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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST  
LANCASHIRE.

One of the most successful gatherings in the history of the above Prov. G. Lodge took place at Lancaster, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., under the presidency of the popular P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom. Numerous trains were run from various districts, and a large number availed themselves of the accommodation. Fully 800 brethren assembled in the Palatine Hall to receive the P.G.M. and Past and Present Grand Officers, and the capacity of the building was tried to the utmost.

The P.G.M., on entering, was saluted with the usual honours, after which the roll of the lodges in the province was called, when it was found that all were represented.

There were present :

Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.; Robert Wylie, D.P.G.M.; N. Simpson, P.S.G.W.; Rev. S. G. B. Bradshaw, P.G. Chap.; G. R. Lloyd, P.G.T.; H. J. Jones, P.G.R.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. of Eng., P.G. Sec.; Thomas Wilson, P.S.G.D.; W. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.G.D.; B. Hainsworth, P.J.G.D.; C. O. Fothergill, P.J.G.D.; G. A. Myers, P.G.D.C.; W. G. Beachley, P.G.D.C., J. Simpkin, P.G.P., Rev. J. Barton Spencer, P.G.C. England; J. Platt, P.G.D.; Robert Cain, P.P.G. Std. Bearer; Richard Walker, P.P.G.D.; William Platt, P.P.G. Treasurer; John J. Tickle, P.P.G.S.B.; S. M. Harrison, P.J.G.W.; C. H. Garnett, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Adams, P.G.D.; J. Cantor, P.P.G.O.; J. F. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; J. P. M'Arthur, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Windebank, P.P.A.G.P.; W. W. Elton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. George Proctor, P.P.G.D. East Lancs.; W. Blackhurst, P.P.G.R.; B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Comer, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Baynes, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.P.; C. Heywood, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. N. Patterson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Dean, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. J. Martin, P.P.G.D.; R. Armitage, P.P.G.R.; R. Foot, P.P.G.T.; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; J. Pittaway, P.G.S.B.; W. Troughton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Grindle, P.P.G.S. of W.; John Slyman, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Lambert, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Chadderton, P.P.G. Sec.; H. Hiram Wakefield, P.D.G.S.B.; T. A. Hopewell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Freeman, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Wood, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Sly, P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Houghton, P.G. Std.; L. R. Rowbotham, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; Eli Brooks, P.P.G.D.; J. Pilling, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Turvey, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Ogleshorpe, P.P.G. Reg.; R. A. Townley, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Nelson, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Hatch, P.G. Org.; C. P. Richards, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Winn, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Beattie, P.G.S.B.; J. Wray, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Rev. W. G. Terry, P.G. Chap.; George H. Whittaker, P.P.G. Org.; E. H. Cookson, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; T. R. Jolly, P.P.G.T.; T. W. Barker, P.G.S.; R. Pearson, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Hassall, P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. Ashurst, P.G.S.B.; J. Patten, P.G.P.; C. Stammers, R. White, and J. Lees, P.G. Stwds.; J. J. D. Murray, P.G.P. Eng.; A. Cotter, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Johnson, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Hughes, P.P.G.D.C.; John Bradshaw, P.G.D.; J. N. Hounsell, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; A. Kirkpatrick, P.P.G.S.B.; D. Jones, P.P.G.D.; J. Hogg, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Cumberland; John Christie, P.P.G.W.; J. Willings, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Bucknall, P.P.G.D.C. Stafford; R. Sharrock, P.P.G.D.C.; R. A. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; John Hayes, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Cross, P.P.S.G.D.; Isaac Platts, P.P.G.S.W.; and others.

The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were presented, and duly passed. They showed a prosperous condition of financial affairs.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were also passed.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, in his annual report, stated that the last year was one of steady prosperity. Four new lodges had been created in the province, and 647 candidates initiated during the current year. The numbers on the roll now amounted to 7261. All the lodges had made satisfactory returns, and had paid their fees. The Benefits and Charity Committee had distributed £95 during the past term, and also given £65 during the last week. The library had been increased by very valuable donations, and one brother had been elected on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The West Lancashire Masonic Institution continued to do excellent work. Its income for the year was £1988, and expenses just under £1650. The invested capital was increased by £700. There were now 212 children being educated and otherwise cared for by the managers of this Institution. The Alps Institution had had a most successful year. Its income was £1950, and this pleasing result had been largely due to the efforts of the Stewards of the Festival in October, which had been presided over by Lord Skelmersdale. The Stewards themselves contributed £1500. The annuitants had been increased to 30. When the occasion arose the West Lancashire lodges were not unmindful of outside claims. At the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Lord Skelmersdale presided, and the province nobly responded by contributing £2500. In conclusion, the report acknowledged the excellent work of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, special mention being made of the services of Bro. W. Simpson, P.S.G.W.

The Earl of LATHOM said it was very pleasing to have heard such a favourable report as that just read. He congratulated the brethren on having received so good an account of the state of the lodges and the province generally. The report relating to the Charities was, indeed, excellent. They all seemed to be in a very flourishing condition, which was only right in the circumstances under which this provincial lodge was placed. He thanked them most sincerely for the way in which they came forward to support him at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Owing to a sudden bereavement he was himself unable to be present on that

occasion, but he was happy to have heard, as he did on all sides, that his son took his place extremely well. Respecting the increase of lodges, to which the report had alluded, he was, of course, glad to hear that Masonry was progressing; but, at the same time, he hoped no petition for a new lodge would be sent in unless there was very good ground for wishing an additional lodge to be established in this or that place. It was useless to multiply lodges. It might take young Masons a long time to pass the chair, but they ought to have the patience which their predecessors possessed. He hoped, therefore there would be no more petitions for the mere sake of promoting young Masons to office. Having personally thanked Bro. Simpson for his services, the P.G.M. said he wished the present meeting to make a new departure by taking up a collection, as he found to be the custom at many provincial meetings which he had attended. The contributions could be devoted to the Masonic Charities or to some Institution belonging to the town in which they were assembled. On that occasion he proposed the collection should be given to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties. The Provincial Grand Lodge would then obtain votes enabling them to place candidates on that foundation. In conclusion, he moved that an address be engraved and forwarded to the M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, congratulating him upon the birth of a grandson and ultimate heir to the throne.

Bro. R. WYLIE, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, to which considerable interest was attached. Bro. Dr. J. D. Crawford, P.M. 680, and Bro. E. R. Latham, P.M. 594, were proposed. The latter, however, very gracefully withdrew, and Bro. Crawford was elected *nem. con.*, with cheers.

On the motion of Bro. WYLIE, seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. B. SPENCER, 100 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was announced that the collection for the Royal Albert Asylum was £36 2s. 6d.

The following brethren were invested Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year by the Prov. G.M. :

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale	Prov. S.G.W.
" N. N. Helme	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. O. L. Riley	Prov. G. Chaps.
" R. S. Stoney	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. Crawford	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Robertson	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" J. M'Carthy	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Goodman	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" J. W. Wearing	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" F. G. Hubbard	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Fletcher	Prov. G.D.Cs.
" T. M'Wear	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" J. Hatch	Prov. G.S.B.
" Joseph Lee	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" C. Skinner	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Roger White	Prov. G. Org.
" T. J. Jarman	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Roberts	Prov. G. Purst.
" Lewis Peake	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. H. Thomas	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. A. Arden	Prov. G. Tyler.
" M. Alexander	
" J. Tarbuck	
" J. Kilby	
" G. S. Smith	
" T. Mason	
" G. Bolton	
" J. Ellershaw	
" J. Cunliffe	
" J. Milne	
" J. H. Smith	
" J. Rigby	
" T. Vernon	
" W. J. Worden	
" W. H. Ball	

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of West Lancashire was afterwards held, Comp. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Superintendent, presiding. After the transaction of ordinary business it was resolved that the sum of 25 guineas should be voted from the funds of the chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Comp. Fletcher, 1070, was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Officers were invested as follows:

Comp. Councillor E. H. Cookson	Prov. G.H.
" J. Christie	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. Stones	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Dusefield	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" G. A. Hignett	Prov. G.P.S.
" Eli Brooks	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" C. Skinner	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.

Comp. J. G. Christian	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Vernon	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Dean	...	...	Prov. A.G. Std. Brs.
" R. H. Webster	...	...	
" R. G. Bradley	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Johnson	...	...	Prov. Asst. G.D.Cs.
" G. Myers	...	...	
" J. Pittaway	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Vernon	...	...	
" J. N. Hampsell	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.

On the suggestion of the Grand Superintendent, it was resolved that in the future meetings of the Prov. Grand Chapter should not be held on the same day as those of the Prov. Grand Lodge, but that they should be held in the spring of each year, the next meeting to be held at Easter, 1895.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Western Division, assembled for the annual meeting at Haverfordwest recently. The following lodges were represented: St. David's, No. 366, Milford Haven; Loyal Welsh, No. 378, Pembroke Dock; Cambrian, No. 464, Haverfordwest; St. Peter's, No. 476, Carmarthen; Prince of Wales, No. 990, Llanelli; Aberystwyth, No. 1072, Aberystwyth; Tenby, No. 1177, Tenby; Castle-martin, No. 1748, Pembroke; and Narberth, No. 2001, Narberth. Having met at the Masonic Hall, the members marched in full regalia to St. Mary's Church, where an appropriate service was held. The prayers were read by the Rev. Jonathan Marsden, vicar of Llanllwch, Carmarthen, and the lessons by the Rev. D. Bowen, vicar of Monkton. Special psalms were chanted, and the anthem, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," most excellently rendered by the choir. A most appropriate and eloquent sermon was delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Evans, curate of Aberystwyth, who selected as his text the words, "He was a good man," which forms part of the 24th verse of the 11th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. A sacred solo, "Nazareth," was afterwards rendered by Bro. Joseph Richards. The organists were Bro. Joseph Richards, P.G.O.; Bro. J. Bowen Williams, P.P.G.O.; Bro. Gilbertson, P.P.G.O.; and Dr. F. R. Greenish, Mus. Doc. Having left the church, the members again proceeded in procession to the Masonic Hall, where further business was transacted.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed as follows:

Bro. T. Rule Owen	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. D. Bowen	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. C. Rowe	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. Evans	...	...	
" J. D. Perrott	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" D. Williams Rees	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John James	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. G. Baker	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. J. Morris	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Lionel Wood	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" W. J. Jones	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. E. J. Lloyd	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" James Harris	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Plutter	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Richards	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Stephens	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. J. Biddlecombe	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. Griffiths	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. E. Sparks	...	...	
" J. Brigstocke	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" D. John	...	...	
" W. T. Morris	...	...	
" G. Bowen	...	...	

The members afterwards sat down to their annual dinner, which was provided at the Castle Hotel. The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Kensington, P.G.W., was unavoidably absent.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The brethren of the above Provincial Grand Lodge held their annual meeting for the despatch of business, at the Music Hall, Cloughton, on Thursday last, when there was a very good attendance of both Prov. Grand Officers, and W.Ms., and P.Ms., with private members, every lodge being represented, between 400 and 500 brethren being present. In the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the chair was taken by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., who, with the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, was received with the usual honours on the opening of the lodge. There were present at the meeting:

Bros. A. G. Cumming, P.S.G.W.; Rev. Hamilton Ring, P.G. Chap.; Jos. Jackson, P.G.T.; Jas. J. Thompson, P.G.R.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Jno. H. Brooks, P.A.G. Sec.; F. E. Cooper, P.G.D.; J. Bottomley, P.G.D.; J. H. Wild, P.P.G.D.; G. W. Sidebotham, P.J.G.D.; J. Armstrong, P.G.S. of W.; H. Gorton Small, P.G.D. of C.; T. Wood, C. Vicars, W. Campbell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Powell Jones, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Finlow, P.G.S.; Jas. Salmon, A.G.D.C. England; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. Jackson, P.P.S.G.D.; John Clayton, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Holbrook, P.P.G.S. of W.; D.D.G.M. British Columbia; L. Bentley, P.P.G.R.; J. R. Simm, P.P.G.T.; J. H. Belize, P.P.G.W.; T. E. Mason, P.P.G.T.; James Gamlin, P.P.G.D.; Walter Simpson, P.P.S.G.W. West Lancs.; Ralph Andrew, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Bowers, P.P.G.S. of W.; Simpson Booth, P.P.G.P.; W. Barber, P.P.G.P.; R. H. McKay, P.G.S.; H. E. Heywood, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. H. Annett, P.P.G.T.; J. Staniforth, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Drinkwater, P.P.G.R.; C. S. Dean, P.G.D.; E. G. Mason, P.P.G. D.C.; E. Woodhead, P.P.J.G.W.; W. S. Sutton, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Sheriff Roberts, P.P.A.G. Sec.; and Henry Mathews, P.P.G.S. of W.

When the roll of the lodges was called it was found that everyone was duly represented by its officers.

On the motion of Bro. MORRIS, it was decided that the minutes of the last annual and also of the special meeting should be passed.

The Treasurer's accounts were also read and passed, showing a very satisfactory financial position of the funds.

Bro. HOLLANDS proposed, and the brethren cordially agreed to, a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditors for their services during the past year.

On the motion of Bro. SALMON, it was decided that the report of the Benevolent Committee of the Cheshire Prov. Grand Lodge be accepted.

The D.P.G.M., in addressing the brethren, expressed regret at the absence of Lord Egerton, but said that although it was a cloud, it had a silver lining in the sense that they all hoped that the alliance which he had happily made, and on which they would congratulate him, would prove a happy one. He was extremely glad to speak of the harmony which had prevailed in the province during the past year. Not a single complaint had come before the Prov. Grand Master. Nevertheless, he would advise the Secretaries of the various lodges to be very careful in the details of their duties, so that no irregularity might occur, and to the brethren generally he wished to recommend caution as to the character of those whom they introduce into Freemasonry. He congratulated those present on the condition of their Charity Fund, £315 having been exceptionally contributed, and on the successful nomination of their candidates. He hoped that the recommendation to give 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would be carried. He also referred to the consecration of a new lodge and the celebration of the centenary of an old one during the past year. He concluded by expressing his pleasure at presiding over such a meeting after 40 years' Masonic experience, and by moving a congratulatory address to the P.G.M. on that auspicious occasion.

