Sayers, H. Shuter, and Young. Visitors: Bros. F. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancs.; R. G. Bradley, P.G.D. of C.; C. L. Lüttel, P.P.G.P.; and others.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The first meeting of this lodge under the newly-installed W.M. took place in the Masonic Rooms on Friday, the 1st inst. There was a good attendance, including Bros. C. H. Woodhouse, W.M.; E. Newsum, I.P.M.; J. H. Pawson, S.W.; R. Bridge, J.W.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D., Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; F. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; J. F. Hanson, I.G.; J. Denison, Stwd.; F. Fitzgerald, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.G. Stwd.; F. Webb, P.M., D.C.; W. Goodair, S. H. Castle, H. Gunby, H. W. Burnett, H. Foster, I. Anelay, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, I.P.M., and T. Barber, S.D. 2259.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and, as there was no work, the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, and partook of light supper, where a very pleasant hour was spent in toast and song.

DOVER.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The Æsculapians, of the Æsculapian Lodge, "the medical lodge" of London—visited Dover on the 4th inst., to do honour to Bro. Dr. W. T. Duncan Best on his installation of W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, held at

the Grand Hotel, in that town. The London and town medicals were invited to a luncheon—a banquet really in itself—and presided over by the charming young wife of the host, at his house, at one o'clock. The visitors present from the Æsculapian Lodge, London, were: Bros. Dr. J. Pickett, W.M. 766, W.M. elect; Dr. J. Brindley James, P.M. (the first W.M.); Dr. J. Thompson, J.W.; Dr. Anthony Nutt, S.D.; Dr. Montague Cheale, Dr. James Startin, and Capt. C. Wallis King.

The following were also present: Bros. Ernest Fielding, W.M.; W. J. Best, S.W.; H. H. Goodwin, J.W.; D. H. Dolman, Chap.; Edward Lukey, Treas.; James D. Terson, P.M., Sec.; Charles M. Overton, S.D.; E. M. Stevens, J.D.; J. W. Bussey, D.C.; F. A. Clarke, Org.; A. Boyle, I.G.; W. H. East, and A. Harby, Stwds.; L. Marsh, Tyler; Henry S. Boyton P.M.; W. Cessford, P.M.; Thomas Hearn, P.M.; John Falconer, P.M.; G. J. Bussey, P.M.; J. Powell, P.M. 639; J. J. Wright, P.M. 1208; C. H. Cromwell Marsh, A. E. Pritchard, J. W. Hird, J. Oxenham, W. Wynne, J. G. Hayward, William Berry, T. V. Simmons, John Parsons, John Beach, Edwin Farley, Alec. G. Vaughan-Lee, A. Montague Bradley, J. Watts, G. F. Harris, John Omsby, Edwin Dawes, W. G. Davy, W. C. Bowles, J. E. Whorwell, G. L. Crofts, John Chittenden, John Smith, J. Bourdeaux, and Joseph Cresswell. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. Nugent Thorp, W.M., Richard W. Philpott, P.M., P.A.G.P., David H. Wilson, J.W., A. Knight, W. B. Baker, P.M., E. Fenn, P.M., P.J.G.D., Clement Walter, P.M., and J. S. Pain, all of 1208; Thomas Bent, P.M. 704, P.P.G.D.D.C.; H. Aylwin, P.M. 613; C. J. Elliott, W.M. 429; George Chapman, W.M. 1209; T. H. Goddard, W.M., O. H. Smith, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Couchman, and Henry E. Stelgoe, of 1436; Henry E. S. Drew, P.M., and W. T. Peddington of 1096; G. C. Campin, W.M. 1089; Cumming, P.M. 683, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Joyce, W.M. 1206; and William H. Cate, P.M. 1579.

Bro. Dr. W. T. Duncan Best was duly installed, and the lodge, which is the largest in Kent, was crowded by members and visitors. The investiture of officers was performed in a most effective, impressive, and masterly manner by the W.M., who had a worthy aid in the I.P.M., Bro. Ernest Fielding.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the banquet, under the management of the manager of the Grand Hotel, left nothing to be desired. The menu was in perfect taste, the tables adorned with the choicest flowers, and the wine most excellent.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," remarked that she had been a good wife and mother, and under her rule England had prospered, and he hoped she would live for many years to witness still greater prosperity. He also spoke of the connection of the Prince of Wales with the Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and of his interest in that lodge.

The third toast was given and coupled with the name of that veteran in Masonry, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. His was the speech of the evening. He spoke of his connection with the W.M. since his childhood, of his father and connections, and said that it was a pleasant and proud moment to see the son of his old friend fill such a honourable position as that of the W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge of Dover.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that, even from his earliest youth, he had always felt a wish to become a Mason.

The I.P.M. referred to the qualifications of the W.M.; that he was initiated only six years ago, and was now W.M. of his lodge; that he belonged to the Royal Arch, Mark, and Rose Croix Degrees, and had recently taken the 30°.

The evening was spent most pleasantly, and Bro. Best spoke most feelingly of his appreciation of the attendance of the Æsculapians, in whose lodge he had been proposed as a joining member.

MANCHESTER.

Duchess of York Lodge (No. 2482).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Archer Lowe, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. There were 18 brethren present. The two ceremonies were performed by the W.M., and the working tools were presented by Bro. Peter Bratt, J.W.

STOCKPORT.

Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at the White Lion Hotel, when we had very great pleasure in visiting this ancient lodge. There was a very good muster of brethren. In the absence of Bro. the Rev. Arthur Symonds, P.P.G.C., W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. G. Roberts, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., resumed the chair, and performed the ceremony of the Second Degree in his usual eloquent manner. Bro. W. Fielding, I.P.M. 336, presented the working tools. Bro. Roberts again resumed the chair, and conducted the business to the close. It was announced by Bro. James Cookson, P.P.G.T., Secretary to the lodge, that 10 brethren had given in their names to act as Stewards at the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, held at Southport on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Geo. Roberts, P.G.S., I.P.M.; James T. Hudson, P.M.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. A. Cookson, S.D.; A. J. Kelliott, J.D.; Leonard Jagger, I.G.; Richard Thomas, G. A. Eyre, Thos. T. Lee, Joseph Lee, John Hunt, C. Campron, and Thos. Thornley, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Fielding, I.P.M.; Thos. Haslam, W.M.; Thos. W. Weathered; J. H. Evans, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Skelling; J. S. Derbyshire; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; and Enoch Etches.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; G. Kenyon, acting S.W.; J. H. Pawson, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; T. Barber, S.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; W. T. Chambers and E. Hirst, Stewards; J. Constable, I.P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; F. Webb, P.M.; T. J. Smith, T. Livingstone, E. Shillito, and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Woodhouse,

W.M., C. H. Woodhouse, S.D., and P. Jenner, all of 242. Bro. T. J. Smith was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Constable. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Club Room to partake of a light repast.

