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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Redruth, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. The lodge had been postponed from September 11th, on account of the sudden death of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. Chirgwin, Mayor of Truro. Bro. Sir Charles Sawle being detained at Quarter Sessions at Bodmin, his chair was filled by Bro. E. D. Anderton.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was constituted as follows:

Bro. W. Mason, 496, P.S.G.W.; W. K. Baker, 1272, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Greatrex, 1529, P.G. Chap.; Rev. G. G. Ross, 789, P.G. Chap.; Edmund Venning, 510, P.G. Treas.; A. E. Ratcliffe, 318, P.G. Reg.; J. M. Carne, 75, P.S.G.D.; W. Wagner, 450, P.S.G.D.; Sholto H. Hare, 1954, P.J.G.D.; Simon White, 970, P.J.G.D.; J. D. Pearn, 893, P.G.S. of W.; Richard Rowe, 1544, P.G.D.C.; George Wedlake, 121, Dep. P.G.D.C.; John Kittow, 789, P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Carus Wilson, 1529, P.G.S.B.; N. Robins, 1954, P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Collins, 1006, P.G. Std. Br.; M. J. Monk, Mus. Bac. 131, P.G. Org.; F. A. Rawling, 1164, P.A.G. Sec.; T. P. Tonkin, 330, P.G. Purst.; J. Langdon, 131, P.A.G. Purst.; W. Phillips, 1954, W. E. Marchant, 893, R. S. Langford, 1785, J. M. Blamey, 967, John Black, 1136, and B. Parsons, 789, P.G. Stewards; and R. George, 1954, P.G. Tyler. The brethren in office absent were Bros. Sholto Hare, Wedlake, Kittow, Black, and Parsons. The lodge was also attended by about 500 brethren from all parts of the province, no lodge being unrepresented.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER, after the reading of the minutes, alluded to the death of Bro. Rev. J. Core, who was P.G. Chap. at the time. With regard to Bro. C. Truscott, who for some years managed the votes of the province, his lordship mentioned that it was intended to present him with an address and the sum of £68, collected among his brother Masons. The P.G.M. proceeded to say that he hoped the postponement of the P.G. Lodge had not inconvenienced many brethren. He felt he could not hold the lodge within a week of the brother who convened it on his behalf being laid in his last resting-place. Even now a cloud hung over the meeting, a cloud of regret for one whose genial kindness and indefatigable work for anything for the benefit of his county and his city—in which he did so much—and for their Craft, made them feel Bro. Chirgwin's loss as one which would not be easily repaired. To him (the P.G.M.) some would be able to judge what a loss it was. He hoped overwork had nothing to do with shortening Bro. Chirgwin's life; but he (the P.G.M.) had sometimes scrupled in adding to the many duties he had to perform by asking him to continue to act as Secretary for him in that province, and which some regard for him (the P.G.M.) induced Bro. Chirgwin to retain. He wished to acknowledge a letter from the Looe Lodge condoling with the loss his lordship had sustained by the death of the Secretary. Among those who could not attend in consequence of the meeting having been postponed were Sir Charles Sawle, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was at Quarter Sessions; and Bro. Charles Prideaux Brune, was now in Ireland. The P.G.M. also read a letter from Bro. Rawle, the Secretary of the London Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, condoling with the province on the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Chirgwin, and mentioned that they had just initiated as a brother Mr. John Passmore Edwards.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY's report was to the effect that during the year there had been 124 initiations, against 146 in the previous year, 29 joining members against 30, 1549 subscribing members against 1521; total, 1702, against 1697; increase, 5. Five petitions had been presented to the Board of Benevolence in London, and grants obtained in four cases amounting to £60, against £260 granted to nine cases last year. It was regretted that some lodge Secretaries had omitted to apply for copies of the directory until too late. If more copies were not applied for the directory would be published at a loss or have to be curtailed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. EDMUND VENNING, presented his balance sheet in print, and it was taken as read and adopted. It showed, balance to begin with, £192 1s.; total receipts, £445 7s. 9d.; the expenditure of the year left the balance at the bank increased to £211 11s. 5d.

Bro. GILBERT PEARCE presented the ninth annual report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. The total receipts were £209, showing a decrease, he was sorry to say, in the previous year of eight guineas. The principal contributions were: Liskeard, 31 guineas; Hayle, 37 guineas; Millbrook, 15 guineas; Wadebridge, 14 guineas; Falmouth, 13 guineas; Camborne, 12 guineas; Bodmin, 10 guineas; and Launceston, 10 guineas. Many lodges did little for Charities, which was much to be regretted. The late Bro. Chirgwin was the acting chairman of their Committee and was always sympathetic and a firm and warm supporter of the work they had in hand. They proposed in his place Bro. Anderton, a most generous contributor to the Charities of the province, and he hoped the province generally would support Bro. Anderton as a Steward to represent the whole province at the next Girls' Festival.

Bro. EDMUND VENNING presented the report of the Committee of Relief recording grants of £10 each to two brethren, one late No. 977, and the other of No. 131. The Committee suggested the following sums to be devoted to the Masonic Charities: To the C.M.A. and B. Fund, 50 guineas; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Men, 10 guineas; for Widows, 10 guineas; for Boys, 20 guineas; and for Girls, 20 guineas; total, £110.

Bro. ANDERTON said he had the consent of the members of the Committee to move an amendment to that report. Since the Committee met it

had been announced that their P.G.M. had promised to preside at the next annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He therefore moved that instead of 20 guineas they give 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to somewhat make up for that the contribution to the Boys should be decreased to 10 guineas, and to the male annuitants 10 guineas.