The address was read by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and unanimously agreed to.

The meeting next year, subject to the approval of the P.G.M., will be at Northwich.

The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:

Bro. Geo. H. Brown, 537	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Captain Cooper, 2386	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Hodgson, 321	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Hamilton Ring, 2375	...	...	
" Enoch Evans (unanimously elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Nash, 321	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Newhouse, 1045 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. F. Bird, 1576	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Mills, 435	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" P. Duff, 605	...	...	
" Jno. Bell, 104	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Dr. J. T. Appleby, 941	...	...	
" H. Jones, 1957	...	...	Prov. G. S. of Wks.
" H. Gordon Small, 2368	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Richard Stephenson, 1166	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" James Holland, 428	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" John Cooper, 758	...	...	
" Thomas Hadden, 2389	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" George Fountain, 267	...	...	
" H. Powell Jones, 1957	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. E. Stringer, 368	...	...	
" Milward Hughes, 2493	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas Walker, 461	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Thomas Perrin	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. Olive, 605	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Powell, 605	...	...	
" A. Craig Wallace, 1289	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Richmonds, 267	...	...	
" John Simpson, 2132	...	...	
" John Taylor, 426	...	...	
" Stephen Smith	...	...	

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, when the brethren proceeded to St. Anne's Church, and subsequently dined together.

### CLASS LODGES.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

From the early part of last century, when Freemasonry put on its modern attire, down to a period not very remote from our own, it was an established practice that every new lodge should be "constituted" by the Grand Master or his Deputy.

These proceedings were of the simplest character, and during the first half of the eighteenth century it was a common thing for the noble brethren presiding for the time being over the Society, to discharge the duty of constituting lodges in person, instead of vicariously by their Deputies.

Subsequently, however, and especially in the metropolis, to which these observations more especially refer, the task of inaugurating new lodges, or legitimating such as were already, though irregularly, in existence, devolved upon the Deputy Grand Master.

Later still, the old practice fell into desuetude, and instead of being "constituted" in homely fashion by the Grand Master or his Deputy, the habit sprang up of all new lodges within the London district being "consecrated" with much pomp and ceremony by the Grand Secretary.

The recent proceedings, therefore, at Lincoln's Inn, when the "Chancery Bar" Lodge was duly consecrated in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, "Most Worshipful Grand Master," may be conveniently described as a blend of the old system with the new.

This lodge, as the name denotes, has been established for the association in Masonic fellowship of gentlemen of the long robe who are, or who have been, practitioners in the Courts of Equity as distinguished from those of Common Law.

The founders of the new lodge cannot indeed lay claim to having ushered into existence the first body of the kind, the membership of which is restricted to the higher branch of the legal profession. This distinction is enjoyed by the original members of the Northern Bar Lodge, an association formed in 1876, for the convenience of barristers practising on what is called the Common Law side of the profession, and who at the same time have made choice of the Northern Circuit.

For the origin, however, of Class Lodges, or to be more precise, of Masonic sodalities recruited from a single profession, or separate class of men, we must look back more than a century and a half.

The first of these fraternities would appear to have been a Military or Regimental Lodge, attached to the 1st Foot, now the Royal Scots, in 1732, from which date Army or Travelling Lodges increased and multiplied

at such a rate, that about the third quarter of the last century, no garrison towns and few regiments of cavalry or infantry in Great Britain or France were without one.

An English Masonic Calendar for 1763, gives under a separate heading "Sea and Field Lodges," meaning thereby the Masonic brotherhoods actively at work in British Men-o'-war and the various arms of the sister service.

At different times in the eighteenth century French lodges were constituted in London, but all of them proved to be deficient in staying power, and one after another passed off the scene. The Pilgrim Lodge, however, founded in 1779, for the promotion of good fellowship among Germans residing in the metropolis, has been more fortunate, and the entire work is still carried on, as it was happily begun, in the language of the Fatherland.

Of the other Class Lodges at present in existence, the Grand Stewards, dating from 1735, and consisting of Freemasons who have served the office of Steward at the Annual Festival, can justly claim pride of place. After which comes the Royal Alpha, composed exclusively of the councillors and friends of the Grand Master.

Military or regimental lodges, properly so-called, are fast dying out, but of stationary lodges which restrict their membership to persons in either the land or sea services, some examples may be presented. Thus the Royal Artillery can take their choice between the Ubique and the Ordnance, while the Hon. Artillery Company of London find a Masonic home in the Fitzroy, at the head-quarters of their corps. The Royal Naval College Lodge exists for the convenience of our "first line of defence," and quite recently the distinguished Admiral, who is now serving his country as second in command in the Mediterranean, was the Master of it.

The Reserve Forces are represented by an infinity of lodges bearing the titles of the Volunteer battalions with which they are connected.

The medical profession can enjoy Masonic fellowship in the *Æsculapius*, and chemists in the *Galen*. Architects congregate in the *Hiram*, engineers in the *Britannic*, rowing men in the *Argonauts*, actors in the *Asaph* and *Drury Lane*, and the musical profession at large in the *Chough*, *Orpheus*, *Guildhall*, *School of Music*, and other Lodges.

In the United Lodge of Prudence, members of the Stock Exchange are enabled "to meet on the level and part on the square." The "United Northern Counties" affords a common meeting ground to Masons from the Northern Shires. Graduates of the University of London can resort to a lodge of the same name. "Old Westminsters" are in a like position, and the former members of another great school substantially so, the only difference being that the lodge of the latter, instead of "Merchant Taylors" bears the time-honoured name of Sir Thomas White.

The Israel, Scots, Savage Club, Anglo-American, and Empire Lodges disclose their respective missions at a glance. La France is equally suggestive, and scarcely less so the Gallery—which would be nothing without the reporters; or the Sir Walter Raleigh, where manufacturers and brokers, alike interested in the fragrant weed, seek a welcome solace (after the lodge work) in the consumption of it.

Total abstainers meet with brethren of congenial tastes under the banner of King Solomon, though the propriety of naming a Masonic lodge with a bias in the direction of temperance principles, after the Wise King, is a point upon which there may be some difference of opinion. In the case, however, of the gas industry, a happier title has been selected, and those members of it who have fraternal yearnings can gratify them, appropriately enough, by the light of the Evening Star.

Lastly, there is the Quatuor Coronati, with a notice of which I shall bring the present article to a close. The lodge, which derives its name from the Four Crowned Martyrs, the legendary saints of the building trades, was established for the promotion of Masonic study and research. No members are admitted without a high literary, artistic, or scientific qualification. An original paper is read at each meeting, which is followed by a discussion. The lodge began its labours in January, 1886, and a year later instituted an Outer, or Correspondence, Circle, consisting of subscribers to its printed *Transactions*, which already numbers more than sixteen hundred members, and is steadily increasing at about the rate of three hundred additional subscribers in each year.

From this it has been contended, and apparently with great show of reason, "That of all the events interesting to Freemasons which have occurred within living memory, the most marvellous is the effect produced by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati. The mere fact that the lodge has in about seven years enrolled in its Correspondence Circle more than 1600 members, many of whom are lodges or societies, and the object of them all being simply to possess the *Transactions*, demonstrates how intense and widespread must have been the craving—the very existence of which was not only unknown but unexpected—for education in the learning peculiar to the Masonic Art."

About half the members of the Outer Circle reside in the United Kingdom, the remainder are dispersed over the surface of the globe. The towns (out of England) where the membership is largest, rank in the following order: Johannesburg (South African Republic), Kimberley (Griqualand), Toowoomba (Queensland), Providence (Rhode Island), Cape Town, Brisbane (Queensland), and Buenos Ayres.

The actual lodge, which is limited to 40 members, does not at present number more than 28, but even among this small band will be found some notable representatives of the two services, the learned professions, literature, science and art. The army furnishes Major-Gen. Sir Charles Warren; the navy, Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham; divinity, the Rev. C. J. Ball, Chaplain to the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn; medicine, Sir B. W. Richardson, F.R.S.; literature, Walter Besant; science and art, Professor T. Hayter Lewis and William Simpson; and the learned societies, W. H. Rylands, so long and favourably known in connection with Biblical archaeology.—*New Zealand Craftsman*.

### PLAY-TIME IS OVER.

How we use to watch the clock on the old school-house wall as its hands crawled lazily round, and what joy and youthful laughter greeted the sound of the recess bell. Out into the yard we piled, pushing and shoving each other in the very exuberance of childish glee. It was play-time.

With what reluctance we used to enter the school-room after recess. With faces flushed and nerves all a quiver from romping and play, we came back and threw ourselves into our seats frowning at the fate that made it necessary for us to study fractions. But we made the best of it, and were soon quiet and bent on learning the lessons assigned us. No matter even if we did study from fear of a reprimand, or the switch, yet we studied until closing time.

We are still children, only larger grown, and many of us sigh to think that the days of our pilgrimage have been so many, and we look forward even now with feelings of keenest delight to the recess time, when we can throw aside the ledger, full of fractions; the day book, full of addition; and the sales book, full of troublesome problems, and for a few weeks play at resting. To the seaside and the hill-top, to the lakes and across the great ocean we each take our own way in search of the same pleasure we so greatly enjoyed in youth; not, of course, with ball and bat, but with other sports as invigorating and as restful.

And precisely the same as in boyhood, do we return to the tasks of business, regretting that necessity compels us to labour for 11 long months in order to enjoy the rest found in one. Back we come and bend all our energies to the accumulation of greater wealth. Such is man's life from the cradle to the grave. Only a short time for play.

The play-time of the lodges is over. All over the land the silence of the lodge rooms is being broken by the sound of the gavel in the East, and the darkness of those silent chambers is dispelled by the glowing lights about the altar. Recess time is over, and school hours have returned.

The effect of rest from study and labour ought to be good, both to mind and body. If the individual members of the lodges have rested during the recess of summer time, they ought to return to their labours with renewed strength and vigour, and the result ought to be good upon the lodge. Individual recuperation ought to make a recuperated lodge. We return from the seaside and the lake, from the mountain and the field, with physical strength renewed, and should contribute our share to the lodge.

We welcome back to work those who have been resting. May the energy that has characterised the work of the past be increased. May success and harmony prevail, and may the resting time prove a blessing to the members and to the lodges.—*New York Dispatch*.

### OBLIGATIONS OF A MASONIC LODGE.

A Masonic lodge is under many more obligations to its individual members than would at first thought seem possible. When a lodge accepts a candidate who has petitioned in good faith, it assumes a debt not easily discharged, and one which is never paid in full until the last clod of earth has been placed on the little mound that marks his last resting place on earth.

When a candidate presents himself for initiation he should be received decorously, and should be informed by the Worshipful Master or some other member of the Fraternity that the ceremonies through which he is about to pass contain many important and useful lessons, and these lessons are not to be taught by flash lights thrown on his mentality, to be forgotten as soon as the last ray fades from the screen, but to be pondered—to be studied earnestly, prayerfully, with a view to gaining the largest amount of benefit possible, not only to himself, but to all who may need the helping hand of the philanthropist.

No indecorous conduct should on any account be permitted in the lodge or preparation room, nor should it be necessary to tell the candidate that nothing had been done in the spirit of levity, because levity can claim no place in Masonic ceremonies. In a church, where persons of all ages and conditions are admitted, levity is not tolerated during the services; then why should a body composed entirely of men who, theoretically at least, have arrived at an age that has put away boyish things, be guilty of a breach of decorum in the presence of a candidate who is entitled to the highest possible amount of benefit to be derived from our initiatory ceremonies? No person is allowed to receive the Master Mason's Degree until all fees are paid, nor should any lodge be in arrears to a newly made member.

If a member is in distress from any cause, he is entitled to the sympathy of the lodge, which should be shown in the manner best calculated to relieve his distress; but it may be well, in this connection, to say that sympathy, either abstract or material, may be easily wasted; consequently care must be taken not to run the fountain dry.

While a lodge may owe a needy member pecuniary assistance, it at the same time owes him an education in fortitude and self reliance that ought to prevent any man of ordinary ability from becoming a dependent.

I presume some of my readers will wonder what all this means. I will tell you. It means that the officers of a lodge ought to be competent to give instruction to the members; that the members ought to have sufficient intelligence to profit by such instruction. It means that Masonry is not for amusement, but for mutual improvement, not play, but work. It means that we are making a great mistake in shelving the patriarchs of our lodges and substituting young men to give life and vim to the institution. Vim does not belong to the Masonic vocabulary. Masonry is not a giggling institution; it is sedate, deep, thoughtful. Young blood may be all right in the counting room, in the merchants' exchange and in all the avenues that lead to wealth, but when the sober work of building up true manhood, that manhood which makes life worth living, and above all fits a man to become a column of strength in the great temple of progress, young blood is too hot. Blood that makes the face radiant with hilarity, the heels to dance for joy, the brain to swim with excitement and the heart wild with passion, is unfit to "man the wheel," where temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are the cardinal virtues.

If you were desirous of teaching a boy to respect his parents, and to become thoughtful and reverent, you would not seek a street gamin for an instructor, nor would you in thoughtful earnestness employ a clown or dullard to teach metaphysics.

Reader, I do not desire to bankrupt any lodge, but I am afraid that the Grand Lodge would be justified in winding up some of our strongest lodges if the members should bring in bills for all that is due them in instruction.

Let us strive to pay our debts in the future. Call upon good, intelligent men for lectures upon any topic concerning the welfare of humanity, and see that your Worshipful Master delivers a lecture, or part of a lecture, on one of the first three Degrees of Masonry at least once during his term of office. You will be astonished to see how much talent you have in your lodge, and will cease to be divided into factions on account of incompetent members crowding to the front. When you require your Worshipful Master to be something more than a parrot, you will have cropped the wings of some of your most ambitious disturbers.

Dedicate your Master's chair to wisdom, and insist that no ignoramus shall desecrate it, and your lodge will cease to be seriously in debt to its members.—*Eden Reed in Masonic Constellation*.

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## Masonic Notes.