TORQUAY.

St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., when a goodly number of brethren assembled for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O., on "Masonic Clothing," with illustrations from his unique collection. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. A. Blackler, W.M.; Jno. Chapman, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Wakeman, P.M.; P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. R. Beer, I.P.M.; R. Renwick, P.M.; J. Grant, P.M., Prov. G. Std.; T. Becket, P.M.; T. H. Wills, P.M., 1402; S. Wills, P.M. and Chap. 1402; J. Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 1402; G. Halls, J.W.; and J. G. Turle.

After opening the lodge, the W.M. briefly introduced the lecturer of the evening as an enthusiastic collector of Masonic clothing and certificates, and who possessed one of the largest, if not the largest, and most unique collection in the world.

Bro. Crowe, in commencing his lecture, expressed the hope that the subject would be of interest alike to the student as well as to those who made no study of Masonry beyond the lodge routine. The work of recording and collecting had been to him (the lecturer) a labour of love. The apron in its present form was taken from the long apron of the Operative Mason, yet as an ornament it is of the highest antiquity. Oliver, in the 10th lecture of his "Signs and Symbols," speaks of it as an "emblem of truth and passive duty, and refers to Elijah and St. John the Baptist as being girded with an apron of leather." In some Japanese initiations the initiate was invested with an apron, and ancient statues of gods are decorated with them, and has always been considered an honourable decoration. The first known description of the Freemason's apron is in the engraved portrait of Anthony Sayer, Grand Master in 1717, and the next in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. In Hogarth's picture of "Night," and Picart's Ceremonies of 1736 is of a long and flowing form. The lecturer then referred to the early mention of aprons in the records of Grand Lodge, where the clothing appeared of the plainest kind. The oldest known minutes in any lodge connected with the apron is one in the Lodge of Aberdeen, dated December 27th, 1670, and says: "One linen apron," and having collected much information on the subject, the lecturer is of opinion that linen was used almost as frequently as leather. The emblems upon the aprons and other clothing were then referred to in an interesting manner, and the tassels, although frequently stated to be made to represent two pillars, are simply the decorated ends of the ribbons, which were fastened round the waist and tied under the flap, and the clothing now worn was adopted at the Union of 1817, when gauntlets were first sanctioned. When visiting the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Dr. Sheldon, P.P.G.W., showed him (the lecturer) an old Tyler's coat of peculiar and curious form, the white linen buttons on it being three-quarters of an inch in diameter. The constitution of Grand Orients were then passed in review, and a mistaken view of these bodies explained away, and the various Grand Lodges throughout the world, the lecturer being of opinion that he possesses the only complete set of Grand Lodge clothing of the Grand Lodge of Denmark outside that country.

During the space of one hour the lecturer was listened to with great interest and attention, many of the specimens shown being curious and very valuable. A unanimous vote of thanks being given to Bro. Crowe, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Chapman, and supported by Bro. W. Taylor, with a request for another such lecture at an early date.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Victoria Hotel. There was a very good assembly of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The principal event of the evening was the delivery of the Traditional History, which was delivered by the Worshipful Master in a most clever manner, with great expression of feeling.

After all business had been completed the lodge was closed. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M.; John Walton, jun., J.W.; Ed. L. Little, P.M.; P.P.G.P.; Geo. R. Lloyd, Prov. G. Treas.; Sec.; Walter Bowers, S.D.; J. Bowers, P.M., Org.; J. Ormrod, I.G.; E. Roberts, P.M.; J. M. Marsh, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C.; John Slyman, P.P.G.D.; Thos. W. Bone, P.M.; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Walton, P.M.; Thos. French, W. Kirk, J. Mallard, E. W. Barratt, Adam Stott, and Arthur Hawkins. Visitors: Bro. Geo. Sam Smith, P.M. 2350, P.P.G. Org.; F. Ridsdale Bowley, I.P.M. 2216; and Dr. U. L. Desai, 145.

Royal Arch.

Rose Chapter (No. 1622).—The regular meeting of this flourishing and popular South-London chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. F. W. Williams, M.E.Z.; J. H. Pullen, H.; John Loader, J.; J. Hooper, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, S.E.; Isaac Dunn, S.N.; S. J. Derham, P.S.; T. R. Cass, 1st A.S.; G. Lewis, 2nd A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; G. Thompson, Std.; Fred. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C.; H. G. Martin, P.Z.; E. A. Rice, J. Parr, T. H. Salmon, W. E. Jeffery, E. Salter, and J. Bladon. The visitors were Comps. W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 19, G. Treas.; C. H. Stone, H. elect 1901; Walter George, P.Z. 101; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. and S.E. 1329; and F. Stephens, 101. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The candidate for exaltation was unable to be present. A most pleasing presentation, in some well-chosen remarks, was next made by the M.E.Z., in the name of the companions of Rose Chapter, to Comp. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., of the collar and gold jewel of his office. Comp. Hilton most suitably replied, and very graciously accepted the same.

The business of the consecration ended, the companions adjourned to a capital repast supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. gave the loyal and Royal Arch toasts in excellent style, which were duly responded to. That of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given in appropriate terms, the M.E.Z. remarking that the chapter was honoured in having two Grand officers present that evening. Of their Comp. Stiles, the companions were delighted that he had been elected Grand Treasurer, and he was worthy of their confidence; but of their Comp. F. Hilton, on whom the G.Z., his Royal Highness, had conferred a Grand collar, they were never more delighted, as he was the first M.E.Z. of Rose Chapter, and by his splendid performances in Royal Arch Masonry, had well-earned his laurels. He would ask (which was quite unnecessary, he was sure) that the toast be drunk enthusiastically.

In reply, Comp. Stiles, G. Treas., thanked the companions for such a reception, and thought he must have been selected to respond, being so modest. However, he was proud of being the mouthpiece of the Grand Officers, although such a young one himself. He was delighted to be present at the Rose Chapter and to witness the presentation made to Comp. Hilton; one who so richly merited the reward, for his many years splendid service in Masonry, and he was proud to think the M.W.G.M. had rewarded him with a Grand collar in the Craft and Arch Masonry. For himself he was proud to be elected as Grand Treasurer, and he felt that the many companions from South London who attended the Grand Chapter to do honour to their esteemed Comp. Hilton so very kindly voted in his favour, for which he was deeply grateful. It always gave him great pleasure to attend Rose Chapter and to witness such good fraternal friendship which existed through the whole of its members. He thanked all exceedingly for their very great kindness to him.