Bro. J. BREWER seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. E. M. MILFORD, Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, presented a report, which showed—Lodge donations and subscriptions, £230 1s., against £224 18s. in 1893, increase of £5 3s. The balance-sheet balance at Cornish bank, £273 6s. 7d., and the capital of the fund now amounted to £544 10s. 5d., an increase of £195 5s. 2d. on the year. The present annual charges on the fund are seven annuities to aged Masons, £115; ditto to five widows, £100; and six educational grants, £80. One application had been received for an annuity, and three for educational grants, and the recommendations of the Committee appeared on the voting papers.

Bro. BERNARD EDYVEAN presented the following report: I have much pleasure in reporting favourably on the state of the voting power of this province to the great Masonic Charities during the past 12 months. I received from the province—Girls—October, 477; April, 410; total, 887. Boys—October, 432; April, 438; total, 870; Benevolent—males, 1015; widows, 930; total, 1945. Sundry gifts 197, including a handsome donation of 117 votes from Bro. J. Roberts, of the Cornish Lodge; grand total, 3889; an increase of 121 over the previous year. These numbers do not fully represent the voting power of the province; many votes are lost or mislaid, and a considerable number are given to other provinces to which brethren belong. In April last I polled for Nellie Rosewarne, the candidate adopted by the province, 2630, she being successfully elected, and placed 15th on the list of 22 successful candidates. The election necessitated a loss of 2000 votes, which I have paid off, as well as last year's debt of 1106, total 3106, and I am glad to say that, with the assistance of the recent votes, the province has now 222 votes standing to its credit. The somewhat arduous duties of Charity Representative would be greatly reduced if brethren would kindly forward their votes as soon after receiving them as possible, considerable difficulty being experienced in negotiating votes received within a few days of the elections. I regret having to report an unfortunate occurrence at the Benevolent election in May. The list of candidates contained the names of three applicants from Cornwall, none of whom were adopted by the Province. One of these cases—that of Bro. Dinnis, P.M. 75, Falmouth—was taken up by his son-in-law, Bro. Stone, of London, a Mason in no way connected with this province, who, in my absence, and without my knowledge or consent, borrowed no less than 1,500 votes on the representation that Cornwall would support the case next year and refund the votes. Believing the statement, the votes were loaned by Bro. Smithson, of West Yorkshire, Past Grand Deacon of England, a leading Mason at these elections, and who has been, and still is, one of Cornwall's best friends. Our Committee of Relief, after due consideration, do not feel justified in acknowledging the debt, fearing that by so doing similar frauds may be attempted on the province, in the absence of their representative; at the same time they much regret that the loss should fall on one who has done so much for this province.

A procession was then formed, interspersed with the banners of the different lodges, headed by the Redruth Volunteer Band, with the volume of the Sacred Law carried in front of them by four Lewises, and marched to church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. G. G. Ross, D.C.L., Vicar of Michaelstow, from Ephesians iv., 16—"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." This must be the rule of every society. The fatherhood of God must lead to the acknowledgment of man. The world was really one vast society, and in the text we had the key to true Christian socialism, which Freemasonry made some attempt to realise. If there was "the effectual working of every part; if there was a little more consideration for our fellow men, and if there was more willingness to share each other's burden, such things as 'strikes' would not be heard of."

After the return to the lodge-room, the P.G. MASTER presented bibles in memory of the occasion to the four Lewises who had carried the volume of the Sacred Law in the procession. His lordship, addressing the lads, who remained without the door of the lodge, told them that they would in after life often find it hard not only to know what it was right to do, but to do it when they knew it to be right, and they would never know how to do right except through the Spirit of God and the guidance of His Word. If they lived long and each became an old man like himself, he hoped they would still look back with pleasure to the memory of the day when they carried the bible in procession at that lodge at Redruth, and that they would be able to say then "This has been my guide ever since." The P.G. Master then presented the bibles, in which he promised to write each lad's name. They were Geo. Howard Kistler, Willie Williams, Percy Reynolds, and Alfred Opie.

The officers of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were elected as follows: Bros. E. M. Milford, Treasurer; E. D. Anderton, Secretary; J. C. R. Crewes, Assistant Secretary; and J. Rogers and W. T. Hawking, Auditors.

For the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. T. A. Kistler, P.M. 589, was proposed by Bro. B. EDYVEAN, and unanimously elected.

Bro. Bernard Edyvean was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative.

The collection in church amounted to £11, and the P.G.M. announced that one-fifth each would go to the curate-in-charge, the Miners' Hospital, and the Women's Hospital, and two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:

Bro. Sir C. B. Graves Sawle	...	...	Deputy P.G.M.
" P. Colville Smith, 331	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. H. Baynes Read, 75	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. G. Ross, 789	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. George Durno, 1954	...	...
" J. A. Kistler, 589	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" James Bazeley, 450	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. D. Anderton, 331	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Brewer, 496 and 331	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Martin Sampson, 121	...	...
" G. Cassell, 1136	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" R. Rodda, 589	...	...
" W. L. Chegwiddden, 589	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Frank Bray, 1758	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thomas Gately, 1529	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. O. Job, 496	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. J. Dennison, 977	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Basset, 1154	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Retallick, 699	...	...
" J. N. Richards, 589	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Lee, 1544	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Robert Rundell, 1151	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Langdon, 131	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. T. Letcher, 131	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. R. Brewer, 330	...	...
" J. H. Hosken, 557	...	...
" W. McLean, 856	...	...
" T. B. Tresise, 1136	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. G. Blight, 496	...	...
" John Polkinghorne, 589	...	...

The announcement of the appointment of Bro. Anderton as Prov. Grand Secretary, in the place of the late Bro. Chirgwin, and Bro. Colville Smith as P.S.G.W., was received with much enthusiasm.