An interesting event took place at a meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, at Sunderland a few days ago, when the Grand Secretary to the Province of Durham (Bro. Herbert Hudson) presented to the lodge an old minute book of the proceedings of the Palatine Lodge, which had been lost for nearly 50 years. It was found quite accidentally by a gentleman at Whitby, and forwarded by him to Bro. Hudson. This fortunate "find" places the lodge in the happy position of being in possession of an uninterrupted record from the foundation in 1757 to the present date. One of the many advantages which will accrue will no doubt be at an early date—the completion of the history of the Palatine Lodge, begun some few years ago by Bro. William Logan, of Langley Park, but which had to be discontinued owing to the incomplete records of the lodge.

The book referred to contains the minutes from 1835 to 1850, and among the minutes is that recording the initiation of the present baronet, then Mr. Hedworth Williamson, on the 10th January, 1847, so that it is rapidly approaching 50 years since the present Provincial Grand Master of Durham was initiated into Freemasonry.

"The Lady Freemason" was much to the front on Thursday, when, in the presence of 2000 people, the Duchess of Sutherland laid, with Masonic honours, the foundation stone of the Embo Pier, near Dornoch.

The Duchess, who drove from Dunrobin, was accompanied by the Duke, Lord Ronald Gower, and the Earl of Rosslyn. At the entrance to the village a procession was formed, and, on the horses being unyoked, the carriage was drawn by a detachment of the local men of the Naval Reserve to the site of the pier, a distance of nearly a mile.

A correspondence has recently been carried on in the *Westminster Gazette* anent the Roman Church and the British workman, and the Rev. Luke Rivington, a Catholic priest, contributes a letter, reprinted below, which, for its utter futility and irrelevancy as far as British Masonry is concerned, is beyond anything we have yet met with. What in the name of common sense is the nature of the influence exercised by the Masonic Organisation on the British workman:—

"To the Editor of the *Westminster Gazette*.—Sir,—Your issue of the 13th (which, by mistake, only reached me to-day) contains an account of an utterance of mine concerning the British workman so contrary to what I said and believe, that I hope you will allow me to correct it. The inaccuracy is, I fancy, not your own, but due to one of our own Catholic organs. What I said of the British workman was *not* that he glorified natural religion, much less that he is in ineradicable antipathy to the Catholic religion, but (as the *Tablet* correctly reports my speech) that he is apt to be a ready prey to 'the snares of the Masonic sect, with its glorification of natural religion, and its ineradicable antipathy to the Catholic religion.' No one, I imagine, will deny that the teaching of the Masonic sect is *at best* that of natural religion; and that the Catholic religion and that sect are *opposed* to the death. And it is my firm belief that the happiness of the British workman is bound up with the question of how far he will become involved in the meshes of Masonic organisation. Trades Unions are one thing; but Trades Unions under the influence of the Masonic sect are, in the judgment of many, destined to submerge the masses in a worse misery than the neglect of past years.—I am, &c., LUKE RIVINGTON, 52, Manchester-street, W., September 17."

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, of which Bro. John P. Noyes is the present M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. J. H. Isaacson, the Grand Secretary, though it has made no great progress, numerically, during the last 10 years, is well established, and has on its muster roll 57 lodges, with an aggregate membership of 3318. It is also well placed, financially, having a general fund of some 4640 dollars, a Benevolent Fund amounting to very little short of 2000 dollars, and a Masonic Home Trust Fund. Thus, though the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not as strong as many other Grand Lodges on the North American continent, it is a compact and well-set body, with ample funds for its maintenance and the satisfaction of its charitable instincts.

From the reports presented at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in May, we learn that the number of lodges at present on its roll is 473, with a total membership of 26,897. The total of the General Fund for the past year amounted to upwards of 41,000 dollars, while the investments are nearly 25,500 dollars. With one or two exceptions, the matters dealt with in the Grand Master's address were only of local interest. Bro. Frank E. Gavin is the Grand Master for the current year, while Bro. Wm. H. Smythe remains at the post he has so long adorned of Grand Secretary.

We have heard much about Grand Masters being possessed of the prerogative of making Masons at sight, but the cases in which this prerogative is exercised are few and far between. According to the *Memphis Commercial* of 10th June last, Bro. J. L. Spinks, M.W. Grand Master of Mississippi, visited Ship Island some time previously, and having boarded the British steamship County of York, opened his Grand Lodge on board that vessel, and there and then conferred the Three Degrees upon Captain G. Madell, its commander.

It is the custom now-a-days to summon Congresses for the celebration of all kinds of events, and the United States are not behind other countries in the readiness with which they have adopted the fashion. But we confess to a feeling of surprise, not unmingled with horror, on reading in the *Voice of Masonry* for July last that an Illinois Commandery of Knights Templar proposes that a World's Grand Conclave of the Order should be held in the city of New York on the closing days of 1900 and the opening days of 1901, for the purpose of celebrating the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ and the triumphs of Christianity. We trust our worthy contemporary has been misinformed.

## Correspondence.

## THE SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read very carefully the letters which Bro. T. B. Whytehead and your correspondents of last week have severally addressed you on the subject of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand and its non-recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England, but I fail to see that any one of them has adduced a sufficient reason why the latter should abandon the course which in this matter it has deliberately and, in my humble opinion, very properly adopted. Indeed, there are several considerations which Bro. Whytehead and his brother correspondents have either overlooked or ignored, which both justify its policy towards these very aggressive New Zealand Masons, and, at the same time, impose upon it the unpleasant necessity of maintaining that policy.

It must not be forgotten that when the movement was started for establishing an independent Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, then Governor of the Colony, and a Past Senior Grand Warden of England, was invited to become its first Grand Master, and his lordship, no doubt with the concurrence of our Grand Lodge authorities, expressed his willingness to accept the office on condition that 120 lodges gave in their adhesion to the proposal. At the time there were 149 English, Irish, and Scotch lodges in New Zealand, and Lord Onslow's condition that four-fifths of the whole body should be found supporting the proposal was not, nor was it considered, unreasonable. It did not exhibit that overwhelming preponderance of opinion in favour of separation from the parent Grand Lodges, which had been exhibited by the Masons in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, but it represented such an approach to unanimity as would have satisfied firstly Lord Onslow, who would have been installed Grand Master of New Zealand, and secondly, our Grand Lodge, which I doubt not would have recognised, as readily and as gracefully as it had done in the case of the other Australasian Grand Lodges the new order of things. But when the time came for ascertaining the extent of public feeling among the lodges in favour of independence, it was found that only about one-fourth of them were prepared to support the movement, and Lord Onslow's conditional offer to become Grand Master fell through. But the partisans of independence, taking no heed of the disorders which were certain to follow if they persisted in their course, and still less of the fair fame of Freemasonry, which as certainly would suffer detriment, were determined, *coute que coute*, to have their Grand Lodge, even though it was the Grand Lodge of a minority; and Bro. H. Thompson, Dist. G. Master of Canterbury, under the English Constitution, was installed Grand Master. But though other lodges of English, Irish, and Scotch creation have since joined the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and some 20 new lodges have been constituted under its warrants, I submit that (1) the events which have followed the establishment of this so-called Grand Lodge are the reverse of creditable to Freemasonry; and (2) that the Grand Lodge of England could not, without loss of dignity, have acted otherwise than it has acted, and is in no wise responsible for the disorders which now exist in the New Zealand Craft.

But if the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand has done nothing which entitles it to a more favourable consideration than it is receiving from the Grand Lodge, the English lodges in that Colony which are desirous of remaining true to their old allegiance have assuredly done nothing to forfeit the rights and privileges they enjoy under its authority, and I fail to see why we, as one of your correspondents suggests, should urge on them "the advisability of transferring their allegiance to the Colonial Grand Lodge as quickly as possible." It is easy to talk about our Colonial Board not being in touch with the brethren in New Zealand, but the lodges which remain in their allegiance to England know something of the Masonic feeling which exists in the Colony, and these earnestly desire no re-union with those which have seceded. They have narrowly watched the course of events from the very beginning of the movement till now, and I very strongly incline to the belief that it is because they know the Colonial Joseph so well that they prefer having nothing to do with him. This much at all events they have almost daily brought under their notice, that whatever differences may have existed among the three Constitutions before 1889, they are nothing by comparison with the bitterness of feeling which exists now. But who is responsible for this change? Well, not the supreme authority in England or the still English lodges in New Zealand.

When the late Earl of Carnarvon visited New South Wales he found Masonry in that Colony in such a deplorable condition that he immediately set about taking the necessary steps to place the Craft on an organised and harmonious footing, and we have the result of his labours in the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In 1889 the relations of the several sections of the Masonic body in New Zealand towards each other were for the most part harmonious; now there exists in that Colony a state of things even more deplorable than that which Lord Carnarvon found on his arrival in New South Wales. Are they censurable who consider the creation of discord is not the best way to promote harmony?—Fraternally yours,

"Q."

## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of November 18th, 1882, I find, in reference to French Freemasonry, the following: "We think we note signs of still further departure from the straight path, the old landmarks of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, with a still newer abjuration of those principles on which alone Freemasonry can hope safely or fitly to take its stand, to advance and flourish in the world." How truly may this now be applied to Dutch Freemasonry in South Africa?

In June last I requested the Dutch Lodge here to submit the following questions to the Prov. Grand Lodge for decision:

- 1st. Can an Agnostic be admitted to the Craft?
- 2nd. If after admission a Bro. adopts agnostic views, can he retain his membership?

As all matters for discussion in the Prov. G. Lodge must first be submitted to the Board of P.G. Officers; the following reply has been received. "I am directed to inform you, &c., &c., was duly laid before the Board of P.G. Officers, at their quarterly meeting, and after due consideration it was thought inadvisable to bring the question on for discussion at the annual meeting, the term Agnostic being so vague, and it was accordingly unanimously resolved to reply:—That in the unanimous opinion of the Board of P.G. Officers every candidate for initiation who replies in the affirmative to the question 'Do you believe in God,' is entitled to be admitted into the Order provided he possess the other qualifications required by the general law.—Yours fraternally,

"THOS. H. WAGNER,  
"P.G. Sec."

If this ruling is correct, then it is not required in the Dutch lodges in South Africa for a candidate to state his belief in God, the G.A.O.T.U., or in a God in whom, under difficulties and dangers, he puts his trust. If I am correctly informed the United Grand Lodge of England passed a resolution in March, 1878, viz., "That Grand Lodge could not recognise as true brethren any persons admitted in a lodge denying or ignoring a belief in the G.A.O.T.U." If this is correct, what is now the position of the brethren working in Dutch lodges in South Africa?

In 1770 (meeting held on the 25th April) a compact was made with the National Grand Lodge of the United Provinces of Holland, upon certain terms enumerated in a letter from Charles Baron de Bretzelaer, G.M., among which was that an annual correspondence should be kept up, "and each Grand Lodge regularly made acquainted, once in every year, with the most material transactions of the other." Has this been carried out? If so, why has no notice been taken by the Grand Lodge of England of a resolution taken by the Grand Lodge of Holland in June last, to omit altogether the first article of its Statutes, describing the aims and principles of Dutch Freemasonry.

Anxiously awaiting to see what steps will be taken by the Grand Lodge of England.—Yours fraternally,

J. J. WILSON, P.M., D.C. 60,  
Hon. Member 1832 (E.C.), and 591 (S.C.).  
Jagersfontein, Orange Free State,  
South Africa.  
August 23rd.

## Reviews.

"WANDERINGS IN WORCESTERSHIRE: Round about Droitwich: By Road, Rail, and River." By H. G. Somerville (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., London).—This choice little guide is published at the low price of sixpence, and yet is quite an artistic and most interesting production. The remarkable features of Droitwich and neighbourhood are ably portrayed, and skillfully arranged in most tempting tours; and though all must confess that the old borough town of Droitwich is not the most attractive spot in the universe, it will be admitted that almost within a stone throw of its strange looking houses, there is some of the finest scenery in the country, and as a centre for visiting numerous charming spots of lovely Worcestershire, the railway station is well situated and handy for all parts. Of course, the extraordinary brine baths are duly referred to for their health restoring qualifications, particularly in relation to rheumatism and loss of nerve power. It is only since 1836 that these baths have been opened, and now there are the Royal and St. Andrew's, replete with comfort and excellent attendance. The many cures effected tell their own tale in eloquent terms through local mediums, and there seems to be no reason for the "grain of salt" to be brought into requisition, as many of the patients continue to come year by year to renew their health and be braced up for the winter. Copies of these racy and interesting "wanderings" may be ordered from any bookseller, or obtained direct from Mr. Taylor, St. Andrew's Baths, that gentleman being most courteous and ready to oblige visitors.

"THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHEOLOGIST," September, 1894.—This welcome and artistic quarterly has made its appearance in good time, and continues to fill its particular niche most ably and fully. The editor, Mr. F. Romilly Allen, believes in variety, the present number being quite different as to subjects to any preceding, and will rank as one of the truest to its name. The publisher, Mr. Charles F. Clark, of 4, Lincoln's-inn Fields, has most thoroughly supported the editor by providing a abundant illustrations and excellent typography, the parts one to six issued being models of their kind. Ten shillings per annum, or 15 shillings to now, will secure the four numbers, or all published to date, and we venture to recommend our readers to subscribe for this very interesting, instructive, and artistic magazine. The contents of No. 6 cover a wide field (a) Ashurbanipal, his Books and Buildings (the literary Assyrian King); (b) Need—Fire (Fire Drills, &c., of antiquity); (c) Roman Copies and Greek originals (coins

and imitations); (d) Sussex Iron (Fire-dogs, Tongs, and Anvils, Firebacks, &c.); (e) Notes on Archaeology and kindred subjects (down to date and full of interest); (f) Notes in the Sale-room (Sir Francis Drake's sword, &c.); (g) Notes on Books (valuable aid to students); (h) Anti-quarian News, Items, and Comments. These are valuable and pre-eminently useful. We trust its success will not only continue, but increase according to its conspicuous ability, value, and importance, so as to enable the publisher eventually to reduce the price to one shilling, and thus do more to popularise this most readable quarterly.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Kensington Lodge (No. 1767).**—The installation of Bro. W. B. Neville, as W.M. of this lodge, took place in the lodge room, at the Ladbroke Hall, on the 15th inst. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors, the newly-elected W.M. being very popular with the members of the lodge. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. D. P. Cama, P.M., P.G. Treas.; S. Cochran, P.M., P.G. Treas.; K. D. Mekta, P.G.W. of Bengal; W. Hillier, P.M. 1366, W.M. 2090; J. T. Hayly, W.M. 1637; W. B. Jennis, J. W. Blott, I.P.M. 742; T. Simpson, Sec. 2157; Rev. C. D. Smith, Chap. 2157; J. Gartley, P.M. 205; W. Bettie, W.M. 95; Robt Goffin, P.M. 1572; E. Clare, P.M. 865; J. C. Mander, P.M. 2090; Cunningham, E. W. Dennis, W.M. 2108; E. S. Barker, P.M. 1632; E. A. Ackerman, G. English, 901; R. Mackway, 1987; S. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; C. Jackson, P.M. 1232; C. Ortnor, 1920; H. Essex, 511; S. F. Mackway, W.M. 2310; J. J. Mackay, I.P.M.; J. Wiggins, P.M.; Taylor, Norman, C. A. Walters, Freeman, and Barclay, P.M.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. J. Mackay, I.P.M., who had previously performed the ceremony of passing and raising; Bro. R. H. Williams acting as D.C. The following brethren were afterwards appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. G. Vassie, S.W.; J. H. Neville, J.W.; J. W. Barker, P.M.; Treas.: G. Read, P.M., G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. J. Rumball, S.D.; A. J. Turner, J.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; Frank Norman, A.D.C.; Facey, I.G.; A. Talbot and F. Miller, Stewards; Oliver, P.M., Org.; and Lee, Tyler; after which the I.P.M. gave the addresses, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The initiates were Messrs. J. Allen Battersby, W. J. Chesterfield, J. Ortnor, and McKinley. The ceremony was rendered in a very able manner by the W.M.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a very splendid banquet was provided, the tables being artistically decorated with flowers.

The usual Masonic toasts were submitted in most appropriate terms, and

The Worshipful Master replied to the toast of his health in a neat and well-set speech, and promised to carry out the duties of the office to which he had been elected with all the ability and assiduity he could command, and stated that that was the proudest moment of his life.

Bro. S. Cochran, Past Grand Treasurer of England, and Bro. George Read, P.M., Sec., and Grand Standard Bearer of England, replied in very eulogistic terms on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bros. R. D. Metka, Past Grand Warden of Bengal; W. Hillier, P.M. 1366 and W.M. 2090; Rev. C. D. Smith, Chap. 2157; Robert Griffin, P.M. 1572; E. W. Dennis, W.M. 2108; and S. F. Mackway, W.M. 2310, replied on behalf of "The Visitors."

The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Oliver, P.M., and was carried out in a most efficient manner. The artists were, in addition to Bro. Oliver, Miss Kate Cove, Miss Greta Williams, and Bro. Mackway. Bro. Ortnor, one of the initiates, also added to the harmony by singing a song. The songs sung by Miss Kate Cove and Miss Greta Williams were very enthusiastically encored and highly appreciated by the brethren.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## BIRKENHEAD.

**Minerva Lodge (No. 2433).**—The session of the above lodge closed on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, to support Bro. John Armstrong. The session had been a most successful one, both as regards the literary excellence of the papers read and the influential additions made to the membership of the lodge, one of the last to be raised being Bro. H. Roberts, J.P., Warrington. Bro. Armstrong was elected Worshipful Master with the reputation of being one of the most able members of the Craft in the province, and the year's record of the Minerva fully justified the high expectations of his ability. The papers read before the lodge were of such an interesting and instructive character that brethren were attracted not only from the neighbouring province of West Lancashire but from a greater distance. Supported by officers of great experience and ability, the machinery of the lodge has run smoothly. At the conclusion of the ordinary business eloquent testimony was rendered by brethren to the brilliancy of Bro. Armstrong's leadership. As an instance of Bro. Armstrong's energy and interest in matters Masonic, it may be mentioned that though he has not yet quitted the chair of the Minerva—he having yet to instal his successor—he was recently installed in the chair of the Fernor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, at Bootle. In addition to these, Bro. Armstrong holds office in the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees.

## BOOTLE.

**Fernor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).**—The first installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the County Hall, since its removal from the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, where the meetings have previously been held since its foundation in 1871, took place on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. John Armstrong, P.M.,

P.G. Supt. of Wks., Cheshire, was duly installed in the chair by Bro. Wm. Swift, the retiring Worshipful Master. The lodge was opened with the following officers and brethren present: Bros. Wm. Smith, W.M.; Wm. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. Armstrong, P.M., S.W.; F. J. Billett, I.W.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. B. Browne, P.M., Treas.; D. Connor, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Robin, S.D.; E. W. Armstrong, I.G.; A. H. Baird, Stwd.; E. A. Davies, Asst. Sec.; H. Owens, Tyler; T. H. Gelding, E. H. Jones, Isaac Bolton, W. West, and A. J. Howson. The visiting brethren comprised Bros. R. Raminson, W.M., J. G. Forsyth, P.M., and S. Pope, P.M. of 1473; J. Fletcher, W.M. 2495, and S.W. 1473; G. C. A. Moir, J.W. 2495, and S.D. 1473; S. Jones, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; A. Kirkpatrick, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. H. King, W.M. 2369; J. Fraser, P.M., J. H. Jackson, S.W., and W. P. Cooper, Org., of 605; Major E. Sherwood, P.M., and H. Burrows, of 786; H. Greenhough, W.M. 148; B. T. Scott, W.M. 1094; J. Cowling, 310; T. Morris, 148; Tate, 2433; S. Parry, J. B. Galt, D. O. Parry, S. Pope, A. N. Mason, Jackson, W. Baker, W. Chambers, and A. H. Baird. The W.M., Bro. Armstrong, then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. William Swift, I.P.M.; F. J. Billett, S.W.; E. J. Robin, J.W.; H. B. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.D. Cheshire, Treas.; E. W. Armstrong, Sec.; A. H. Baird, S.D.; W. West, J.D.; D. Connor, P.M., D.C.; E. E. Davies, I.G.; T. H. Gelding, and J. Bolton, Stwds.; and H. Owens, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Smith, the I.P.M., was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem of the members of the lodge. An excellent musical programme was provided, and thoroughly enjoyed.

## CHINGFORD.

**Thomas Ralling Lodge (No. 2508).**—The first election of W.M. for this young lodge took place at the regular meeting on Saturday, the 15th inst., when the suffrages of the members unanimously fell upon Bro. E. C. Lewis, the S.W., who in feeling terms acknowledged the compliment. Previous to the election Bro. Frank Griffiths was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex.

During the evening congratulatory telegrams were exchanged with the Lennox Browne Lodge, which was holding its installation meeting at the same time at Buckhurst-hill.

## CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

**Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).**—The regular meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There was a very large attendance, including Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; George Harrison, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Richardson, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Wilson, P.S.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; Charles Heywood, P.P. G.D. of C.; and G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. Bro. J. Travers, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, and being favourable, he was initiated by the Worshipful Master in an admirable manner. The working tools were explained by the S.W., and the charge was rendered by Bro. Trevor-Smith, J.W. The musical portion of the ceremony was directed by Bro. T. M. Ferneley, who also presided at the organ with exquisite skill.

## JERSEY.

**Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst. There was great interest manifested on this occasion, it being the 82nd year of its existence as a modern lodge, and, moreover, by the fact that the W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Wilson, jun., is such a favourite with all the brethren, and has been such a zealous worker in the lodge during the years of his membership, he having filled the various offices. There was a very large assembly of brethren present, as well as a large number of regrets, by letter or telegram, from brethren not being able to be present, through some cause, amongst whom we may mention Bros. E. C. Malet De Carteret, Prov. G.M.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. Guernsey and Alderney; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, P.S.G.W. England; Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks; and Sir H. Seymour King, M.P.

After the opening of the lodge the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. P. Lander was then raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. rendering the ritual in a very impressive manner, being well supported by the various officers. Several items of business were successfully carried through, and two candidates for initiation proposed. Thereafter the W.M., Bro. J. Caton, at once proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. C. H. Wilson, jun., into the chair of K.S. The beautiful ritual of installation was well treated by Bro. Caton, and in a manner that must leave a lasting impression on the new W.M. and the brethren who heard him. Bro. C. H. Wilson invested his Immediate Past Master, and the Board of Installed Masters of whom a goodly number were present, was closed. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. J. Lesbirel, S.W.; H. J. Gilby, J.W.; P. G. Hamilton, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Baker, P.M., Sec.; P. F. J. Boutillier, S.D.; A. Anslow, J.D.; C. Baker, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Heywood, I.G.; and G. H. Rogers, Tyler. Bro. J. Caton was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his splendid work as Installing Officer, upon the proposition of Bro. L. P. Hespiradoux, P.M., duly seconded, and unanimously approved. A brother in distress was voted the handsome sum of £5 5s. After "Hearty good wishes" from 245, 491, 1003, 590, 877, 958, 1016, 1180, 884, 1601, &c., the lodge was duly closed.

Among those present were Bros. W. R. Pole, 88; J. McNaught Davis, P.M. 884, 1601; G. C. Croad, 590; Juret M. Gallichan, P.M. 491; L. P. Hespiradoux, P.M.; Capt. J. C. Barrette, P.M. 244; A. B. Burton, P.P.J.G.D.; Warwicks, 1016; Major F. J. Godfray, P.M. 1003; Dr. A. C. Godfray, P.M. 877, P.G. Sec. Jersey; J. E. Palmer, 1180; E. L. Bisson, W.M. 491; T. Baudains, P.M. 958; H. M. Walden, P.M. 958; J. N. De La Perrelle, 877; F. Clearie, 884; Chas. Loweth, C. D. Harris, T. Adderston, P.M., C. Kingsley, J. P. Lander, A. B. Harden, T. Parris, and F. Hamilton Mansell, of 244; and others.

The brethren adjourned to Bro. Parkinson's splendid establishment, the Royal Yacht Club Hotel, and

banqueted, a very *recherché* menu furnished under the genial superintendence of Bro. Parkinson awaiting them.

After the banquet, the W.M. proceeded with the toast list, announcing, to the pleasure of all, that as there was an admirable programme of music prepared, he would refrain from making long speeches, and gave, in right royal style, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," coupling with it "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Mount Edgcombe R.W. Deputy Grand Master," which were received with enthusiasm, the brethren joining heartily in the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." "The Provincial Grand Lodge" and other toasts followed.

During the course of the evening, Bro. Dr. A. C. Godfray made a presentation of a handsome collar and jewel to Bro. J. Caton, which had been subscribed for by members of the lodge of instruction.

The excellent music given formed quite a feature of the evening. Bro. C. H. Wilson, the W.M., himself a very talented musician, had drawn up what proved to be a very enjoyable programme. The musical talent of the lodge is strong, and Bro. Wilson could rely on very able assistance from Bros. C. Kingsley as musical director, Middleton, and Adderson, and Messrs. Lander, Gellender and others.

The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the success of this happy gathering, which will long be remembered in the annals of Jersey Masonry.

The collar and jewel were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### MALDON.

**Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).**—The members of this lodge and several visitors assembled in the lodge room on Monday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of witnessing the initiation of two new members and the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. George Brown, Prov. G.S.B., performed the ceremony of initiation in a very efficient manner, and then having opened the lodge in the Second Degree, invited the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., to install Bro. G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, and for some years Sec. of lodge No. 1977, into the chair of K.S. In presenting the warrant to the new W.M., the Installing Master feelingly recalled the fact that he well recollected its being placed in the care of Bro. Eustace's father—one of the founders of the Lodge, who had since passed to the Grand Lodge above. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Brown, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M.; Taylor Shires, S.W.; T. O'Neill, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; E. A. Basham, Treas.; S. Sawyer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. J. Butler, S.D.; E. E. Eve, J.D.; W. J. Hardy, P.M. 1734, D.C.; E. H. Stevens, Org.; A. J. Bennett, I.G.; Morgan, Gooch, and Hance, Stwds.; and Pearmain, Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the sum of £5 5s. was voted to him as a mark of respect and an acknowledgment of his valued and efficient services as Secretary. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, and two candidates proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, an excellent repast being well-served by Mrs. Hickford, of the Blue Boar Hotel. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Each brother at the banquet was presented with a handsome button-hole bouquet, the thoughtful gift of Miss Philbrick, sister of the V.W.D.P.G.M.

#### PARKGATE.

**Dee Lodge (No. 1576).**—PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY.—At the monthly meeting of this lodge held at the Union Hotel, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. J. M. Gibbs presiding, a handsome present was made by the brethren to the Secretary of the lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. the Hon. H. Holbrook in the name of the lodge to the Secretary (Bro. Joseph Clarke, P.M.) on the occasion of his marriage, and consisted of a handsome pollard oak writing cabinet mounted in silver, and a gold brooch set with pearls and turquoises. In making the presentation Bro. Holbrook spoke of the many services rendered to Freemasonry and the Dee Lodge in particular by Bro. Clarke during his Masonic career. Bro. Clarke had discharged the duties of the various offices which he had filled (and they were numerous) in a most efficient manner. He (Bro. Holbrook) did not know a Mason who had achieved so much as Bro. Clarke had, considering he was a very young man. He had been Worshipful Master of the Dee Lodge and was now Secretary. He had filled the chair of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, and was Prov. Grand Sojourner for Cheshire. He was J.W. of Lodge No. 106, Chester, of Mark Masons, and was Past Prov. Grand Steward in that Degree of Masonry.

Bro. Clarke, in returning thanks to the brethren for their handsome present, said if he could believe all the kind things said of him he should be very proud, but they had (out of the largeness of their hearts) placed too high a value on his poor services. He would have very great pleasure in handing to his wife the beautiful presents, and the cabinet he would look upon with pride all his life, and it would be very frequently called into requisition for the benefit of the lodge.