Comp. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., returned his very hearty thanks for such kindly expressions towards him, and the many congratulations of Comp. Stiles, G. Treas. It was always a pleasure to work in any duty which devolved upon the Grand Officers, and he must certainly say, although so lately appointed, the first long sitting of over five hours on the Board of Benevolence in that capacity was, he thought, a rather arduous one. However, it would always be his endeavour to perform the duties to the very utmost. It must be a very difficult task for the M.W.G.M. to select brethren for the various collars in Grand Lodge, as there were so many worthy and distinguished brethren so well qualified, but he felt, indeed, a very great honour to find that among the selection of Grand Officers this year he was the youngest brother but one appointed, as many of the brethren had been twice the time in Freemasonry. He had the gratification to feel, from the very many hearty congratulations he had received, that there was no brother who envied his preferment, but were all pleased and proud to have him among them. He most heartily thanked the Grand Treasurer for his very kind expressions towards him, and promised on all future occasions that assistance he had rendered in the past would be most willingly bestowed in the future.

Comp. H. G. Martin, I.P.Z., next presented the toast of "The M.E.Z.," remarking that he was a most exemplary Freemason, well known in that and the other side of the water. Whatever he undertook (and that not a little) he always carried out to the very best of his ability, and he was confident that so long as the M.E.Z. held that distinguished position, the prestige of the Rose Chapter would be most fully maintained.

Comp. F. W. Williams, M.E.Z., in reply, said his best thanks were due for such kindly expression, and he would guarantee that the work should be conducted in the very best style. Although he had just received a splendid testimony of Past Principal's jewel from the companions of Temple Chapter, No. 101, yet his happiest moments were spent in the Rose Chapter. He most heartily thanked the companions.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," in very appreciative terms, which was ably responded to by Comps. George and C. H. Stone.

That of "The H. and J." was presented by the M.E.Z. in eulogistic terms, stating that they had both so ably and worthily filled the chair of the Rose Lodge, and were performing their respective duties quite as ably in the chapter.

Comps. Pullen, H., and J. Loader, J., very suitably responded.

In proposing the toasts of "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. dilated on their excellent work, and specially that of Comp. F. Hilton, the worthy and distinguished Preceptor of the Star Chapter of Instruction, one of the best in London, and under whose able guidance one and all had learned their respective duties.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Comp. H. G. Martin replied in a very effective speech.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers" in terms of excellent recommendation, the very best that any chapter could possess, as all were far in advance of their respective office. He most heartily thanked them for their very able support.

Comps. Hooper, Treas.; Dunn, S.N.; and Derham ably replied.

The Janitor's toast closed a most eventful meeting.

The evening was enlivened by some capital harmony from Comps. Derham (flautist), Fred. Stephens, G. Thompson, C. H. Stone, W. Mason Stiles, G. Treas., F. Choveaux, and Bro. George. Comp. F. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

HAYLE.

Hayle Chapter (No. 450).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Comps. W. Wagner was installed M.E.Z.; R. H. Read, H.; and F. W. Thomas, J., the ceremony being ably performed by Comps. R. Rowe and W. K. Baker. The officers appointed were Comps. W. Vial, S.E.; W. N. Trounson, S.N.; B. Pearce, P.Z., Treas.; T. A. Taylor, P.S.; A. Dunkin, 1st A.S.; J. Richards, 2nd A.S.; R. S. Behenna, S.B.; J. M. Nicholls, Std. Br.; W. L. Chegwidden, D.C.; W. Black, A. W. Wales, and R. Carbis, Std.; and J. V. Bray, Janitor. The returns showed the chapter to be the strongest in the province, and the Treasurer reported a balance in hand. The visitors were Comps. A. T. Grant, P.Z. 1006; G. Mockridge, M.E.Z.; and B. Shakerley, 121.

The banquet was provided by Bro. H. Champion, in the dining hall, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PLYMOUTH.

Dundas Chapter (No. 1255).—The annual convocation of the above was held on the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when the Three Principals were installed as follows: Comps. S. J. Daniel, M.E.Z.; W. H. Botterel, H.; and S. W. Warren, J. The Installing Officers were: Comps. J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; W. Allsford, P.P.G.P.S.; assisted by Comps. J. Hammond, W. L. Lavers; Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; C. A. Nicholson, 159; A. T. Blamey, P.P.G.P.S.; George Dunsterville, 189; and W. H. Mayne, J. 1247. The officers invested were: Comps. J. Wallis, I.P.Z.; J. Hammond, S.E.; Dr. E. G. Dutton, S.N.; J. Wallis, Treas.; A. J. Bracken, P.S.; G. Hooper, 1st A.S.; W. L. Lavers, 2nd A.S.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 31st ult., when there were present among others Bros. Huish, I.P.M., in the chair; Wadham, S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., as J.W.; Larter, M.O.; Beard, S.O.; J. W. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; Skinner, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and Ellis, Tyler. Bro. N. Prower, M.A., P.M. 2381, P.P.S.G.O., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Richards was advanced as a M.M. by the Secretary. The lodge passed a vote of regret that Bro. P. Monson, W.M., was prevented attending the lodge on account of indisposition, and Bro. Parkhouse, P.M., was deputed to personally convey same to Bro. Monson. Bros. Dr. Kiallmark, J.W.; Dr. Pocock, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance. Bro. T. Richards was appointed and invested with the collar of S.D.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned. A dinner followed.

The I.P.M. presided, and submitted the usual toasts with brevity and good taste. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

BIRMINGHAM.

Charity Lodge (No. 430).—The installation meeting of this newly-created and flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, New-street, when the W.M., Bro. Councillor Walter Waters, P.P.G.R. of M., installed as his successor and the fourth Master of the lodge, Bro. Sir James Sawyer, M.D., P.J.G.D., W.M. elect. There was a numerous and influential body of Past Masters of the Provinces of Warwickshire and Staffordshire present, including Bros. William Hillman, P.M. 115, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Horrocks, P.M. 115, P.P.G.M.O.; Joseph Candelent, P.M. 318, P.P.J.G.O. Staffs.; Samuel Jenkins, P.M. 318, P.P.S.G.O. Staffs.; and George Hardy, P.M. 174, P.P.G.D. of C. The Deputy Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. the Rev. Trevor Parkins, M.A., was also present with distinguished representatives of the other Mark lodges of the province.