A very large number—probably 350—afterwards attended a luncheon at Tabb's Hotel.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCOMBE was obliged to leave before the toast list commenced. He explained that he was going down by the 4.8 train to Helston, and had to drive from thence to Bosahan, and if he did not go by that train he would not be able to get home until very late. He, therefore, asked to be allowed to anticipate all the kind things they would say of him, and at once to thank them. He thought they had very good reason to be obliged to the Redruth Lodge for their arrangements. He heard that a prominent member of that lodge was about to leave them—Bro. R. H. Heath—to whom he had heard they intended to show some mark of their appreciation. His lordship was quite sure they all hoped that Bro. Heath would be successful in his new home.

The Earl then left, and Bro. Anderton took his place as Chairman, and proceeded with the usual toasts.

Bro. the Rev. W. E. ERSKINE, W.M. 589, proposed "The Provincial Grand Master," and

Bro. W. MASON gave "The Deputy P.G.M. and the P.G. Wardens and Officers."

Bro. COLVILLE SMITH, P.S.G.W., returned thanks. He was enthusiastically received. He assured them that personally he felt it a great honour to be S.W. of that province. It was true he had not been able to work so much in the province as he should like, but with the votes to his name in the Charities he had sometimes been able to assist the province. He was sure the feeling that actuated him actuated the other officers of the lodge, and they would all do what they could for the good of Masonry and in support of the P.G.M. He had been very much pleased with the proceedings of the day. In the Province of Oxford to which he had belonged, they met late in the day and did not go to church. The P.G.M. of that province was probably afraid that if they had a procession the undergraduates might upset it.

Bro. Capt. BAYNES REED also responded to the toast.

Bro. W. K. BAKER next proposed "The Health of their Chairman, Bro. Anderton," who had happily returned to the office of secretary. There was no man dearer to him (Bro. Baker) than Bro. Chirgwin, whom it had pleased Providence to remove, but there was no man who could better fill his place than Bro. Anderton.

Bro. ANDERTON said he thanked them very much. If he had acted according to his own wishes he should not be holding that position: but when the P.G.M., feeling a difficulty on the death of Bro. Chirgwin, asked him to help him he felt he was obliged to put his own feelings on one side. He was, however, glad to do anything he could for the good of the province of which he was proud. It was a difficult thing to satisfy all those who desired office in Grand Lodge, but he knew the honours were distributed as equitably as possible. He did not think there was another man who knew so many Masons, or who had so much information about them in all parts of the province as the Prov. G. Master, who ruled the province so justly and honourably. He (Bro. Anderton) hoped all Secretaries of lodges would bear in mind their duties regarding returns, dues, and voting papers. He congratulated the brethren on the attendance that day. It was the largest he had known, and the Prov. G.M. had expressed himself very much pleased at the manner in which they had rallied round him, especially at the luncheon. Bro. Anderton concluded by proposing "The W.M. and Officers of Druid's Lodge," with special thanks for the excellent manner in which they had received the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Some capital music interspersed the speeches, including songs by Bros. T. A. Kistler, R. Rowe, J. M. Stephens, and Trestrail; a trio (which was encored) by Bros. Kistler, Heath, and Trestrail; duets by Bros. Moore and Stephens, and Bros. Kistler and Trestrail; piano solo by H. T. Moore; a splendid cornet solo by Bro. R. H. Heath; and a recitation by Bro. S. M. Abbott. Some of the accompaniments were played by Bro. Dr. Monk, and the remainder by Bro. Heath.

Later in the evening Bro. Heath, who is leaving Redruth for South Africa, was presented with a purse of gold and an illuminated address at the Masonic Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The second half-yearly meeting of the above was held in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., under the Banner of Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, when there were present:

Bros. the Right. Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.M. 289, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Master; Henry Smith, P.G.D. of Eng., P.M. 387, Dep. Prov. G. Master; J. R. Armitage, J.P., P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; A. Arnold, J.P., Prov. J.G.W.; Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W.; Wm. Henry Brittain, J.P., P.G. Swd. B. Eng., P.P.G.W.; Simeon Hayes, P.P.G.W.; Lt.-Col. J. E. Bingham, P.P.G.W.; Robert Arnison, P.P.G.W.; T. Bateman Fox, J.P., P.P.G.W.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. of Eng., P.P.G.W.; Rev. Jas. Geo. Williams, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. T. M. Turnbull, Prov. G. Chap.; Thos. Richards, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Harrison, P.P.G. Treas.; John Gibbs, P.P.G. Treas.; William Fisher Tasker, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Brayshaw, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Cooper Malcom, P.P.G. Reg.; Capt. H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Lt.-Col. J. Day, P.P.G.W., as Prov. S.G.D.; Thos. Henry Vernon, Prov. S.G.D.; Alfred Scarth, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Edward Smithies, Prov. J.G.D.; Wm. Hy. Bradford, Prov. J.G.D.; John F. Moss, P.P.G.D.; Hy. Wm. Pawson, P.P.G.D.; Fredk. Cleaves, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Wostinholm, P.P.G.D.; John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Andrew Macredie, P.P.G.D.; William Watson, P. as Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, George W. Hawksley, P.P. Grand Supt. of Works; Charles Gott, P.P. Grand Supt. of Works; John Barker, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. W. Roome, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C., as P.G.D.C.; E. J. Massie, Prov. Dep. G.D.C.; John Dawson, Prov. A.G.D.C.; E. Billington, P.P.G.P., as Prov. A.G.D.C.; Wm. Hy. Dawson, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Thomas Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; Samuel Slack, P.P.G.D.C.; William Fitton, P.P.G.D.C.; H. T. E. Holmes, P.P.G.D.C.; James Jenkin, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Mitchell, Prov. G.S.B.; H. J. Garnett, P.P. G.S.B.; J. E. D. Darling, P.P.G.S.B.; John Hy. Roper, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Spencer, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Haigh, P.P.G. Std.; John Constable, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Walter Bailey, Prov. G. Org.; Dr. Samuel Jacob, P.P.G. Org.; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; John A. Heastie, Prov. G. Purst.; James Oldroyd, Prov. A.G. Purst.; Hy. Morton, Prov. A.G. Purst.; Isaac Kaberry, Prov. G. Stwd.; Asa Fawthorp, Prov. G. Stwd.; John P. Hewitt, 1229, as Prov. G. Stwd.; Frederick C. Robinson, Prov. G. Stwd.; Joseph Hartley, Prov. G. Stwd.; C. Goldthorp, Prov. G. Stwd.; Thomas Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; and Thomas Chester, Prov. A.G. Tyler; also a large number of representatives of lodges and visitors.