At the banquet which followed, "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke" was proposed by Bro. John Morris, Treas., and a hearty response was given by the brethren.

The writing cabinet, which contains every article requisite for the purpose, bore on a silver plate the following inscription, viz.: "Dee Lodge, No. 1576. Presented to Bro. Jos. Clarke, P.M., on his marriage. Aug. 18, 1894." The brooch, which is of gold, in the form of a crescent, set with pearls, has a gold horseshoe entwined, set with turquoise.

The whole of the arrangements for the presentation and the collection of the necessary funds were most admirably carried out by Bro. Lieut. J. W. Shaw, P.M.

#### PEVENSEY.

**Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).**—The installation meeting of the brethren of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Drill Hall, Westham. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edward W. Stillwell, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. J. Capon, J.W.; A. Gosling, Treas.;

J. Boyles, Sec.; R. Francis, S.D.; W. R. Griffin, J.D.; F. Russell, I.G.; F. C. Golden, Stwd.; and J. B. R. Bays, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present, viz.: Bros. W. E. Morrison, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. S. Catford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. A. Skinner, W.M. 1110; P. Boyles, H. Russell, W. Trigger, J. Sargent, G. Nicholson, John White, H. White, C. Chittv, F. A. Hooke, W. Rutter, J. M. Castle, J. Duly, W. Chapman, C. W. Smith, and J. Clement. The visitors present included: Bros. G. Clark, 1303; R. Hughes, P.M. and Sec. 1184, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. R. W. Loosemore, 1184, P.G. Chap.; and others.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. H. J. Capon as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. W. Stillwell, and the charges being impressively delivered by Bro. W. E. Morrison, P.P.G.W. The W.M. appointed his officers, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follows: Bros. Edward W. Stillwell, I.P.M.; Richard Francis, S.W.; W. R. Griffin, J.W.; A. Gosling, Treas.; W. Trigger, Sec.; F. Russell, S.D.; F. C. Golden, J.D.; J. Wood, I.G.; W. E. Morrison, D.C.; E. Streets, Org.; P. Boyles and G. Nicholson, Stewards; and J. B. R. Bays, Tyler. Bro. R. Francis was appointed Charities Steward. The retiring W.M., Bro. Edward W. Stillwell, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, for which Mr. A. G. Moppett catered in his best style. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. J. Capon, presided.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured, the Provincial Grand Secretary responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," while Bros. the Rev. R. W. Loosemore and W. E. Morrison acknowledged "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. E. W. Stillwell, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said that on vacating the chair he had the honour of installing Bro. H. J. Capon as W.M. for the ensuing year. He had experienced great pleasure in doing so, for he felt that he was installing a brother in whose hands the prestige and credit of the lodge were safe for another year. It had been said that Bro. Capon was a young Mason, but, though young, he was a worthy, well-versed man, and the brethren were all proud of him. In submitting the toast he said he was sure all present would heartily wish Bro. Capon a year of satisfaction and pleasure both to himself and the lodge.

The W.M., who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the too flattering remarks of Bro. Stillwell. He would, he said, do his utmost to maintain the high character of the lodge, but remarked that though he had been fortunate in seeing the admirable work of Bro. Stillwell, he was unfortunate in having to preserve the high level attained by that brother. It had been truly said that he (Bro. Capon) was a young Mason, but he was sure the brethren would bear with him, and assist him in carrying out the duties of his high office.

Several toasts of a complimentary character were afterwards submitted by the W.M., Bros. J. C. Foran and F. Lawson Lewis responding for "The Visitors;" Bro. E. W. Stillwell that of "The Immediate Past Master;" and Bros. R. Francis and W. R. Griffin replying on behalf of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's Toast brought the enjoyable gathering to a close.

#### SPENNYMOOR.

**Whitworth Lodge (1932).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Thomas Black was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Richard Brown. A large company of members and visiting brethren were present, including Bros. Thomas Dunn, P.M. 124, P.G.D. of G.; S. Fielding, W.M. 2415; Robert R. Coulton, P.M. 111, P.P.G.C.; J. Lidster, W.M., Thomas Banks, P.M., J. R. Dixon, J.W., T. Smith, J. Wright, E. W. Sant, J. C. Shaw, and J. Bowman, Tyler, all of 1121; George Emerson, P.M., and J. Hughes, Sec. of 2019; T. R. Blackie, W. Thompson, and W. R. Austen, of 531; J. Robinson, So; J. Barnett, I.P.M. 2415; Charles Hinks, 111; and J. N. Simpson, P.M. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Charles Scurr, S.W.; James W. Rutter, J.W.; R. Brown, I.P.M.; Rev. S. M. Thompson, Chap.; Wm. Cowley, Sec.; Thomas Raine, S.D.; Robt. Hogz, J.D.; J. M. Chisholme, I.G.; Fred. S. Burnip, Org.; A. Charlton and J. Fleming, Stwds.; and Ralph Richardson, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival at the Town Hall, when a pleasant evening passed.

#### TORQUAY.

**Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).**—The installation festival of this lodge was held on the 11th instant at the Masonic Hall, when there were present: Bros. W. Winget, W.M.; W. Hersey, I.P.M.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T.; J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. H. Wills, P.M.; Jno. Taylor, P.M. and Sec.; S. Wills, P.M. and Chap.; W. Taylor, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Grant, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; H. R. Beer, I.P.M., and W. S. Wakeham, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., of 328; J. R. Cull, P.M. 1138; J. Pearce, P.M. 1255; T. S. Hoyle, W.M., G. S. Bridgman, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W.; and C. Emmett, I.P.M., of 1358; W. O. Beazley, P.M. 172; Dr. J. F. Thomas, P.M. 1562, P.P.G.D. Mon.; John Stevenson, P.M. 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Erenton, 328; J. M. Davis, S.W. 248; G. Proctor, 2187; G. Stamp, 328; R. Davey, 1715; R. E. Drew, W.M. elect, J. H. Moore, and A. Waycott, of 1358; W. Narracott, P. Besley, Dr. W. Pitt-Palmer, and A. Dillbear, J.D. of 328; A. C. Kellett, 2034; F. Tothill, 1138; J. C. Hewitt, 95; J. W. McKellar, W.M. elect; G. West, S.W.; T. J. Crossman, J.W.; J. Risdon, S.D.; C. Hill, J.D.; W. J. Nosworthy, D.C.; F. C. Sanford, Org.; J. G. Turle, Stwd.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; R. D. Scholes, H. A. Brock, and G. H. Halls.

After confirming the minutes, a satisfactory balance-sheet was produced by the Secretary, which, after contributing liberally to Charity, showed a balance in hand of £24 14s. 4d. on the lodge fund account, and £26 8s. 2d. on the benevolent account. Bro. A. T. Blamey, P.M., P.P.

J.G.D., with the assistance of the W.M., then ably and impressively installed Bro. J. W. McKellar into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Winget, I.P.M.; G. West, S.W.; T. J. Crossman, J.W.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; S. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; J. Risdon, S.D.; C. Hill, J.D.; W. J. Nosworthy, D.C.; F. C. Sanford, Org.; R. Pickard, I.G.; J. G. Turle and W. T. Gale, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. Bro. Jno. Taylor, P.M. and Sec., was elected Charity Steward and Representative on Committee of Petitions. Bro. Jno. Lane, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented, on behalf of the brethren, the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, to which Bro. Winget briefly replied.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was prepared by Bro. Nosworthy.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the harmony of the evening enlivened by Bros. Dr. Thomas, G. H. Halls, A. Waycott, and others.

### Royal Arch.

#### JERSEY.

**La Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were: Comps. Capt. J. C. Barrette, M.E.Z.; W. Chapman, 11; Thomas Leat, J.; Thomas Baudains, S.N.; H. M. Walden, S.E.; J. Cumings, P.Z.; L. P. Hespiradoux, P.P.S. 244; J. L. Boyson, 244; J. Hambly, Janitor, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A handsome sum of money was unanimously voted to the Provincial Testimonial Fund, i.e. the life portraits in oil in massive gilt frames of Bro. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., Grand Superintendent of Jersey, and Bro. Dr. La Cronier, D.P.G.M., and P.G.P.Z. of Jersey, in full Masonic regalia.

After the usual routine business had been dispatched, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment. The M.E.Z. gave the toasts briefly, but to the point, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th instant, at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. W. Fayers, W.M.; S. Austin, S.W.; R. Bradley, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Thomas, Sec. *pro tem.*; J. Cox, S.D.; W. Bates, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Talking, Nicholls, Beauchamp, and Ham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cox being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Nichols, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, was the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and on notice of motion by Bro. Thomas, seconded by Bro. Cox, it was decided to alter the night of meeting from Monday to Thursday. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).**—A meeting was held on the 17th instant, at the Morland Arms, Addison-road, N.W. Present: Bros. G. Cockrell, Treas., W.M.; G. Copley, S.W.; S. Webb, P.M., J.W.; G. E. Higginson, P.M., Preceptor; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Catling, S.D.; R. N. Larter, J.D.; A. G. Wedmore, I.G.; W. Radcliffe, P.M.; C. C. Barber, F. H. Greay, H. S. Beaman, L. P. Cordes, C. G. Tremer, and T. Rayner.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Greay being the candidate. Bro. Barber offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having answered the usual questions, he was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and immediately resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Higginson, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Copley was elected to the chair for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. Terry, W.M.; N. Dukas, S.W.; T. Smale, P.M., J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, Sec.; Thos. Clear, S.D.; E. Kraus, J.D.; F. G. Evans, I.G.; Fowles, P.M.; A. Narten, S. C. Cross, A. Dukas, Martin Goneratine and Sidney C. Cross.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Fowles, P.M. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Martin Goneratine was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Martin Goneratine being candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor. The lodge being resumed, the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Dukas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when the votes of the lodge were proposed to be given to Bro. Geo. Hill, P.M. and Treas. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. F. S.



Priest, W.M.; T. M. Lambie, S.W.; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, J.W.; G. Read, G.S.B. Eng., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Bartlett, P.M. 2637, S.D.; W. R. Plaford, W.M. 1608, S.D. 1793, J.D.; T. M. Haley, W.M. 2637, I.G.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425, Stwd.; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; H. Windeatt, P.M. 1793; W. C. James, and H. Campbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Campbell and Haley being the candidates respectively. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed, as required, to the First Degree. Bro. Plaford was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Priest for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair for the first time in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. Milton Smith, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; R. P. Upton, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; G. T. Peall, S.D.; V. J. R. Longman, J.D.; A. Oliver, P.M., I.G.; J. T. Frost, G. Vexley, H. R. Bower, J. Amand, C. Jarratt, D. C. Ritchie, T. E. Newman, H. R. Harding, P.M.; and G. Gregory, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Vexley being the candidate. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Frost answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Frost being the candidate. Bros. C. Jarratt and H. R. Bower were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**LEICESTER. — UNION LODGE.**—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst., and attended by a large number of brethren, Bro. Walter D. Grant, S.W. 279, being acting W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. D. Grant, S.W. 279, acting W.M.; H. Goodacre Marriott, S.W. 2028, D.C. for the session; and F. G. Bower, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.P., Steward for the session. Before working the First Degree an interesting ceremony took place by the presentation to Bro. H. Goodacre Marriott of a special jewel for services rendered to the lodge as Director of Ceremonies for over eight years. The presentation was made by Bro. W. D. Grant, who referred to the useful work Bro. Marriott had done in the lodge, and having worked with him in many other Degrees he could testify to the great interest taken at all times in everything appertaining to Masonry by Bro. Marriott, and on behalf of the Preceptors, officers, and brethren of the lodge, presented him with the unique jewel voted to him for his long service and usefulness. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would bless him with long life and health to continue what he hoped would be a long and honourable career in Masonry, and that the jewel would ever remind him of the many happy and instructive years spent in the Union Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Marriott, in thanking the brethren for the very handsome jewel presented to him, referred to his long connection with the Union Lodge of Instruction. Since he joined some 10 years ago, when the lodge was very small, the lodge had become one of the largest in the kingdom, numbering nearly 300, and having representatives for lodges throughout the province, and was doing most excellent work. He hoped he might be long spared to work amongst them and wear the jewel so kindly presented to him that evening. Bro. J. T. Thorp, Preceptor, then read a paper on "Current Masonic Topics," and an interesting discussion followed by Bros. E. Holmes, Prov. G. Sec., Preceptor; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. H. Mason, Prov. G. Mark Sec.; and others; after which Bro. Thorp, referring to the death of Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., said the province had sustained a most severe loss, and although Bro. Kelly might not be so well known to the younger members of the Order, those who were older Masons had many opportunities of knowing the great and lasting interest he always took in Masonry; they had only to look through the work of the province to see what Bro. Kelly had done. He begged to move the following resolution be entered on the minutes of the lodge: "That the Preceptors, officers, and brethren of the Union Lodge of Instruction, Leicester, desire hereby to place upon permanent record their deep sense of the incalculable loss the Craft in the province in general, and this Union Lodge in particular, has sustained by the death, on the 24th ultimo, of R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland. He was a founder of the lodge in 1846, a constant and regular attendant for many years at its meetings, and never ceased to take an interest in its welfare till the conclusion of his Masonic career of 56 years. They wish especially to bear testimony to his knowledge and excellent rendering of the Masonic ritual, to his never-failing courtesy and kindness to the brethren, and to his unceasing exemplification in his life and conduct of all the Masonic virtues." Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W., in supporting the resolution, referred in fitting terms to the death of Bro. Kelly who was one of his best and oldest friends. The resolution was carried unanimously. Other subjects of great Masonic interest were then discussed and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room where supper was served, presided over by Bro. W. D. Grant. The usual loyal toasts and "The Health of the Acting W.M." having been duly honoured, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, Bro. Dr. Barrow presiding at the piano. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy and enjoyable evening.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., on the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Crutenden, 779, M.E.Z.; J. C. Tilt, H. elect 862, H.; J. Maurice Frank, M.E.Z. 376, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; R. Larchin, M.E.Z. elect 862, S.N.; G. E.