The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Walter Waters, to whom afterwards the newly-installed Master, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented a very beautiful, valuable, and artistic Past Master's jewel. The design, which is uniform with those presented to the two previous Past Masters, Bros. Edward Mallard and Thomas Rowbotham, embodies (by special permission) the shield or coat-of-arms of the most noble Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, Past G.M. of Eng., and Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire (who is an honorary member of this lodge), and is most beautifully enamelled and artistically finished in gold and proper heraldic colours. The Worshipful Master, in presenting the jewel, expatiated upon the valuable services and assistance which had been rendered by the retiring W.M., and the love and esteem in which he was held by every brother of the lodge, and referred to the fact that although he was only the third Master the lodge had attained under his guidance and that of his predecessors the foremost position in the Mark Degree in the province. He also expressed the hope on his own behalf that he should be able to hand on the warrant to his successor as pure and unsullied as he received it at his predecessor's hands, and that the lodge would continue to flourish under his own guidance and government. The retiring W.M. expressed in very feeling terms his thanks and gratitude for the honour conferred upon him, and he assured his brethren that it was his desire and hope that he might continue a member of the lodge until time to him should be no more. He also assured the brethren that he should wear their beautiful and valuable gift with the greatest pride and pleasure on every available occasion and whenever he had an opportunity so to do, and that he would evince his gratitude so long as he was able by assisting and promoting the general prosperity and progress of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

At the banquet which followed the ceremony, and which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sir James Sawyer, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and other distinguished visitors, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with the utmost Masonic cordiality.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c.," as a Past Grand Chaplain expressed his thanks to the Past Masters and brethren who formed a deputation with him to the Grand Lodge at the Mark Masons' Hall, London, the previous evening on the presentation by the province to the Grand Mark Lodge, and which was presided over by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M., supported by his Deputy, Bro. the Earl of Dungarvan as Past Pro Grand Master, and the Past Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, and a full gathering of Grand Officers and brethren, of the portrait of their esteemed and beloved Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, and which was accepted by the Grand Lodge with acclamation, on the proposition of Bro. the Earl of Euston, and seconded by Bro. Earl of Dungarvan, and at which the noble Marquess, in graceful and eloquent terms, expressed his gratitude to the Grand Lodge for accepting his portrait and allowing it to be placed in the Mark Masons' Hall, and to the brethren of his province for their kind recognition and appreciation of his services. The Deputy Grand Master, also in reply, reiterated

his opinion expressed at Grand Lodge the previous evening, that the utmost loyalty and attachment to their noble chief was possessed by and animated every brother in his lordship's province. He further congratulated Bro. Sir James Sawyer in being elevated to the dignified position of Worshipful Master of the lodge, and assured him he should have every assistance he could render as the D.P.G.M. of the province.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. J. A. Dexter, the newly-appointed Senior Warden, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer, in very appropriate and eloquent terms, and in response the newly-installed W.M., in his usual eloquent, graceful, and courtly manner assured the brethren that he would do anything and everything in his power to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Charity Mark Masters Lodge.

Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters and Officers," reminded the brethren of the near approach of the annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and cordially invited them all to accompany him thereto as Stewards, and heartily recommended the Charity as one of the best and most valuable institutions of the present or any previous age.

The toasts were interspersed with songs, and an excellent selection of music by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. R. O. Wills, P.G. Org., and included a very brilliantly executed duet upon the pianoforte by himself and Bro. Walter Waters, P.M., who is also a Past Provincial Grand Organist of the Craft.

The Tyler's toast, as usual, concluded the proceedings.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill, when there were present Bros. J. R. Hill, W.M.; W. T. Dillon, S.W.; J. Kruse, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. T. Redfearn, S.D.; W. P. Clark, J.D.; H. C. R. Dailey, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; E. S. White, P.M. 902; H. Robinson, P.M. 1681; George Holland, P.M. 1604; R. Wright, W.M. 1305; H. J. Thomas, E. C. Fisk, H. Hart, W. Van Praagh, L. Engel, D. R. Redfearn, H. Davis, J. Spink, G. Palmer, M. Hart, W. Parsons, T. N. Morris, and G. Fagg. Bro. E. W. Browning, 2455, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate, at the conclusion of which Bro. W. P. Clark delivered the charge to the initiate. Bro. Hill then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Holland, P.M. and Preceptor 1604, who proceeded to deliver a most interesting address on "The Beauties of the Ritual of the First Degree." He treated the subject in a very unique manner, taking each of the salient points in the Degree seriatim, and thus illustrated, moralised, and explained them in such an instructive manner as to be highly appreciated by all the brethren present. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Holland, and he was elected an honorary member. The Secretary next read the balance sheet and report of the lodge for the past year, which was declared to be highly satisfactory. The sum of £10 10s. was devoted to Masonic Charity during the past year, viz., £5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A vote of thanks was passed to the executive officers, who were re-elected as follows: Bros. G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; and J. J. Thomas, Sec. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mrs. Stallibrass for providing gratuitously such excellent rooms for the Masonic work of the lodge. Bro. Browning was elected a joining member, and Bro. Dillon elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the officers to be in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Robert Reid, W.M.; Edward Fox, S.W.; H. Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Foreman, W.M. 1275, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; A. J. Dalton, I.G.; W. Hinds, T. Knights, B. H. Williams, P.M., &c., and W. Hillier, W.M. 1366 and 2090.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Reid vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Foreman. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. R. H. Williams offered himself as a candidate for raising and was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Williams, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hinds was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. SAPSWORTH, P.M.—This lodge met on the 4th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Putney, when there were present Bros. H. J. Boni, W.M.; J. Spooner, Tom Grant, P.M.; H. Sansworth, P.M., Preceptor; B. C. Hoggett, W. J. Juby, W. Collins, A. Grant, Crick, Gould, J. H. Custance, P.M.; W. C. Page, P.M.; Mat. Kennally, J. Gaunt, W. Tucker, J. Nicholson, J. Featherstone, P.M.; and R. T. West.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. H. J. Bond, Bro. J. Spooner being the W.M. elect. The latter then rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Bond afterwards gave the usual addresses in an impressive manner, which was much appreciated by those present. A telegram was read from Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., regretting his inability to attend. Bro. Spooner then rose and said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. H. Sapsworth, P.M., with a jewel for his great services as Preceptor, and he hoped he would live for many years to wear it, and to continue his valuable assistance to the lodge. Bro. W. C. Page, P.M., in bearing testimony to the worth of Bro. Sapsworth, remarked that it was somewhat difficult to keep a lodge of instruction successfully going, and it was only good Preceptors that were able to do so. Bro. J. H. Custance, P.M., observed that it was very kind of Bro. Sapsworth to come from Richmond every week to

give them instruction, and he deserved their heartiest thanks for his great efforts. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. Sapsworth said that he thanked them sincerely for their great appreciation of what he had done, and which they were pleased to think had been of some service. Many of them were members of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, and that lodge had often expressed satisfaction with the working of those who had received tuition in the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction.