The roll of lodges and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Huddersfield on Wednesday, 18th April, 1894, were read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was most cordially greeted, delivered an address. He said

It was customary for the Provincial Grand Master on such occasions to take the opportunity of addressing a few remarks to the brethren concerning the work that had been, and that still remained, to be done in the province. As they knew, his predecessor, Bro. T. W. Tew, under such circumstances delivered many most valuable and interesting addresses, a large portion of which had been collected and presented in a form in which they were capable of ready reference, and they were much prized by the brethren. That was done under the direction of the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary with great care and great ability, and he was glad to know that they would soon have an opportunity of seeing a second, but, he feared, he must add concluding, volume which they might with confidence expect to be not less interesting than the first. There had, moreover, recently been given to them other Masonic literature in a very concise, readable, and valuable form—he referred to the histories of four lodges in the province which had lately celebrated their centenary, and they were greatly indebted to those brethren who had taken considerable pains, and been at no little labour to so present the history of their formation and career. The four lodges were the Royal Brunswick, of Sheffield; the Hope, of Bradford; the Fidelity, and the Philanthropic. It was his privilege to be present and take part in the celebration of the centenary in connection with three of the four, and though he did not intend to enter into details, he might say that the occasions were such as would not be readily forgotten. In connection with the subject of Masonic literature, he ought to remark that there was belonging to the province a central library, the work of which was most carefully and ably done by Bro. Wm. Watson, who was much assisted by the late Prov. Grand Master. Although he himself did not feel competent to render the same assistance that was given by Bro. Tew, yet he was glad to take that opportunity of saying that he should be glad to the best of his power to help the librarian at any time, and in any way. He wished to point out how essential it was that the records of every lodge in the province should be faithfully and accurately kept. Next year the Alfred Lodge, of Leeds, would celebrate its centenary, and the very fact that they were growing older year by year should increase their interests in the valuable records which brought before their minds what had been done by their predecessors in the Craft. Much had been lost through lapse of duties in times gone by, arising through negligence in duly keeping records. His work of examining the details of the organisation of which they had done him the honour to put him at the head, had at times been much hindered by the absence of continuous and careful records, and he desired to impress upon the Secretaries of lodges throughout the province the imperative necessity of discharging their duties in this respect promptly, faithfully, and well. He also wished to draw the attention of Treasurers to the subjects of arrears and to beseech the holders of such office to be prompt, persuasive, and, like the widow, very importunate. The brethren of the St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, had recently completed the erection of a handsome Masonic hall, an achievement on which all the brethren would congratulate them. Bro. Tew, his predecessor in that chair, was founder of the lodge, and the first W.M., and they would all be glad to hear that notwithstanding great physical infirmity and weakness, he was able to carry out efficiently the opening ceremony; for it must be gratifying to them all to know that he was able to sustain such a part in connection with the work to which he had devoted his life. He could not conclude without gratefully acknowledging the assistance and support accorded to him by every individual lodge in the province in connection with his presidency at the Boys' Festival in London. Every lodge in West Yorkshire was represented, not a single name being absent from the list. The total sum given was very large, and the proportion from the province

over which he presided was in itself a most handsome contribution. It was his desire as far as possible to visit all the lodges, and sooner or later to complete the round, but the task was a heavy one, and pending its performance he claimed with confidence the indulgence of the brethren. They were not numerically so strong as their neighbours in Lancashire, but great care should be exercised by every lodge and every brother as to the admission of new men into the Order; their desire being not merely, unwisely, as he thought, to seek to increase their numbers, but to admit only such men as would have their heart in the work, and would reflect honour and credit on the Craft.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. HENRY SMITH, in the course of a brief speech, thanked the brethren for their congratulations on his return in restored health from his Canadian trip. He mentioned that that was the 16th time Prov. Grand Lodge had been held in Sheffield. On that occasion it was under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, which was consecrated in 1868, since which time 25 new lodges had been added to the roll of the province, no less than four of them being connected with the city. The Wentworth was now one of the most flourishing lodges in West Yorkshire, the names of upwards of 80 members appearing on its books, and he wished, on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge, to thank Bro. Charles Stokes, the W.M., and the brethren generally, for the admirable arrangements they had made.

Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, Chairman of the Charity Committee, having been called upon for his report, explained that the half-yearly report was necessarily brief, and at once referred to the work done since the last meeting. In the May elections, he said West Yorkshire had three men candidates and one widow; that the men were elected, and the widow very nearly so, practically, he might say, she was elected; that in the election last week they carried two boys, but did not quite succeed with the third. It was his pleasing duty to reiterate the thanks which the Provincial Grand Master had expressed to the brethren generally for extending to Bro. Jackson the largest amount of support which West Yorkshire had ever known. In 1864, Bro. Fox informed them the amount contributed was £4500, of which West Yorkshire sent £1500. This year the total was £19,000, and this province had subscribed £4500.