Higginson, P.S. 169, P.S.; W. Hillier, S. 14, 1st A.S.; J. Bailey, I.P.Z. 1602; and G. Gregory, J. elect 862.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Higginson being the candidate, who was afterwards elected a member. The installation of Third Principal was rehearsed. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present: Comps. Cope, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Lewis, J.; F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Dunn, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Lightfoot, Telling, T. H. Salmon, Addington, Bannister, Dawson, Elgar, Thompson, Rice, Loader, and Murché.

The chapter was declared open and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. T. H. Salmon, personating the candidate. Comp. T. Grummant, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Cope, M.E.Z. 172, for the very able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

JERSEY.

**Concord Conclave (No. 8).**—This excellent old conclave met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Friday evening, the 7th inst. Amongst those present was noticed Sir Knights Peter Bois, M.P.S.; L. P. Hespéradox, P.M.P.S.; Capt. J. C. Barrette, V.E.; Capt. H. Stevenson, S.G.; J. T. Le Geyt, J.W.; Hambling, Recorder; and others.

This was a special meeting for the purpose of concocting new by-laws, altering the present amount of subscriptions, regular quarterly convocations and other matters, all of which were successfully carried through. Subsidiary K.H.S. and St. John's Knights Degrees were likewise taken into consideration. A brother was, moreover, proposed for next meeting. The sir knights then dispersed.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. There were also present: Bros. William Vincent, George H. Langley, George Graveley, George B. Chapman, W. Fisher, W. M. Bywater, Henry Garrod, T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles J. R. Tijou, Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Bunker, Charles Dairy, E. C. Mulvey, Walter Martin, S. Vallentine, H. Massey, G. Mansford, George Hill, Charles E. Collins, R. J. Rogers, C. H. Webb, J. Pickett, M.D., H. R. Dewson, Edward C. Talbot, R. Pain Walkden, and C. Schmidt.

Bro. Letchworth announced that Bro. Robert Grey, President, was unable to be present.

The Board first confirmed a recommendation to the Grand Master at last August meeting, to the amount of £40. There were 15 cases on the new list, which were qualified through lodges in the London District, and at Bradford, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Kidderminster, Cyprus, Liverpool, Hyderabad, Bristol, Sunderland, Harrow, Halifax, N.S., and Cleckheaton. One of these cases was deferred for incompleteness. The remainder were relieved to the extent of £255. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £50, one to the Grand Master for £40, and one for £30. Four grants were made of £20 each, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

## Ireland.

### MASONIC SERVICE AT LOUGHGALL.

A special Masonic service, under the auspices of Loughgall Lodge, No. 625, Loughgall, was held in the parish church, Loughgall, on Sunday, the 9th inst., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Armagh, Rev. Dr. Irwin. A large body (numbering close on 200) of members of the Masonic Institution were present as follows: Bros. Rev. S. Gauden, W.M., and R. Barry MacLaughlin, senior office-bearer, of 9; Henry Gilpin, W.M. 122; Isaac Allen, W.M.; Chas. Ensor, G. Jackson, T. Hall, and W. Whiteside, office-bearers of 625; James Conn, W.M. 789; J. Agnew, W.M. 697; Nos. 79, 82, 219, and 231, were represented by Bros. J. Bonis, E. D. Atkinson, J. Fordyce, and a large number of members; Nos. 409, 39, and 283, were represented by Bros. F. W. Martin, J. Whitsit, R. Compton, D. Walker, S. Sloane, S. Williamson, and a large contingent of members.

The brethren formed in procession at the Church Walk, and marched two deep down the aisle. The entire congregation numbered 504.

Prayers were read by the Archdeacon of Armagh, and the lessons by Mr. Hack. The Archdeacon took for his text Mark ix., 41, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of cold water to drink in my name, because ye

belong to Christ, verily I say unto you he shall not lose his reward." In the course of an eloquent address, the preacher impressed upon them the necessity of being in Charity with all men. "Love thy neighbour as thyself" was Christ's great maxim, and he considered it a privilege, as well as their bounden duty, to endeavour to alleviate the suffering of their fellow-men, and by their help to provide for the fatherless and help the poor. He referred at some length to a number of portions of the Holy Writ which inculcated in a special manner this important duty of the Christian, on which the principles of Freemasonry was to a great extent based. He said: As being children of the one Father, they owed a duty to each other. They should not only regard all men as their neighbours, but as brothers of Christ. He dwelt at length on the different sins to which man is subject, and warned them to guard against the sin of omission as being equally dangerous and far more subtle than the sin of commission. Christ told them that the neglect of duty was just as sinful in God's sight as the commission of flagrant sins. In conclusion, he made an earnest appeal for a liberal offertory on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

The special hymns sung were Nos. 43, 318, and 485. Mr. R. Rolston acted as Organist.

A collection amounting to £13 6s. 8d. was afterwards taken up, the following gentlemen acting as collectors: Messrs. James Orr, D.L., D. J. Bonis, F. W. Martin, E. D. Atkinson, J. Fordyce, and J. Falls Walker.

### SISTER, THE HON. MRS. ALDWORTH.

Bro. Richard Jackson, of 16, Commercial-street, Leeds, has just brought out another of his most successful reproductions. As respects engravings he has already published excellent copies of Picart's list of lodges of 1734-5, and the remarkable procession of 1742, &c., and now we have the reproduction of the fine plate of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, which is both rare and valuable, to complete the trio. The original mezzotint is in the possession of the celebrated "York Lodge, No. 236," from which Bro. Jackson has had his copy made, by permission, and so faithfully has the engraver done his work, that save for the newness of the plate, it is equal in all respects to the valuable original.

Our "only Sister" was initiated early last century, but precisely *when* and *where* is not quite clear. Bro. Hughan has proved most conclusively that the lady must have "seen the light" before the year 1744, as her name occurs in the extraordinary list of subscribers to "Dr. Dassigny's Enquiry" of that year, being the only female recorded out of hundreds of names. Particulars are given by Bro. Hughan in his able introduction to Bro. Jackson's perfect facsimile of that invaluable work (still for sale) which was made from the only copy known in Europe, safely domiciled in the West Yorkshire Masonic Library, under the watchful eye of Bro. William Watson.

There are only 200 of this reproduction of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, full size of the original, and making a most striking picture. The lady is standing by the side of a grand old Master's chair, her left hand resting on, or pointing to, the "Volume of the Sacred Law," and the right hand is on her breast. Copies may be had from the publisher, if application be made very soon, the number being so limited. It is quite certain that the edition would be subscribed for in full by the Irish lodges did they but know of this most beautiful and faithful reproduction, which is stated by Bro. Hughan to be Bro. Jackson's masterpiece.

## Obituary.

### BRO. COL. MOFFATT, P.G.M. CANADA.

A cable was received on Tuesday evening from London, Ontario, stating that Bro. Col. Moffatt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, passed away on the day mentioned. Bro. Col. Moffatt had been ailing for some years. He was an active and sincere member of the Craft—a Scotchman by birth, and for years held the position of Deputy Adjutant-General in the volunteer force of Canada. As a Mason, he had peculiarly the courage to always express his convictions, and was highly esteemed not only in Craft and military circles, but by the people of the city in which he for years resided. He was not present at the last meeting of Grand Lodge held in Hamilton.

### BRO. MICHAEL HYNES.

The funeral of the late Bro. Michael Hynes took place at Smithdown-road Cemetery on Friday, the 14th instant. Deceased was a member of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, and the Everton Lodge, No. 823. There were a good number of friends and brethren assembled at the graveside to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. Amongst them were Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. Musker, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Jones, Dr. A. S. Crawford, Mr. Daulby (manager for deceased for 15 years), Messrs. Harrison, Henry Prosser, Phillips, W. Wilson, W. Hanson, J. T. P. Parkinson, J. J. McCoy, and R. Bennion. Bros. A. S. Heath, W.M., Thomas P. Hodgson, I.P.M., W. Briscoe, Sec., S. Perkins, Stwd., Philip Armstrong, P.M., D.C., T. Chesworth, P.M., D. Davies, P.M., J. Sharples, P.M., G. Becken, P.M., P.A.G.S., C. W. Higson, P.M., E. R. Hoblyn, J. Blenkinsop, J. M'Ewan, W. Green, and R. Crispé,



P.M. 724; W. King, W.M., R. W. Gow, P.M., J. Mantle, P.M., J. Gage, J. Tatham, J. Martin, A. W. Triggs, W. Edwards, H. Ashmore, E. Brierly, and J. Middleton, of 823; J. Robinson, 249, and Thos. White, P.M., I.C. Deceased had for many years carried on the business of a printer in Thomas-street, Liverpool. He was one of the founders of the Parliamentary Debating Society, and was for many years a member of that body. He was an exceedingly well read man, took a most intelligent view of public affairs, and his kindly nature endeared him to a wide circle. He had been in delicate health for a long time, and died on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

#### EXMOUTH MASONIC HALL AND CLUB.

A commodious and well appointed club, with a handsome Masonic Hall, for the use of the members of the Sun Lodge, No. 106, has been erected in Ferry-road, Exmouth, and was opened and dedicated on Saturday, the 8th inst, which we reported in our last issue. The brethren of Exmouth have hitherto held their lodge meetings at the Beacon Hotel, but finding the accommodation not sufficient for their requirements, it was determined to form a Limited Liability Company and erect a Club and Masonic Hall combined. The shares were readily taken up, and the foundation-stone of the Club was laid six months ago. Since then the work has been pushed forward, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the completion of a very comfortable and well-arranged Club, which will meet a long-felt want in Exmouth, and enable the members of the Craft to more easily carry on their business. Mr. S. P. Firth was in attendance at the Club on that day, and very courteously showed visitors over the new premises. The building is composed of red brick, and Bath and limestone dressings. It is entered by a covered porch, which leads to a vestibule, and then into a hall 24 feet by 10 feet. On the ground floor is the smoking-room, billiard-room, bar, lavatories, cloak-rooms, Secretary's-room, and caretaker's apartments. The smoking-room is 27 feet by 20 feet, and is furnished with mahogany card-tables, settee, and comfortable chairs. The ceiling is divided into three panels, with cornices and centre flowers, and the windows are adorned with dark red plushette curtains. Next to this is the billiard-room, which contains a very handsome mahogany table. At one end of the room is the bar, 16 feet by 12 feet, fitted with walnut top counter, and doors and screen glazed with coloured leaded lights. Above these rooms are the reading room, the Masonic Hall, and a couple of ante-rooms. The reading-room is 24 feet by 16 feet, with a bay window overlooking the Manor House Grounds. The ceiling is a half open timbered one, and divided into panels by wood mouldings. The room is comfortably furnished and supplied with paper and writing materials. The lodge room is 40 feet long, 27 feet wide, and 16 feet high, with an open timbered roof. A raised dais is fixed at the east end. The hall is heated by hot-water pipes. The walls in all the rooms are coloured in two harmonious tints, and the floors covered with suitable linoleum. There is a store-room over one of the ante-rooms, which leads to a lead flat, surrounded by ornamental iron railings, and from this position a capital view can be obtained. The whole of the club is lighted by incandescent gas lights; and, in addition to hot-water pipes, each room is provided with handsome mantelpieces, with tiled grates and hearths. The building has been designed by Messrs. Kerley and Ellis, architects, of Exmouth, the contractor being Mr. A. Hayman, of the same town. The cost of the entire work is about £2000.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### CROYDON, NORTH QUEENSLAND.

Sir William Wallace Lodge (No. 768, S.C.).—A good gathering of brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, on the 4th July, for the purpose of the annual installation ceremony; in addition to an excellent muster of members there were a few visitors from Normanton and Georgetown present. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. M. Lee-Bryce, was installed in office by Bro. T. Bennion, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. C. J. Leeson, P.M.; T. Nevitt, P.M., Normanton; A. McLean, W.M., Normanton; and E. T. Green, W.M., Georgetown. The installation ceremony was carried out in a most efficient manner by Bro. Bennion, I.P.M., who fairly eclipsed himself on this occasion. The following officers were then invested by Bro. Lee-Bryce in an able manner: Bros. E. Monds, S.W.; C. H. Maslen, J.W.; E. S. Edcombe, Treas.; J. Shardlow, Sec.; P. Lawrie, S.D.; S. Ayles, J.D.; D. Creighton, Chaplain; J. Scholfield, I.G.; and C. S. A. Balfour, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Bennion was the recipient of a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during his term of office, the presentation being made by Bro. Leeson, P.M., in a unique little speech suitable for the occasion.

The business over, the lodge was closed, and adjournment made to the banquet table, provided by Bro. Balfour, which was of a most *recherché* kind, there being full and plenty of all good things obtainable.

The first toast of the evening, "The Queen and Craft," was proposed by the W.M., followed by "H.R.H. the Prince Patron, the Prince Steward of Scotland," also by the R.W.M.

After these the customary Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "The Masonic Auld Lang Syne."

The visitors from Normanton, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. Armstrong, Stokes, Ruge, Kimble, and Johnson. From Georgetown, Bro. T. Cramb, S.W.

#### MASONIC SANITARIUM IN NEW MEXICO.

Ex-Gov. L. Bradford Prince attended the 29th triennial convocation of the general Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in Topeka, in the interest of the proposed National Masonic Home for Consumptives that all hope will be established out here in the healthful, invigorating climate of New Mexico.

The intention is to establish, over at Santa Fe, a Masonic Home for Consumptives, which will increase in capacity as means are provided until it shall be able to meet the wants of all the Masons and members of Masons' families throughout the entire land who are afflicted with pulmonary diseases.

It is estimated that the number of sufferers who would gladly avail themselves of such an institution, and to whom it would be the greatest of boons, exceeds 2500 annually.

Citizens of Santa Fe have pledged themselves to donate a tract of 100 acres of land, or more if it be required, whereon to erect the Home.

The Home is to be managed, controlled and conducted by Masons, and, whenever practicable, Masons only shall be employed in every position connected with the establishment.

It is contemplated that all impoverished or needy Masons, or members of such Masons' families, shall be admitted to the home, and shall have all medical attendance, care, and comfort free of cost; that those admitted to the home, who are able to pay, shall be charged only a reasonable sum without view to profit, and that every effort shall be directed to make this a real home for the suffering, not a mere hospital for the sick.—Las Vegas Optic.