The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. T. Boardman, W.M.; J. Cannon, S.W.; S. Jackson, J.W.; W. Roots, Preceptor; W. Bird, Sec.; Bullpitt, S.D.; O'Dea, J.D.; Benedict, I.G.; Osmond, P.M.; Hattersley, P.M.; Tullis, P.M.; Green, Akin, Barnard, Bausnada, Pottinger, and F. Stephens.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stephens acting as candidate. Bro. Osmond having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Osmond being the candidate. Bro. O'Dea worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, after which the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, and 2090, W.M.; W. B. Neville, S.W.; J. W. Blott, W.M. 742, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Turner, S.D.; Joseph Cox, J.D.; H. Ihwaite, I.G.; Lewis Beale, J. J. Rumbal, W. H. Dresden, P.M.; and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Rumbal having offered himself as a candidate for passing he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Beale having offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having proved his proficiency in the usual way, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Neville was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE SENTINEL CONCLAVE, No. 22, AT JOHANNESBURG, TRANSVAAL.

The first meeting of the above conclave was held on Monday, May 7th, being the day appointed under the charter for that purpose, when the following order of proceedings was observed:

The conclave was opened in the First Degree, when there were present Bros. John Edward Green, P.G. Councillor; George Richards, G.C.; Charles Aburrow, G. Std.; Joseph Waldie Peirson, and Wm. Benjamin Boyes.

Bro. RICHARDS, G. Councillor, read the warrant from Grand Conclave, and put the usual questions to the Supreme Ruler designate, and administered the O.B. to him.

The SUPREME RULER assumed the chair, and announced the appointments made in the charter of Counsellor and Guide, and appointed Bros. Peirson and Boyes as Visiting Ds.

The conclave was opened in the Second Degree, and the SUPREME RULER having stated that he had privately subscribed to the O.B. of a Supreme Ruler, according to the form prescribed, appointed the officers in this Degree.

The SUPREME RULER having received the charter, and placed it in its proper position, declared the conclave to be duly consecrated, constituted, and dedicated, and the Supreme Ruler installed.

The ritual in the Second Degree was read through with the brethren, and explained by Bro. RICHARDS, and the conclave closed in this Degree.

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A discussion ensued upon the by-laws, and a Subcommittee was appointed to prepare them.

Bro. W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder was unanimously elected an honorary member of the conclave.

Bro. George Richards was unanimously elected G. Steward for the year.

Bro. Boyes agreed to act as Secretary, and Bro. Richards as Treasurer until others could take their places, and the conclave was duly closed.

Meetings of the conclave will be called for the first Mondays in July and August to pass the by-laws, and propose candidates. The members have expressed their desire to keep the number of candidates as select as possible.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—The installation meeting of this conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights J. Purrott, M.P.S.; T. Robinson, V.E., P.S. elect; J. J. Pakes, S.G.; George Graveley, J.G.; John Mason, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S., Recorder; L. Steele, Prefect; Phillips, Herald; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M. P.S., P.G.C.; Nelson Prower, M.A., G.M., P.M.P.S.; Heard, P.M.P.S., G.C.; and F. Reinardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Foss, and, it being unanimous, he was duly installed as a Knight

of the Order. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner then assumed the chair, and installed Sir Knight T. Robinson as M.P.S., and Sir Knight J. J. Pakes as V.E., both ceremonies being admirably performed. Among those elected and appointed to office were Sir Knights G. Graveley, S.G.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.W.S., &c., Treas.; John Mason, P.M.P.S., &c., Recorder; W. A. Scurrah, I.G.; L. Steele, Prelate; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A.; Phillips, Cooper, and Reinardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knight J. Purrott. A vote of thanks was passed to Sir Knight H. J. Lardner for his kindness and ability in carrying out the installation ceremonies. The recipient of the compliment, in reply, said that he greatly regretted the cause that had led to his being called upon to do the work. For many years Sir Knight Horatio Shirley had installed the Sovereigns and Viceroy of the Premier Conclave, and in a manner that left nothing to be desired. In fact, no member of the Order knew more about its beautiful ceremonies than their absent colleague. They were all pleased to hear that evening that Sir Knight Shirley was recovering his health, and they would all agree with him in hoping that a thorough restoration was near at hand. Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, and others, sent apologies for non-attendance.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet.

The long list of toasts was duly gone through.

The proceedings were not protracted.

Scotland.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College met on Friday, the 8th inst., in St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. The R.W. Frater D. R. Clark, M.A., 9°, Master of the Temple, Junior Substitute Magus, presided. There was a fair attendance of the fratres. The M.W. Frater Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, F.R.S.E., 9°, Supreme Magus, and Frater R. S. Brown, Hon 9°, Secretary-General, were present.

The college was opened in accordance with the form prescribed by the Society, after which the minutes of the last convocation were read and adopted.

The SECRETARY intimated a number of apologies for absence, among which were Fratres John Graham of Broadstone, Rev. Dr. W. W. Tulloch, Rev. Frank Matthews, Rev. W. S. Hildesley, John Sanderson, J. P. Laidlaw, and James Smith, Dumfries.

The MASTER OF THE TEMPLE then called upon Frater Duncan, Supreme Magus, to instal the office-bearers for the ensuing year.

Frater DUNCAN, on accepting the duty, stated that he was glad to have the opportunity of installing the office-bearers, as he had founded the college in 1881. He had watched with keen interest the marvellous strides it had made since its resuscitation in 1891. He then proceeded to instal, and invited Frater Brown, Secretary-General, to assist him.

The respective offices were then filled as follows: Fratres W. S. Hunter, 8°, Master of Temple; J. W. Ruddock, 6°, Deputy Master; T. R. Richards, 7°, Treas. and Sec.; J. Foulds, 2°, Primus Antient; J. A. S. Kerr, 3°, Secundus Antient; F. W. Larter, 3°, Tertius Antient; W. M. Denholm, 3°, Quartus Antient; J. McQueen Barr, 3°, Preceptor; John Carruthers, 2°, Conductor of Novices; J. Murray, 1°, Guardian of Temple; and G. Muir, Acolyte. The remaining office-bearers elected were absent. The ceremony was performed in a highly accomplished manner.

The new MASTER OF THE TEMPLE, on receiving the insignia of office, paid a high compliment to his predecessor, Frater Clark, and presented him, in the name of the fratres, with an illuminated address for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the college during the three years of his occupancy of the chair of Christian Rosenkruetz.