Bro. Fox also referred to the honour which had been conferred upon Bro. W. F. Smithson by the Board of Management of the Boys' School; and concluded by extending a hearty welcome to Bros. Chadwick, Prov. G. Secretary, East Lancashire, to Bro. Cowper, Prov. G. Warden, North and East Yorkshire, to Bro. McLeod, Secretary to the Boys' School, and to Bros. Wright and Walker from Derbyshire.

The PROV. G. MASTER said the brethren of West Yorkshire would be glad to hear a few words from Bro. John Chadwick.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, who had a very warm reception, said he rose with trepidation, yet with much pleasure. He came to West Yorkshire as frequently as he could, and seldom failed to learn something by so doing. He referred to the long and close association which had existed between himself and Bro. Henry Smith, and explained the part he took as far back as 1860 in drawing up the By-Laws of the Charity Committee, which By-Laws he had now extended to East Lancashire. "Though," continued Bro. Chadwick, "we number 108 lodges, we might come here and take a lesson from you. If our 50 Prov. G. Officers would, as your Prov. G. Master suggested, visit the lodges, it would largely add to their successful career, and I am convinced also that the Charities would materially benefit." Bro. Chadwick, whilst thanking the brethren, expressed a hope that he might be spared to visit them many times, and to consult together for their mutual benefit and satisfaction.

Bro. COWPER also expressed his thanks for the kind greeting and welcome he had met, as did also Bro. J. Walker.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, next called, said that he had come down specially to thank the brethren of West Yorkshire for the noble support they had given to the school of which it was his pride to be Secretary. He had, he explained, just two matters further to which to refer. The first was the honour so well deserved and he might almost add, too long delayed, of which Bro. W. F. Smithson had been the recipient. The Board of Management made him an Honorary Vice-Patron, not because of the very large sum of money which West Yorkshire had sent up at the recent festival, but because of the time, care, and attention which Bro. Smithson had given to the Boys' School, and the warm and practically useful interest he had taken in its improvement and success. The second point, Bro. McLeod said, referred to the disappointment the Chairman and the Executive of the Charity Committee experienced at the failure of their third boy candidate in the late election. He had very much pleasure in telling them that, in consequence of the withdrawal of one of the boys elected, the third West Yorkshire case, as being next in order, would come in, and that in point of fact the boy Brownridge was practically elected. He again thanked them.

Bro. Fox expressed his surprise and satisfaction at this interesting news. He also took the opportunity to offer an apology on behalf of the Vice-Chairman, Bro. W. C. Lupton, who had been prevented from attending the meeting.

An invitation to hold the annual meeting, in 1895, at Halifax, was received from the W.M. and brethren of De Warren Lodge, No. 1302. The Provincial Grand Master intimated that the invitation would have due consideration, and the result would be communicated to the brethren who had so kindly invited them.

This finished the business of the meeting, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards, to the number of upwards of 90, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, where, at five o'clock, dinner was served, the Provincial Grand Master presiding.

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

There was also music, both vocal and instrumental, which, with the recitations, added very largely to the enjoyment of the brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE JORDAN CHAPTER, No. 201.

The consecration of the Jordan Chapter, No. 201, took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., E.C., on Thursday the 4th inst., under favourable auspices and in the presence of a large gathering.

The Consecrating Officer, Comp. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E.; was assisted by Comps. Dr. Cockburn, as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as J.; C. E. Keyser, as Scribe N.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D. of C., as D.C.; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

The following are the founders: Comps. E. A. Harris, P.Z. 185; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538; J. H. Frye, H. 185; A. McDowall, P.Z. 948; S.

Chaplin, P.Z. 51; M. T. Tuck, J. 1437; A. Barrett, A.S. 879; J. F. Saunders, P.S. 1507; A. Davies, 185; H. J. Abrahams, 1540; Capt. Lurcott, 1745; J. R. Carter, 2374; T. Wallis, 185; T. G'ass, 862; J. Carey, 179; H. Berghoff, 975; G. C. Peacock, 185; C. G. Zander, 975; F. S. Gray, 1437; and J. R. Ubsdell, 975.

There were also present: Comps. Cook, 1693; G. Davis, P.Z. 185; A. Weston, 1489; T. H. Lloyd, 2374; Dancyger, P.Z. 205; W. H. Hope, 879; G. W. Knight, 2356; R. P. Angel, 179; W. E. Poole, 860; H. Jenkins, 1540; Capt. T. C. Walls, D.G.D.C., P.P.G.P.S.; C. J. Coombs, P.Z. 975; B. E. Blasby, P.Z. 975; A. H. Robertson, 50 (S.C.); Cummins, 1693; F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., P.Z. 1622; H. Harris, 185; A. Kenningham, 19; Skinner, 975; May, 91; Haskins, P.P.G.O. Essex; Barlow, 91; T. C. Edmonds, Janitor.

Comp. Letchworth and his assistants then proceeded to consecrate the chapter according to ancient form, after which he installed Comps. A. E. Harris, P.Z. 185, as M.E.Z.; Geo. Gregory, P.Z. 1538, as H.; and J. H. Frye, H. 185, as J. The election of officers then took place, when the following were invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. M. T. Tuck, J. 1437, as Scribe E.; A. Davies, 879, as Scribe N.; A. McDowall, as Treasurer; J. F. Saunders, as P.S.; A. Davies, as 1st A.S.; H. J. Abrahams, as 2nd A.S.; H. Berghoff, as D.C.; Wallis, Lurcott, Carter and Zander, as Stewards; and T. C. Edmonds, P.Z., as Janitor. The M.E.Z. then appointed Comp. S. Chaplin, P.Z., as Acting I.P.Z.