Additional interest will be given the above kind words by the Optic when it is announced that ex-Gov. Prince returned home yesterday, and the loyal Masonic Committee last night had the pleasure of learning that their project had been endorsed by the Royal Arch Masonic delegates at Topeka representing 150,000

Masons residing in every State in the Union. This was done on Saturday last by the adoption of the following:

"Resolved,—That the General Grand Chapter has heard with pleasure of the benevolent undertaking of the Masons of New Mexico for the establishment of a National Masonic Home for Consumptives at Santa Fe, and wishes to all those engaged in the work a hearty 'God-speed' and the fullest measure of success."

This is much better than many whose hearts are in this work had scarcely dared hope for. Indeed, it is most extraordinary for so conservative a body as the Royal Arch Masons to go so far towards endorsing even a fraternal Charity of its own brethren.

The local Committeemen are feeling very jubilant over the progress of their undertaking, and particularly praise this good work by ex-Gov. Prince.—*Daily New Mexican*.

A lover of figures has gone to the trouble of ascertaining that if they were placed end to end in a continuous line, the streets of London would extend from the Mansion House across the entire Continent of Europe and beyond the Ural Mountains into Asia.

A contributor to one of our exchanges expresses a decided opinion that no man ought to become a Mason without the consent of his wife. The writer referred to also lays down the proposition that any unmarried, but "engaged" man, who proposes to join the Masonic fraternity, should not take such a step unless his fiancée "is prepared to countenance his membership in the Order." The argument is pressed to this conclusion, viz., that if a single man becomes a Mason contrary to the wishes of his intended wife he should cancel the engagement. He has no right to marry a woman whose wishes in this matter he has not heeded. Unless a reconciliation could be effected, and the woman's feeling of opposition to Freemasonry overcome, we should agree with the position taken by the writer quoted from, that the proposed marriage had better not take place.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

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The Lodge of Research, No. 2429, which meets at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, is to receive a visit on Monday next, from Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon, &c., who will, in fulfilment of an old promise deliver a lecture on "The Continuity of British Freemasonry. A retrospect of five centuries." That this most interesting subject will be treated by Bro. Hughan in a masterly way is a foregone conclusion, and we congratulate the Lodge of Research on securing the services of our well-known brother, when so many have failed. We may add that the members of the Lodge of Research will be pleased to see any visitors present.

Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, Bart., the senior Alderman in point of age, entered on Tuesday upon his 85th year.

The Church Missionary Society received a legacy of £1000 under the will of the late Mr. John Steele, of Boroughbridge, Yorks.

The annual exhibition of the work done by the London Needlework guild has been fixed to take place at the Imperial Institute, on November 15th, and the two following days.

"Charley's Aunt" was produced on Friday night, the 14th inst., at the Theatre Cluny in Paris, under the title of "La Maridne de Charles," and was most enthusiastically received by a thoroughly representative house.

Great ambition in Freemasons is the passion of a great character, he who is endowed with it may perform very great or very bad actions; all depends upon the principles which direct him.

England has been visited this summer by three Canadian Past Grand Masters, Bros. J. K. Kerr, R. T. Walkem, and J. Ross Robertson, the latter being present at the last meeting of the United Grand Lodge.

Spiers and Pond Limited notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s. per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1895, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st October next.

At the monthly meeting of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, held at the Masonic Hall, Market Hill, Maldon, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. Frederick Henry Bright, S.W., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.I.G.D., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. George Burnis, Tyler. Bro. F. H. Bright was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Charity Committee.

On the evening of the 11th inst. the splendid new rooms of Lodge No. 121, Lisburn, Ireland, in Castle Buildings, were formally opened by a *recherche* dinner, to which a considerable number of the brethren of the town and neighbourhood were invited. The usual Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to. The dinner was a great success, and auspiciously inaugurates the new home of this prosperous lodge.

A Masonic service in connection with the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, will be held in St. Thomas Church, Heaton Chapel, on Sunday, the 30th inst. The service will be sung by Bro. Rev. Arthur Symonds, M.A., W.M. 287, P.P.G.C. Cheshire. The proper lesson will be read by Bro. W. Webster, P.P.S.G.D. The sermon will be preached by Bro. Rev. John Henn, Rector and Chaplain of 2109. The proceeds of the offertory will be devoted to Masonic Charities. The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. H. S. Greenwood, L.R.A.M., organist St. Thomas Church. The choir have kindly given their services. Sopranos: Miss Jessie Moorhouse and Miss Evans; Altos: Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Bayley; Tenors: Bros. J. T. Grimshaw and Kenneth Stewart; Basses: Bros. Pendlebury and Griffiths.

At the present moment, when the New Woman is so assertive, it is interesting to know what the ordinary woman thinks of her. The editor of *The Gentlewoman* having invited his readers to give an epigrammatic definition of her, publishes the result this week. She is variously described as "A fresh darn on the Original Blue Stocking," which definition received the prize, "The Old Maid trying to be the Young Man," "Sex of one and half-a-dozen of the other," "A creature of opinions decided and skirts divided," "One who has ceased to be a lady and has not yet attained to be a gentleman," "The unsexed section of the sex," "Man's newest and best reason for remaining single," "Madam become Adam," "A fast sailing craft sailing near the wind and carrying no ballast," "An old dish with new seasoning," "Mannishness minus manliness."

A new series of *The English Illustrated Magazine* commences with the October number just issued. Among its contents are a story by Gilbert Parker, a Moorland Idyll by Grant Allen, an article by that great criminal authority, Colonel Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P., on "Measurement [Identification of Criminals]," and a story of engrossing interest by Stanley J. Weyman. "A Chat with a Book-Barrow Man," by J. D. Symon, an amusing article on "Cornish Humour," by "Q." and a story by Anthony Hope will doubtless be popular features. Mr. F. Dolman gives a comprehensive article on the Marquis of Bute and Cardiff. Exciting fiction is supplied by Robert Barr and Hymar Vedder, while Katherine Tynan contributes an interesting account of "Match-making Customs in Munster." There is a coloured frontispiece, and over seventy illustrations by the ablest artists of the day, including humorous pages by Phil May and E. T. Reed.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that in the whirl of unnatural excitement, and in the struggle for existence in this generation, no attention whatever is vouchsafed to the most ordinary rules of health. When the muscles become relaxed, the nerves over-sensitive and delicately strung, and the brain wearied at the slightest task, these symptoms are part of Nature's warning that the delicate organism of the human frame is out of gear. In most cases a gentle stimulant and mild restorative is all that is required to impart fresh vitality to the jaded nerves, and it is a well-known fact that a few doses of Holloway's Pills work wonders, and restore the lost tone of the nervous system.

An exhibition of work done by London Board School Children is now on view at Toynbee Hall.

Adversity, like winter weather, is of no use to kill those vermin which the summer of prosperity is apt to produce and nourish.

An anonymous friend has generously sent the handsome sum of £200 to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, as a contribution to the general funds.

Mr. Grundy has already disposed of the Dutch rights of "The New Woman," and the latest Comedy success will be produced in Rotterdam during October.

Mr. J. Passmore Edwards officiated, on Monday, at the Westbourne Park Institute at the formal opening of the fourth annual Industrial and Loan Exhibition organised by Dr. Clifford, the pastor.

The finances of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road, are now in such a condition that unless the committee can forthwith raise £5000 they will have to close the hospital, or at least to considerably reduce the number of beds.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire is appointed to be held at Malvern on Wednesday next. The R.W. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., will preside, and Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at one o'clock.

The Camden Chapter of Improvement, No. 704, will resume their meetings at the Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox. Comp. Edmunds would be very pleased to meet his old companions and to welcome new ones.

Ten boys and ten girls will be admitted to the benefits of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, Snarborough, at the election to be held, under the presidency of Mr. Edward S. Norris, the Treasurer, at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday next.

On Thursday the Earl and Countess of Malmesbury continued the festivities in connection with the coming of age of Viscount FitzHarris at Heron Court. Nearly 400 employees on the estate, with their wives, were hospitably entertained, and they gave the Earl and Countess and their eldest son a hearty reception.

At Sandgate on Tuesday evening the vicar, Bro. the Rev. Russell Wakefield, who made himself so popular during the disastrous landslide, and who has just been appointed to the living of St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, was presented by his parishioners with a silver reading lamp and a tea and coffee service as a farewell gift.

Madame Patti has had so many tempting offers from abroad this winter that she has had great difficulty in deciding which to accept. At last she has signed contracts to sing a certain number of nights in opera at Nice shortly after Christmas, and later on to appear at concerts in Germany and Austria.

Lord Dynevor gave an entertainment at Neath Abbey, on Thursday, in celebration of the coming of age of his only son, the Hon. Walter Rice. The principal families of the neighbourhood participated in the proceedings, and about 2000 children were entertained to tea. The tenants of Lord Dynevor have purchased a handsome silver tray and a silver loving-cup for presentation to his heir.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Alderman Sir David Evans, and Sir Walter Gilbey, left by special train from Liverpool-street Railway Station on Tuesday morning on a visit to Mr. Blyth's dairy farm at Blythwood, near Bishop Stortford, where an exhibition was held in connection with the British Dairy Farmers' Association.

According to Lady Jeune, who contributes an article on the subject to the October number of the "Young Woman," the "real ideal husband should be a busy man, and one whose day is very full. Men are not happy without plenty of work; and a man who has no outlet for his energy elsewhere bestows on his household, with generally unfavourable results. Small household concerns are not a man's business, and nothing is more irritating than the perpetual interference of a theorist in the small matters of life."

Mr. Gladstone's eyes were examined on Thursday by Dr. Habershon and Mr. Nettleship, of London, who arrived at Hawarden shortly after four o'clock, and were met at the Castle by Dr. Grainger, of Chester. When Mr. Nettleship operated for cataract, he arranged to see the right hon. gentleman at Hawarden on September 20th, in order to perform a slight work which is generally necessary as a sequel in such cases. Mr. Gladstone, however, has made such progress, and Mr. Nettleship was so satisfied with the nature of the reports received, that he did not think a second operation necessary, his visit being merely to confirm his opinion by personal inspection, and to ascertain the kind of glasses, which would prove the most serviceable.

PRESENTATION AT LIVERPOOL.—On the evening of the 17th instant, at the usual meeting of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1562, Bro. Henry Gabriel, who has been seven years Treasurer of the lodge and 10 years entrusted with the financial arrangements of the Fund of Benevolence, was the recipient of an illuminated address and massive jewel in the form of a gold key (emblematic of his office) in recognition of the very valuable and faithful services he has performed in connection with these important offices. The presentation was made in suitable terms by the W.M., Bro. W. Mellor, and several brethren spoke in high terms of Bro. Gabriel's many excellent Masonic and business qualities. The testimonial was acknowledged with feeling by the popular recipient.

According to the *Figaro*, Signor Crispi is about to be expelled from the Fraternity of Freemasons, of which he has long been a member. For some time past his political attitude has excited a good deal of hostility in the lodges. His recent speech at Naples especially is held by many to constitute direct advances to the Vatican, which is the last Masonic apostasy. A movement for Signor Crispi's expulsion soon arose. The lodges of Turin and Milan have united in petitioning the Grand Master of the Italian lodges to this effect, and these will most probably be supported in their demand by others. Should the Council of the Order refuse to pronounce the expulsion a secession is expected. The majority of the lodges would then sever their allegiance to the Italian Grand Master, and place themselves under the rule of the Grand Orient of France.

Miss Letty Lind, having recovered from her recent indisposition, will make her first appearance in the title rôle of "A Gaiety Girl," at Daly's Theatre, to-morrow (Saturday).

The Apollinaris Natural Mineral Water has received the Diplôme D'Honneur at the Antwerp Exhibition, the highest award at the disposal of the jury.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has accepted an invitation to occupy the presidential chair on the occasion of the 60th anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Beer and Wine Trade Asylum.

The wedding of Prince Adolphus of Teck with Lady Margaret Grosvenor, eldest unmarried daughter of the Duke of Westminster, has been fixed to take place on Thursday, November 29th.

The United States Ambassador has promised to preside at the King's Room of the Holborn Restaurant, on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at the anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation.

The foundation-stone of the Caxton Convalescent Home (of which Mr. Passmore Edwards is President), will be laid by the Lord Mayor at Limsfield, Oxted, Surrey, on Saturday afternoon, the 6th prox.

Bro. C. F. Hogard has, we learn, taken up the representation of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which, as our readers are aware, is the largest and richest insurance company in the world, the invested funds being over £38,000,000. A great and increasing business is being done by this company in England, consequent on the new features they have introduced, and we trust a good share of it may pass through the hands of Bro. Hogard.

CRIMEAN VETERANS.—The 40th anniversary of the Battle of Alma was celebrated in Manchester on Thursday in a unique manner. Over 300 Crimean infantry veterans, belonging to Manchester and neighbourhood, were entertained at the Belle Vue Gardens, the cost of the entertainment being defrayed by public subscription. A great crowd of spectators cheered the veterans in the streets. The gathering is believed to be the first of its kind in this country since the Crimean War.

Following the custom of past years, the regiments which took part in the battle of the Alma celebrated the anniversary on Thursday by decorating their colours. The subaltern on duty with the regiment of the 1st Battalion Grenadiers, which mounted the Queen's Guard in London, carried the laurel-wreathed ensign from Wellington Barracks to St. James's Palace, where the band of the regiment played a selection of music in the courtyard during the changing of the guard.

Already £700 has been collected for the Infant Prince Fund for the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, to commemorate the birth of an heir to the English throne, of which a most fitting and generous contribution of £50 has been made by the Graduates, Members, and Associates of the Children's Salon, the band of young gentlewomen who are working to endow beds in children's hospitals. Captain Blount, the secretary, will be glad to acknowledge further donations.

The re-opening of Drury Lane Theatre, which, as an annual event, may be considered as a formal inauguration of the theatrical season in London, took place on Saturday last, when a new sporting drama was presented to an overflowing house. The production is the joint work of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, Mr. Henry Hamilton, and Mr. Cecil Raleigh, and it may be asserted without fear of contradiction that for sustained interest, smart dialogue, and brilliant scenes it surpasses all previous productions. It will assuredly fill the stage until the Christmas pantomime.