Frater CLARK having suitably replied, read a joint paper, by Frater Hunter and himself, on the "Mirror of Wisdom," treating of the Ten Sephiroth, elucidating their connection with the metals and angels, the different heavens of the Kabbalists, and the three mother letters; all explaining the mystical scheme of Jewish Cosmogony and Theogony, which charmed the minds of such great men as Leibnitz, Spinoza, Lord Bacon, Dr. Flood, and Picus de Mirandola. The paper was highly illustrated, and created considerable interest, and will be published in the transactions of the college.

Fratres Clark and Hunter were thanked for their highly interesting paper.

Thereafter, the SUPREME MAGUS announced that he had appointed Frater Clark Chief Adept of the Province.

This concluded the business, and the fratres adjourned to the Junior Conservative Club, and dined together, when an ample toast list was submitted, the SUPREME MAGUS replying for "The Society of Rosicrucians in Scotland and the High Council."

Other toasts were replied to by Fratres BROWN, HUNTER, CLARK, and RICHARDS.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson entertained at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday the stewards of the recent festival of the Sons of Clergy, dinner being preceded by the customary service in the Palace chapel. The stewards present included Bro. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the Bishops of Worcester and Reading, Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Sir J. H. Johnson (Master of the Drapers' Company), Sir Henry Doulton, and the Archdeacon of London.



Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean, Charity Steward for Cornwall, has recently won the silver cup of the Royal Cornwall Golf Club.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., will preach at St. John's Church, Clapham-road, on Sunday evening next, 17th inst., at 7 p.m.

Bro. Rev. Professor Shuttleworth, M.A., will occupy the chair during the evening at the entertainment Mr. Alfred Capper has arranged to give at St. Martin's Town Hall on Tuesday.

His Grace the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Dudley, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Frederick Leighton, Sir Joseph Lister, F.R.S., Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart., Sir J. Colquhoun, Lord Monkswell, Mr. Joseph Howard, M.D., the Countess of Lonsdale, and the Dowager Lady Stanley of Adderley are among the recent contributors towards the support of the Bethnal Green Free Library.

The Provincial Grand Festival of Kent is to be held at Canterbury on the 4th July. The brethren will attend divine service at the Cathedral, after which the banquet is to be held at the Kent County Pavilion, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. Grand Secretary, will, in the course of the proceedings, be presented with a testimonial, after 21 years' gratuitous service.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Master, presided at the annual Court and Livery dinner of the Coach and Coach Harness Makers' Company at the Albion Tavern. Among those present were Bro. Mr. Justice Bruce, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin (Renter Warden), Bro. Sir George D. Harris, L.C.C., Sir Alfred Seale Haslam, Mr. E. Boulnois, M.P., and P. de L. Long (clerk). It was stated that on the 5th prox., the Baroness Burdett-Coutts would receive the honorary freedom of the company.

The Duke of Devonshire, who was accompanied by the Duchess, visited Buxton for the purpose of opening a new Pump Room which his Grace had erected at a cost of nearly £6000 and presented to the town. The streets were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, and the Duke and Duchess were enthusiastically received. In declaring the place open, the Duke spoke of the value and importance of the Buxton mineral waters, and referred to the long connection which had existed between the town and the Devonshire family. A luncheon was afterwards given in the grand concert room of the Pavilion.

The *New York Dispatch* draws the following attractive picture of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York after the election: "The brethren of New York will meet in annual communication and choose men as office-bearers who will receive the honour and support of the brethren throughout the whole State. After the election there will be no sign of anything but peace and harmony. The breeze of the election hour will be like the summer evening cloud which sends a grateful shower upon the earth, washing the face of nature, and making the blue sky bluer and the bright stars of night brighter."

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge, No. 180, Stonehouse, on Monday evening presented Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., with a silver teapot as a wedding gift. Bro. A. S. Hendry, the Secretary, who made the presentation, said Bro. Lemon had obtained high honours in his lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the lodge recently congratulated him on attaining his majority. He was the most bountiful supporter in the Province of Devon of the great Masonic Charities. They asked him to accept the gift in token of esteem and affectionate fraternal feeling with which he was regarded by every member of the lodge. Bro. F. E. Sach, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. George Hawken was unanimously re-elected the Treasurer.

Bro. Dr. H. Work Dodd, W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, appears to seek recreation after his professional duties in the pen, for he has contributed to the *Kingston and Surbiton News* a long and most interesting article upon "Annam and the Annamites," in which he tells, in a most amusing fashion, of an experience he had in Cochinchina at the time when the French were having a "little affair" out there early in the "eighties." Bro. Dodd's description of a river expedition on a picnic bent, and how it ended in a hasty flight down stream in order to get under the protection of the French men-of-war, under the idea that a canoe full of hostile and well-armed Annamites were on the track of the pleasure seekers, is excellent.

ANTWERP EXHIBITION.—Over a cool grotto stands an immense pyramid of bottles of many forms and many colours but all bearing the same legend—Apollinaris. The results of the recent investigations in Paris, and the report of the Académie de Médecine have placed Apollinaris water at the head of all the waters examined for purity and freedom from disease germs. The strong effervescence of this water as bottled has given rise to some misapprehension. The facts are that, rising from a deep rocky source, the Apollinaris water is obtained at a great depth. In the process of bringing it to the surface its carbonic acid necessarily and unavoidably escapes, but is recaptured, and it (and no other carbonic acid) is, by means of proper machinery, re-united with the Apollinaris water in the same proportion in which it belonged to the water in the source. The great value of natural carbonic acid, and its superiority over the artificial product, is now well recognised and appreciated, so that the Apollinaris water claims with justice to be the type of what a natural mineral effervescent table water should be; its purity and the abundance of its natural carbonic acid gas combine, with its soft velvety taste, to make it pre-eminent. In mineral constitution Apollinaris stands between Niederselters and Emser Krähchen, and it serves medicinally in place of either; its pleasant taste and its richness in natural carbonic acid are agreeable qualities which have largely contributed to its world-wide popularity.—*British Medical Journal*.

Mr. Sims Reeves is busily engaged upon a book on the art and study of singing. We understand that the work is in a forward state of preparation, and that it will probably be published in the autumn.

The Liverpool School of Music, which was started a few years ago, has already become one of the largest musical training schools in that city. The directors have also recently opened an opera class, and have in active rehearsal Weber's "Abu Hassan."

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

It has been unanimously decided by the Corporation that on the occasion of the opening of the new Tower Bridge, the sum of £300 shall be expended in giving a dinner to the workpeople employed thereon, together with their wives, and that the expenses shall be borne by the City's cash. Seats will also be provided for them to view the opening ceremony.