After a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers and their election as honorary members, the appointment of a Committee on bye-laws, and the hearing of several propositions for joining and exaltation, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to a banquet provided by the founders, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening, enlivened by a selection of music by Comps. T. H. Lloyd, Selwyn Davies, A. Kenningham, A. Weston, and Dr. Haskins, was spent by the companions.

COMMENTS ON BRO. JACOB NORTON'S MASONIC HISTORY.

The *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati contains the following article by Bro. H. Sadler, Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, anent the controversy relating to the Royal Arch Degree which has been carried on in its columns:

Without entering into the question of the various origins ascribed to the Royal Arch Degree dealt with by my friend JACOB NORTON, in the July issue of the "REVIEW," I must take exception to some of his statements which appear to me to be contrary to established facts.

On page 339, Bro. NORTON states that "Laurence Dermott brought the Royal Arch Degree from Dublin to London somewhere between 1746 and 1750," thereby implying, I assume, that Dermott was the first to plant and promulgate this Degree in England. Now, we have no knowledge of Dermott's being in England prior to February, 1752, when his name first appears in the Register of the "Ancients" as one of the founders of a new lodge, and as he took no part in the organisation of the "Ancient" body in July, 1751, we may fairly assume that he had not then arrived in London. That Dermott brought the Degree from Dublin to London there cannot be the smallest doubt, for, having been, according to his own account, exalted in Dublin in 1746, he could not well have come here without it, but I have no hesitation in saying that there is not in existence a particle of evidence to prove that he evinced an unusual interest in Royal Arch Masonry itself or in its promulgation until several years after his arrival when the Degree was in active existence as an independent organisation warmly supported by his opponents, the adherents of the regular Grand Lodge of England.

I have already dealt with this phase of the "Ancient" question at considerable length in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," published in 1887, but as Bro. NORTON appears to have forgotten that fact, or he deems my remarks thereon of little or no value, I will ask you to be good enough to re-print the following extracts, in the hope that with some of your readers I may be more successful:

"The earliest reference to the Royal Arch in the Grand Lodge records appears in the Minutes of a Grand Committee of the 'Ancients,' September, 2d, 1752, when Dermott gave a lecture, 'and every part of Real freemasonry was traced and explained, except the Royal Arch.'

"The degree is not mentioned again in the Minutes till the 2d March, 1754, when it was ordered, 'The Master of the Royal Arch shall be summoned to meet in order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft.'

"A still wider gap may be observed between the last reference and the following: '4th Dec., 1771, At a General Grand Chapter held on the above date, it was Resolved, That no person for the future shall be made a Royal Arch Mason but the Legal Representatives of the Lodge, except a brother that is going abroad who hath been twelve months a Registered Mason.'

"The first R.A. Register of the 'Ancients' was begun in 1783 by Dermott, whose name heads the list, and I have no doubt such of my readers as may have been led to believe that this Order was originated by that personage and his associates will be surprised to learn that, including himself, only eight brethren are entered as having been exalted prior to the end of 1770. Of these, two are stated to have taken the degree in Ireland, in 1746 and 1767, two in Scotland, in 1768 and 1770, and one in America in the latter year.

"When the register was opened a Resolution was passed, 'That for the better preservation of the Supreme Degree of Freemasonry (aforesaid) the names of all the Regular Royal Archmen shall be recorded (gratis) in a particular Book prepared for that purpose.'

"Only twenty names of brethren from all parts are registered as having been exalted between the years 1770 and 1780, so that, notwithstanding the early reference to the R.A. in the Minutes of the 'Ancients,' it is evident that the degree was not at this period extensively patronised by that body.

"The earliest known R.A. records of the 'Moderns,' show a striking contrast to the torpid condition of the degree under the 'Ancient' regime, being the Minutes of an independent Chapter in full swing in 1765, supported by some of the most active members of the 'Modern' Grand Lodge, several of whom afterwards became Grand Officers, a distinction which, at that time, none dared aspire to, save those who were blessed with a pretty

well-filled purse. Taken generally, they were certainly not the sort of people to be found in the ranks of the rival Society."

On page 345, Bro. NORTON mentions the earliest Minute Book of the Chapter to which allusion has been made as being in a flourishing condition in 1765, as he states the book begins with a record of the transactions at a meeting held on the 22d of March, 1765. It must not, however, be inferred that this date marks the earliest existence of the Chapter,—the manuscript has all the appearance of a continuation, not a *beginning*; but whether or not minutes of the transactions had been hitherto kept, there must have been one or more meetings prior to that on the 22d of March, as a balance of 12s. is paid over by the brother at whose house the meeting was held.

It is to be regretted that the names of those present are not given with the exception of those of four candidates for exaltation and the name of the proprietor of the house. "The most Excellent Grands and Brethren met at Mr. Inges," is all that we have to guide us as to the number that attended. On the 12th of June following, the names of all present are recorded, making a total of 34, of which number three were exalted on the 22d March, two on the 8th of April, and four on the day the meeting was held. Only one of this number can I trace as having been at any time connected with Dermott's party. On the 8th of January, 1766, the celebrated Thomas Dunckerley joined the Chapter; he was exalted at Portsmouth in 1754. Bro. John Turner was also admitted a member, gratis. On the 12th of March following, a Br. John Allman, whose name is not in the list of members, petitioned for charity, and received 10s. 6d. On the 16th of May another petitioner was relieved with a like amount. On the 11th of June Br. Power, of Plymouth, visited the Chapter. On the 22d of July, Br. Mathews, whose Chapter is not stated, was a visitor. On the 30th of July, Bros. Berkeley and Spencer, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Grand Lodge, visited and joined the Chapter. Several other visitors are mentioned at this period, but the records give nothing but their names. In 1767 this Chapter was formed into a Grand Chapter, with power to issue charters, after the manner of the Grand Lodge, although independent of that body; and in 1769 eight Chapters were constituted in different parts of the country.