Masonic lodges are dedicated to the "Holy Saints John"—these two historic personages. The original dedication of lodges was to the "Holy St. John," meaning the Baptist. Some authorities, however, Bazot among the number, affirm that the early reference of the Craft was to St. John the Almoner, thus identified with the "Holy St. John of Jerusalem." The Almoner was the son of Cyprus, born in that island in the early part of the sixth century. He gave up honours and ease, going to Jerusalem that he might render aid to distressed knights and pilgrims. He founded a hospital and accomplished a magnificent work of benevolence. Rome canonised him under the name of St. John the Almoner, and he has been recognised by a number of religious and benevolent organisations that holds his name and services in grateful remembrance. Knights Templar generally dictate their Commanderies to the honour of this illustrious, self-sacrificing, helpful friend of needy humanity, who followed practically the step of Him "who went about doing good."—*Southern Lodge Secret*.

Death has been busy in the Province of Cornwall during the past week or two. Last week we announced the death of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, now we have to record the death of Bro. Wellington Dale, of Penzance, who, although not so prominent in the Craft as Bro. Chirgwin, was one of the most widely known and respected solicitors in West Cornwall. He had held the office of Prov. Grand Registrar of Cornwall, and the funeral, which took place on the 13th inst., was attended by many members of the Masonic body, including Dr. E. Curnow, representing the Cornish lodge in London. At the moment of going to press we learn of the sad death of Bro. Harry Tilly, of Falmouth, whose connection with the Craft as a Past Grand Officer and P.M. of Lodge Love and Honour, has been for many years a close one. His death, we regret to say, was of a very tragic character, and the circumstances are thus described in the *Daily Telegraph* of to-day (Friday): "A sad case of suicide was reported at Falmouth on Thursday afternoon. Mr. H. S. Tuke, the well-known artist, was painting on the beach some two miles from Falmouth, when he heard the report of firearms in the vicinity. A lad who was with him went to ascertain the cause, and found that a gentleman had shot himself twice in the mouth with a revolver, and was lying dead on the beach. Mr. Tuke came up and identified the body as that of Mr. Harry Tilly, a well-known solicitor of Falmouth. He was registrar of the county court, clerk to the commissioners of taxes, a director of and solicitor to the Falmouth Dock Company, and P.M. in Freemasonry. The body was conveyed to Boslowick, the deceased's country seat, where an inquest will be held to-day (Friday.) Mr. Tilly, who was a bachelor, in his 55th year, had been encumbered by inheriting a heavily mortgaged estate, and financial embarrassments are said to have led him to take his life."

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, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
 St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.  
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South  
 Hackney, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 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.  
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green,  
 S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern.  
 1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.  
 1885, Royal Commemoration, White Lion Hotel, Putney.  
 1687, Rotheray, Frascati Restaurant.  
 1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
 53, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 1397, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.  
 1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 Grand Master's, Mark Masons' Hall.  
 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Watnamstow, at 8.  
 Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
 Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street,  
 E.C., at 7.  
 Dray Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 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, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
 Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
 Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-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, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
 Strong Man, 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, Kitto-road, Nunhead.  
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.,  
 at 7.30.  
 Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.  
 Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Andrew 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, OCTOBER 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.  
 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.  
 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 227, Ionic, Criterion.  
 535, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 743, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.  
 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1475, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.  
 1797, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
 1795, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.  
 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.  
 1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel.  
 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
 2201, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
 2411, Clarendon and Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
 34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 174, Sincerity, London Tavern.  
 1700, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Burdett-Counts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse,  
 E., at 7.30.  
 Elliott, 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.  
 Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, 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.  
 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.  
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, 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-st., Kennington, at 8.  
 Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Union 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, OCTOBER 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.  
 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.  
 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
 2070, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.  
 2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.  
**MARK LODGE.**  
 454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.  
**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, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, 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.  
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Ke Bridge, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd  
 and 4th Friday, at 7.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace,  
 Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
 Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney,  
 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Mark Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street,  
 W.C., at 6.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1049, Brixton, Horns Tavern.  
 2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.  
 2466, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
 175, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, October 6, 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, OCTOBER 1.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Bolton ... 37  
 Bath ... 53  
 Lyall ... 107  
 Preston ... 113  
 Whitehaven ... 119  
 Bridgwater ... 135  
 Wakefield ... 154  
 Plymouth ... 159  
 Dover ... 199  
 Barnstaple ... 251  
 Torquay ... 328  
 Ross ... 338  
 Leamington ... 395  
 Gainsborough ... 422  
 Northwich ... 428  
 North Shields ... 431  
 Cambridge ... 441  
 Handsworth ... 482  
 Worcester ... 529  
 Wimbome ... 622  
 Basingstoke ... 694  
 Gloucester ... 839  
 Ashbourne ... 850  
 Wadbridge ... 928  
 Petersfield ... 928  
 Ipswich ... 959  
 Fowey ... 977  
 Altrincham ... 1045  
 Rochester ... 1050  
 Lancaster ... 1051  
 Southport ... 1070  
 Blackley ... 1077  
 Oswestry ... 1124  
 Birmingham ... 1180  
 Leeds ... 1211  
 Sheffield ... 1239  
 Exeter ... 1254  
 Liverpool ... 1264  
 Halifax ... 1302  
 Bocking ... 1312  
 Woodstock ... 1399  
 Nottingham ... 1434  
 Lowestoft ... 1452  
 Swansea ... 1573  
 Wadbridge ... 1954  
 Sunderland ... 2030  
 Calstock ... 2166  
 Kingston ... 2240  
 Manchester ... 2322  
**R.A. CHAPTERS.**  
 Banbury ... 599  
 Wakefield ... 1019  
 St. Mary Cray ... 2147  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 Basingstoke ... 37  
 Keynsham ... 119  
 Tenby ... 250  
 Middlesbrough ... 276  
 Gateshead ... 293  
 Shoreham ... 380  
 Liverpool ... 447

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton ... 184  
 Norwich ... 213  
 Brighton ... 315  
 Reading ... 414  
 Liverpool ... 823  
 Saltash ... 1071  
 Ramsgate ... 1209  
 Mossley ... 1218  
 Old Brompton ... 1424  
 Canterbury ... 1449  
 Bromley ... 1692  
 Landport ... 1776  
 Walton-on-  
 Naze ... 1799  
 East Retford ... 1802  
 Hull ... 2134

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Nottingham ... 47  
 Norwich ... 52  
 Plymouth ... 70  
 Bristol ... 103  
 Durham ... 124  
 Sheerness ... 158  
 Littleboro' ... 226  
 Dudley ... 252  
 Keighley ... 265  
 Brighton ... 315  
 Oxford ... 340  
 Neath ... 364  
 Berwick ... 393  
 S. Molton ... 421  
 Monmouth ... 457  
 Gloucester ... 493  
 Liskeard ... 510  
 Folkestone ... 558  
 Erith ... 615  
 Malton ... 660  
 Liverpool ... 673  
 Stroud ... 702  
 Bridlington ... 734  
 Sutton Coldfield ... 794  
 Havant ... 804  
 Hinton ... 847  
 Linslade ... 948  
 Cardiff ... 960  
 Bradford ... 974  
 Ulverston ... 995  
 Cockerham ... 1002  
 Aberswith ... 1072  
 Manchester ... 1134  
 Hminster ... 1197  
 Weston-super-  
 Mare ... 1222  
 Redcar ... 1244  
 Wrexham ... 1336  
 N. Woolwich ... 1472  
 Amlwch ... 1488  
 Portmadoc ... 1509  
 Southampton ... 1780  
 Padstow ... 1785  
 Builth ... 1807  
 Frodsham ... 1908  
 South Shields ... 1970  
 East Molesey ... 1981  
 Richmond ... 2032  
 Bakewell ... 2129  
 Stratford-on-  
 Avon ... 2133  
 Bishops  
 Stortford ... 2136  
 Fairfield ... 2290  
 Blackwater ... 2475  
**R.A. CHAPTERS.**  
 Lincoln ... 297  
 Chesterfield ... 681  
 Leicester ... 1500  
 York ... 1611  
 Wilmington ... 1837  
 Hull ... 2134  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 New Brompton ... 69  
 Leeds ... 111  
 Amlwch ... 360  
 Gravesend ... 364  
 Lewes ... 391  
 Kingsbridge ... 438

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74  
 Darford ... 299  
 Maryport ... 371  
 Broadstairs ... 429  
 Liverpool ... 241  
 Halifax ... 448  
 Batley ... 204  
 St. Austell ... 496  
 Aylesbury ... 591  
 Cleekeaton ... 603  
 Stockton ... 940  
 Kingston Hill ... 1638  
 Huddersfield ... 1783  
 Buckingham ... 1787

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Birmingham ... 74  
 Sunderland ... 94  
 Poole ... 137  
 Sidmouth ... 164  
 Guernsey ... 108  
 Leicester ... 276  
 Tavistock ... 282  
 Stockport ... 287  
 Rochdale ... 208  
 Bristol ... 326  
 Wigan ... 327  
 Dorchester ... 417  
 Ramsgate ... 420  
 Newport, Mon. ... 471  
 Ludlow ... 611  
 Kearsley ... 678  
 Boston ... 848  
 Bungay ... 920  
 East Loos ... 976  
 Hull ... 1012  
 Liverpool ... 1013  
 West Malling ... 1061  
 Derby ... 1085  
 Alnwick ... 1167  
 Sandwich ... 1200  
 Chester-le-  
 Street ... 1274  
 Atherstone ... 1333  
 Wigan ... 1335  
 Leigh ... 1354  
 Solihull ... 1431  
 Woolston ... 1401  
 Warminster ... 1478  
 Liverpool ... 1620  
 Prizington ... 1660  
 Halifax ... 1730  
 W. Hartlepool ... 1862  
 Liverpool ... 2042  
 Tunbridge ... 2200  
 Wells ... 2224  
 Alderley Edge ... 2368  
 Hay ... 2382  
 Cardiff ... 2453  
 Amthill ... 2490  
**R.A. CHAPTERS.**  
 Rochdale ... 54  
 Ashton-under-  
 Lyne ... 300  
 Leeds ... 304  
 Preston ... 333  
 Portsmouth ... 342  
 Bishops Stort-  
 ford ... 409  
 Monmouth ... 457  
 Tiverton ... 1125  
 Scarborough ... 1248  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 Workington ... 282  
 Gt. Driffield ... 291  
 Salisbury ... 443

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20  
 Shrewsbury ... 117  
 Ryde ... 175  
 Bingley ... 430  
 Haverfordwest ... 404  
 Newbury ... 574  
 Canterbury ... 672  
 Choriton-on-  
 Medlock ... 1459  
 Herne Bay ... 2099  
 Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Newcastle ... 24  
 Canterbury ... 31  
 Chichester ... 35  
 Bath ... 39  
 Hull ... 57  
 Merthyr Tydvi ... 110  
 Ipswich ... 114  
 Bournemouth ... 105  
 Todmorden ... 219  
 Devonport ... 230  
 Liverpool ... 240  
 Heywood ... 266  
 Blackburn ... 269  
 Leeds ... 280  
 Macclesfield ... 295  
 Ashton-under-  
 Lyne ... 305  
 Beccles ... 306  
 Fareham ... 309  
 Manchester ... 317  
 Northampton ... 360  
 Grantham ... 362  
 Wolverhampt-  
 ton ... 416  
 Wells, Somers-  
 set ... 416  
 Accrington ... 402  
 Stockton ... 500  
 Hartlepool ... 531  
 Walsall ... 539  
 Manchester ... 933  
 Stoke-on-Trent ... 937  
 Blackpool ... 703  
 Grimsby ... 792  
 Bruton ... 970  
 Bury ... 1012  
 Topsham ... 1284  
 Horncastle ... 1304  
 Ripley ... 1324  
 Darlington ... 1379  
 Widnes ... 1384  
 Bootle ... 1473  
 Norwich ... 1500  
 Padham ... 1504  
 Barnsley ... 1513  
 Hexham ... 1557  
 Lymm ... 1565  
 Stony Stratford ... 1639  
 Brighton ... 1829  
 Kidderminster ... 1874  
 Sandhurst ... 1899  
 Reading ... 2043  
 East Cowes ... 2109  
 Chingford ... 2255  
 Stratford ... 2291  
 Chester ... 2366  
**R.A. CHAPTERS.**  
 Southampton ... 130  
 Ramsgate ... 429  
 Ardwick ... 581  
 Worthington ... 902  
 Birmingham ... 1016  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 Birkenhead ... 11  
 Eastwood ... 14  
 Cardiff ... 28  
 Barrow-in-Fur-  
 ness ... 36  
 Sheffield ... 33  
 Liskeard ... 379

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31  
 Plymouth ... 70  
 Batley ... 204  
 Leeds ... 289  
 Uxbridge ... 382  
 Maidstone ... 593  
 Rochester ... 1050  
 Liverpool ... 1182  
 Sudbury ... 1224  
 Thirsk ... 1410  
 Romford ... 1437  
 Hatfield ... 1580  
 Leyton ... 1685  
 Sandown, I.W. ... 1869  
 Shanklin, I.W. ... 1884  
 Walford ... 1887  
 Hazel Grove ... 1957

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Manchester ... 44  
 Leeds ... 306  
 Chester-le-Street ... 375  
 Huddersfield ... 521  
 Ashford ... 700  
 Ledbury ... 751  
 Ripon ... 837  
 Aldeburgh ... 936  
 Barnard Castle ... 1230  
 Nottingham ... 1405  
 Morecambe ... 1501  
 Gosforth ... 1664  
 Penarth ... 1754  
 Birkenhead ... 2433

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 125  
 Bristol ... 187  
 Bradford ... 1034  
 Keighley ... 265  
 Saltash ... 1071  
 Bristol - Province

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 Walmer ... 1096  
 Riverhead ... 1223  
 Manchester ... 1428  
 Plymouth ... 1550  
 Feltham ... 1567

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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