It was announced at a meeting of the Committee, held at the Brighton Town Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor, that the subscriptions to the testimonial to Bro. William Kuhe amounted to a little over £500. It was decided to present the veteran musician with a cheque for this sum at a meeting of the subscribers to be held in the Royal Pavilion at Brighton on the afternoon of Saturday, the 23rd inst.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Winch, O.C. which occurred on Wednesday, at his residence, Merton Abbey, Surrey. The learned gentleman, who was a popular member of the South-Eastern Circuit and one of the most familiar figures in the Law Courts, was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1872, took silk in 1883, and was elected a Bencher of his Inn last year.

General Lord Roberts, V.C., was present on Wednesday evening at the annual dinner of the Punjab Frontier Force, held at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square. General Sir Samuel Browne, V.C., occupied the chair, and among the other gallant officers present were the Rev. J. W. Adams, V.C., Lieutenant G. H. Boisragon, V.C., Lieut.-General Sir J. Hills-Johnes, V.C., and General Sir John Watson, V.C.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.—At the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors held at Dublin on the 5th inst., the result of the ballot for eight pupils was declared as follows, viz.: Elizabeth W. Atkinson, 3381; Maud E. Barr, 3808; Kathleen A. Cooney, 1993; Sarah C. Cooper, 1903; Annie F. Greer, 2475; Annie Jones, 3494; Millicent L. Kellett, 2975; Ethel L. B. Lee, 2738; Alice E. H. Murphy, 3609; and Evelyn M. Newburn, 2699. Barr, Lee, Murphy, Jones, Atkinson, Kellett, Newburn, and Greer were accordingly declared elected.

On Thursday the entries for the Queen's Prize at Bisley, among duly qualified Volunteers, closed at the National Rifle Association offices, in Pall Mall, where it was announced that the number of competitors who will shoot for the blue riband of rifle marksmanship considerably exceeds that of any previous occasion, due in some degree to the admittance of ex-Volunteers. The number of officers and men who will face the targets is expected to reach about 3000, as against 2000 last year. The first stage, 200, 300, and 600 yards, will be shot on July 16th, 17th, and 18th; second stage, July 20th; and the third and final stage, July 21st. Indian and Colonial Volunteers are eligible.

The funeral of Bro. Captain N. Coward, who died at Gunnislake on Sunday last, took place in Calstock Churchyard. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Alfred Darnell. Every respect was shown the deceased, most of the places of business being closed. The deceased was a member of the Cothel Lodge, No. 2166, and the following members of that lodge were present: Bros. Dr. A. Bowhay, Captain Sowden, Heyden, Grills, Lean, Rowe, and Rosekilly. Bros. W. H. Turner and H. Tucker represented the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, and Bro. J. Williams the Bedford Lodge, No. 282, Tavistock. Among others present were Messrs. Morgan, Davey, Edgcombe, Cann, Lake, Sins, Bond, and Williams.

BRO. J. WILLIAM MABY.—A good number of friends recently met at Prospect-house, Bristol, the residence of the local veteran musician, Bro. William Maby, on the interesting occasion of his reaching his 80th birthday. When the Gloucestershire Hussars, who have just completed their annual training at Cheltenham, were started he was one of the first in the band. After 12 years in the regular service, he rejoined the Gloucestershire Yeomanry as trumpet-major, and later was bandmaster. He completed 21 years' service in the Gloucestershire Hussars, and was trumpet-major in the time of the present Duke of Beaufort's father, when the Hussars had their head-quarters at the Old White Lion Hotel, Bristol, on the site of the present Grand Hotel, and were drilled on the Downs. Bro. Maby formed the first band on the training ship "Formidable," and continued bandmaster for five years. He belongs to a military family, his father and father's mother were through the Peninsula and at Waterloo. His uncle was killed at Navarino, and a first cousin was there also. He has 11 children living. All his sons have served in the army, and four are receiving pensions. He is one of the oldest Freemasons, and still lends his services on ceremonial occasions. He was initiated into the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, in 1850, and acted as First Grand Herald on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. He is an hon. member of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755. Though an octogenarian, this veteran musician is as active as many men not much more than half his age, and as a professional musician, he frequently goes to London, North Wales, and all parts of the West of England.

THE MANCHESTER MYSTERY has been solved at last. The inhuman murderer has been tracked to his lair, and will doubtless, before long, suffer for his crime upon the scaffold. Mysterious as the case seemed at one time, it always appears to us to be a still greater mystery that men, women, and children, in Manchester and elsewhere, should continue to suffer from shattered nerves, impure blood, a disordered liver, low spirits, indigestion, and the like, when by a judicious use of Holloway's famous Pills they might easily and rapidly be restored to health, strength, and vigour. The strong arm of justice sometimes fails to reach the evil-doer, but Holloway's Pills never fail in achieving their object.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge has promised to visit St. Alban's on July 23rd, for the purpose of opening the Clarence Park and Recreation Ground, presented to that city by Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P.

Bro. Penley, who has been out of the bill during the present week owing to loss of voice, will positively resume his part on and after Monday, 18th inst.

Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M., P.Z., was presented with a handsome illuminated testimonial on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, for his valuable services rendered as Secretary, and for compiling by-laws, which are unique in the Craft.

An appreciative reference to the services rendered by Bro. Alderman Treloar in securing the opening of the Guildhall Art Gallery on alternative Sundays was made by the committee of the Sunday Society in the report presented to the members at the annual meeting on Saturday. Prebendary Rogers attended the meeting.

A grand bazaar, under distinguished patronage, will be held at the Chelsea Town Hall, on July 12th, 13th, and 14th. Countess Cadozan has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony. The object of the undertaking is to send poor sick children from Chelsea and Bow to the seaside for a few days of fresh air and good food.

At a special sessions of the City Justices, held at Guildhall, the vacancy in the office of Clerk, arising by the decease of Mr. Henry F. Youle, was filled up by the election of Mr. Charles Falkland Monckton, solicitor. The salary of the position is £400 a year. The new official is a son of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the Town Clerk.

The Duke of Teck and the Duke of Cambridge will be present at the opening of the Richmond Horse Show in the Old Deer Park to-day (Friday), and the Prince of Wales and the Duke will pay it a visit to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. The entries are fewer than in last year, but there will be 50 more horses on the ground than in 1893.

A sum of £14,000 has now been received at the Mansion House in aid of the Hospital Sunday Fund. Among the principal amounts to hand on Thursday were: All Saints', Ennismore-gardens, £400 10s. 9d.; St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, £385 18s. 3d.; St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, £260 3s. 7d.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, £215 14s. 3d.; and Christ Church, Hampstead, £204 7s. 10d.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha presided on Thursday evening at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines, held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole. Lieutenant C. Keppell, R.N., was in attendance on his Royal Highness, and covers were laid for 80. The string band of the Chatham Division played a selection of music during dinner.