It will thus be seen that while the Royal Arch Degree of the "Ancients" was practically dormant, or existed only in name, that of the "Moderns" was in a flourishing condition, and was warmly supported by the leaders of that body who would have been most unlikely to have taken it up, had it, as has been asserted, emanated from their despised rivals.

On page 338, Bro. NORTON mentions Dassigny's pamphlet, published in Dublin in 1744, but as he does not state what that writer had to say on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry I shall be obliged if you will re-print the following from page 32 of the work in question:

"Now as the land marks of the constitution of Freemasonry are universally the same throughout all kingdoms, and are so well fixt that they will not admit of removal, how comes it to pass that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagator of a false system some few years ago in this city, who imposed on several very worthy men, under a pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought from the city of York; and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist of the knowledge of this valuable piece of Masonry. However he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till at length his fallacious art was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some small space before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false; whereupon, the Brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft, and altho' some of the fraternity have expressed an uneasiness at this matter being kept a secret from them (since they had already passed thro' the usual degrees of probation), I cannot help being of opinion that they have no right to any such benefit until they make a proper application, and are received with due formality, and as it is an organiz'd body of men who have passed the chair, and given undeniable proofs of their skill in Architecture, it cannot be treated with too much reverence, and more especially since the characters of the present members of that particular Lodge are untainted, and their behaviour judicious and unexceptionable; so that there cannot be the least hinge to hang a doubt on, but that they are most excellent Masons.

"I cannot help informing the Brethren that there is lately arrived in this city a certain itinerant Mason, whose judgment (as he declares) is so far illumin'd, and whose optics are so strong that they can bear the view of the most lucid rays of the sun at noon-day, and altho' we have contented ourselves with three material steps to approach our *Summum Bonum*, the immortal God, yet he presumes to acquaint us that he can add three more, which when properly plac'd may advance us to the highest heavens."

Here we have the earliest distinct and reliable mention of Royal Arch Masonry known to be in existence in which that Degree is said to have been imported into Ireland from the North and South of England, under two different systems, several years prior to Dermott's exaltation, if not before he was made a Mason, and yet we are asked to believe that he brought the Degree from Dublin and established it in London "somewhere between 1746 and 1750."

I have said that two systems of Royal Arch Masonry were taken to Ireland—one from York and the other from London—one orthodox, the other heterodox; or, the one that Bro. Dassigny belonged to, and the one he didn't belong to; however, it would appear from the last paragraph quoted, wherein the writer refers to "a certain itinerant Mason lately arrived in this city," that either a third system of Royal Arch Masonry, or some fresh off-shoot, is alluded to, as having been introduced several years subsequent to the importations from York and London.

An excellent work, just published, "The History of the Lodge of Fidelity, Leeds," contains a copy of a petition for a new lodge in that town; this petition which is dated 12th November, 1760, is ornamented with Royal Arch emblems, and in it is a reference to that Degree, which, in my opinion, is unmistakable, although it is not mentioned by name.

It will thus be seen that Royal Arch Masonry was practised by the adherents of the regular Grand Lodge of England from about 1740-44, and we have every reason for believing that it was continued, as Dunckerley, their great luminary, was exalted at Portsmouth in 1754; then there is the reference in the Leeds petition in 1760. We have evidence that it was flourishing in York in 1762, and that a R.A. Chapter was working in London early in 1765—a fairly strong chain of proofs, all things considered, that Dermott had nothing whatever to do with the introduction of the Royal Arch Degree into England.

I must also take exceptions to another statement of Bro. NORTON's, on page 335, wherein he says: "Now, about that time, some Masons seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and formed a new Grand Lodge." In the legal profession I believe it is the invariable practice, when a statement

is made by counsel, for or against his client, he is called upon to produce evidence in support of such statement; in like manner I call upon Bro. NORTON for evidence in support of his assertion, that a secession from the Grand Lodge of England led to the formation of a new Grand Lodge in London about the middle of the 18th century. Bro. NORTON and I have already had a friendly bout or two over this question, and I had fondly hoped that, though I might not have convinced him, I had done something towards modifying his opinions; however, it seems to be a case of "Love's labour lost," so far as he is concerned.

Now, I maintain that nothing in the nature of a secession occurred at the period indicated—that a very great majority of the brethren who formed the organisation of 1751 were Irish Masons who had never belonged to properly constituted English Lodges; and, further, that there is not a particle of evidence in existence tending to prove that a single one of them had ever owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England; moreover, I challenge Bro. NORTON, or anyone else, to produce, or even indicate, a document, either written or printed, prior to the year 1775, which contains the faintest hint of these people having seceded. It is the simplest thing in the world to make an assertion, *anyone* can do it quite as easily as Bro. NORTON, but to properly analyse the assertion and show its utter worthlessness, requires time and much more space than I can expect to be allowed to monopolise in the columns of your journal; I must, therefore, content myself for the present with simply referring your readers to my previous writings on this subject for evidence in support of my theory—"Masonic Facts and Fictions," published in London, 1887 (now out of print), *The Freemason*, London, December, 1887, January, 1888, and February and March, 1889; *The Freemasons' Chronicle*, London, from December, 1888, to April, 1889—wherein I took considerable pains to answer Bro. NORTON's "Comments on Masonic Facts and Fictions."