The Queen will leave Balmoral on Wednesday afternoon next, the 20th inst., for the South, the Royal departure from Deeside taking place a little earlier than was anticipated. Her Majesty and suite travel from Ballater by special train to Aberdeen, and thence along the Caledonian, North-Western, and Great Western railways to Windsor, which will be reached about nine o'clock on Thursday morning, the 21st inst.

A handsome gift has been made to the ratepayers of Hampstead by Mr. Henry Harben, L.C.C. At the meeting of the vestry held on Thursday that gentleman first of all alluded to the fact that the Public Libraries Act had recently been adopted in the parish, and then presented a cheque for £3500 towards the cost of the erection of the proposed central library, a site for which has been secured in the Finchley-road. He further offered to defray the whole cost, if the total amount does not exceed £5000.

Princess Alix of Hesse participated on Wednesday in an interesting ceremony in St. Peter's Church, Harrogate, when she stood sponsor to the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Cathcart House, where her Royal Highness is at present residing. By her special request, the infants were christened Alix and Nicholas respectively. Princess Alix was accompanied by her elder sister, Princess Louise of Battenberg, with the Baroness Fabrice and Countess Stackelberg in attendance.

Many of our readers will be grieved to hear of the death of Bishop Sillitoe, which has been reported from British Columbia. It will be remembered that he returned to this country a year or two since on a mission connected with his See and held numerous meetings. The late Bishop was a member of the Craft—having been initiated in Wolverhampton—as well as a Royal Arch Mason, being a Past Prov. Grand Officer of the Royal Arch Province of Berks. He was also a member of the Mark. In his adopted country he took considerable interest in Masonic matters, having filled the chair of W.M. in the lodge in Vancouver, and held the office of Grand Chaplain of British Columbia.

Music, the drama, and the dance divided honours in the programme put forward on Thursday evening at the Grosvenor Club. The attractions of this convenient place of re-union are now fully recognised, and the "At Homes," which are always well arranged and largely attended, may be counted among the most interesting items in the round of social functions. The singers were Miss Mabel Berrey and Mr. Braxton Smith, who gave successful renderings of a number of vocal pieces; while solos on the harp, violin, and mandoline were played by Mdlle. Achard, Mr. René Payne, and Signor Leopoldo Francia. A monologue was spoken by Madame Thénard, who was subsequently joined in a comédietta by M. de Mey; and a "Skit Dance," gracefully executed by Miss Alice Lethbridge, is also to be noted as among the features of the programme.

The *Masonic Guide* of Alabama thus addresses its readers: "Brethren,—In endeavouring to carry the *Guide* along successfully we have discovered one or two things to which we respectfully invite your attention. In the first place, the *Guide* cannot be published without money. In the second place, we pay our bills every month. In the third place, we have need of every cent now due us. We have carried some of the names on our books for two and three years, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue and patience has become atrophied. Therefore, we say in the friendliest manner possible to all delinquents that they must pay up, or the *Guide* will no longer be sent to them. We mean this. We are revising our mailing list, and have decided to make some important changes in it. If you are in debt to us these changes will affect you. With the June number we shall begin a new volume, and it will not be conducted on the old lines of compassionate credit, but on the new lines of prompt and business like—Cash."

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 30, 1894.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8.

Ebury, Grays Tavern, 123, High-street, Brough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King 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.

Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, JUNE 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

1916, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.

2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

1745, Far ingdon Without, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

Coburn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., 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.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.

Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.

Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.

Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. (at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)

St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8.

St. Michael's, Norfolk 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, and 4th Mon., at 8.

United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, 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, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Finance Committee, R.M.I. Girls, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
CRAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.

2108, Empire, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

1339, Stockwell, Holborn Restaurant.

2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 6.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.

Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.

Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.

Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. (at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord St. Ley, Paragon-rd., Mare-street, Hackney,

Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 8.

Barl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Egyptian, S. Lutation, Newgate-street, at 7.

Knoematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, 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.

Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 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, Havecock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, 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, Walm Green, S.W., at 7.30.

Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
St. George's, New C.R.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., 8.
Yarborough, 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.
Knoematic Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR BOYS, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

CRAFT LODGES.

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

101, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

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.

Cray 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, 8.

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., Blacks-

road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 52, 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.
Palmyre, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Com-

mons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.

Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey 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-road, 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, Kittle-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, Bays-

water, at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.

As drew 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, JUNE 28.

General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.

99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.

859, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Fulham.

1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.

1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.

1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tavern.

1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.

2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

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 Hs 565, 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 Alcester, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-

house E., at 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

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, Haresden, 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.
Treagar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.

United Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich,
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.

Chaucer 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 29.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.

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.

Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.

Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.

Earl of Carnarvon, Egin Hotel, Ladbroke grove, Notting-hill, 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, 106, 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.

Sabbility, 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, 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, and 4th Fri., at 7.30.

Pythogorean 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 30.

(No Meetings).

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 30, 1894.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, JUNE 25.

CRAFT LODGES.		Liverpool	...	1325	R.A. CHAPTERS.			
Callington	...	557	Buxton	...	1688	Callington	...	557
Dewsbury	...	827	Br gend...	...	1752	Chorley	...	730
Manchester	...	999	Okehampton	...	1753	Nottingham	...	1909
Eastbourne	...	1110	York	...	1991	MARK LODGES.		
Tenby	...	1177	Manchester	...	2303	Devonport	...	64
Pontypool	...	1258	Chesterfield	...	2373			

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton..	184	Mossley ...	1218	Walton-on-
Bradford ...	302	Leeds ...	1221	Naze!..
Liverpool ...	823	Landport ...	17;6	East Retford...
Saltash ...	1071			Godalming ...

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

CRAFT LODGES.		Stourbridge ...	564	Landport ...	1834
Derby ...	253	Hampton Court	788	Fenton ...	1041
Corsham ...	335	Levensport	951	Plymouth ...	2025
Pembroke Dock	378	Loughborough.	1007	Halstead ...	2154
Wareham ...	386	Manc ester ...	1052	York ...	2348
Halifax ...	448	Millom ...	1390	R.A. CHAPTER.	
Shiply Gate	506	Brighton ...	1636	Loughborough.	1007
		Sheffield ...	1779		

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newcastle ...	24	Halifax	448	Bradford	974
Birmingham ...	74	Hyde's Cross ...	581	Tredegar	1098
Whitehaven ...	119	Aylesbury	591	Redcar	1244
Liverpool	241	Cleckh-aton ...	603	Salthorn-by-Sea	1618
Bradford	302	Stafford	720	Huddersfield ...	1783
Broadstairs ...	429	Stockton	940		