Since the publication of the foregoing other confirmatory evidence has come to light in the shape of a pamphlet of 64 pages, 8vo, entitled, "A Defence of Free-Masonry as Practised in the Regular Lodges, Both Foreign and Domestic, under the Constitution of the English Grand-Master," London, 1765.

A brief notice of this pamphlet must suffice for present purposes, but I hope shortly to be able to reproduce it in full. It is by an anonymous writer (who doubtless had good reasons for not disclosing his name), and is avowedly "A Refutation of Mr. Dermott's absurd and ridiculous account of Free-masonry in his Book entitled Ahiman Rezon; and the several *Queries* therein, reflecting on the regular Masons, briefly considered and answered." Dermott's book referred to was published in 1764, and in it appeared a jocular description of the origin of "Modern Masonry," of which Bro. NORTON has given you a small specimen. It was probably written more for the amusement of Dermott's admirers than for any other purpose and is never taken seriously in the present day, unless by Bro. NORTON. When I first directed attention to the question of the "Ancients," I was not aware of the existence of this pamphlet—the only one, I believe, in this country—and the English fraternity generally are much indebted to Bro. W. J. Hughan for having added it to the Grand Lodge collection. I will not now attempt to criticise it in any way, but will simply quote a few paragraphs and leave the reader to form his own conclusions. I may, however remark, in passing, that there is not a word in it pointing to secession, although abuse of the "Ancients" in general, and Dermott in particular, is one of its distinguishing features.

On page 18, the writer says: "But the English Masons should be cautious with whom they converse, as there are many irregular Masons, i.e. made in Lodges under the title of *Ancient* or *York*, who sometime ago pretended to be constituted or authorised by the Grand-Master of Ireland, who (bye the bye), I am credibly informed, refused to countenance them, as it would be highly absurd for one Grand Master to constitute Lodges in the Territories of another."

On page 26, he says: "And it is certain, that the Lodges at York approved the conduct of those at London in the choice of a Grand Master, &c., since we have no account of their choosing one, neither have we heard of their having a Grand Master of their own, till of late years, when some Brethren of Ireland, who affect singularity, being refused the countenance of their own Grand-Master, and for other reasons too well-known, were glad to assume the title of *Ancient York Masons*, and under that character have influenced some Noble Brethren (whom we may reasonably conclude have taken no pains to inquire into these particulars) to preside over them."

Page 36: "Though there are several persons of Character and Ability among the *Ancient Masons*, the greater part of them are a set of *illiterate* and *mean* Persons, such as *Chairmen, Porters, Walking Poulterers*, and the like, chiefly Natives of Ireland, who finding it not convenient to stay in their own Country, have fled hither to get an *HONEST Livelihood*."

The reader is not expected to accept the whole of the foregoing extracts as gospel truth, he is merely requested to observe that the writer of them in 1765 probably had a better knowledge of the facts than Bro. NORTON has in the year 1894, and that he does not say that the "Ancients" seceded, but he does say they were *Irish Masons*.

I fear to encroach further on your valuable space, or I should like to offer a word or two on Bro. NORTON's concluding paragraph on page 339, beginning: "Now, Dermott made his ignorant adherents believe," &c. I have previously informed Bro. NORTON that the words "Ancient" and "Modern" were not Dermott's selection but Anderson's, and the first "Rules and Orders" of the "Ancients," written in 1751, printed in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," page 70, show that they styled themselves "Most Ancient" before Dermott was a member of that body.

I have also proved, by documentary evidence, that the adherents of the Regular Grand Lodge called themselves "Moderns," and were rather proud of the title *until they found that it did them more harm than good*, and then they endeavoured to repudiate it, and laid claim to being the real "Ancient Grand Lodge of York."

I will now add a fresh piece of information which may possibly be of interest to some of your readers, as I am sure it will be to Bro. NORTON.

I have before me a Masonic song entitled "The Modern Masons." It is printed on folio paper with the music, and has a handsome pictorial heading about 7 inches and a half by four inches and a half; it is engraved by Bro. B. Cole, who, for many years, was the engraver to the Grand Lodge. There are six verses highly laudatory of Modern Masonry, beginning thus:

"Let Ancient Masons boast their stile, where all the social virtues join,
While Monarchs on their Orders smile, to rival them's not our Design;
On scenes of mirth we build our Fame, contented with a Modern's Name."

I am not aware that I have ever met with the song before, and shall be obliged if either of your readers can furnish me with the name of the author, and the date or year of publication. From its general appearance I should imagine it to have been published about 1760.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, attended from the Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were: Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, William Vincent, William Fisher, David D. Mercer, Wm. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, James Kench, F. Hilton, S. H. Goldschmidt, T. W. Whitmarsh, George R. Langley, George Graveley, James Bunker, E. C. Mulvey, Robert A. Gowen, Walter Martin, T. C. Walls, George Powell, W. F. Cheesman, W. H. Elliot, R. E. Clarke, George E. Fairchild, John Noyes, A. A. Nottingham, W. Russell, D. F. Wilson, A. R. Trew, Edward Blinkhorn, J. Pickett, M.D., E. C. Younger, M.D., Edward Margrett, J. W. Burgess, H. Massey, S. Wright, W. F. Bull, John P. C. Winkfield, J. T. Davies, W. P. Barnsdall, J. R. Allman, A. S. Wicks, Alfred Bannister, F. J. Street, Robert Griggs, H. Wilkinson, G. J. Anderson, Henry Baldwin, Augustus Monteith Webb, A. N. G. Darch, W. H. Coulson, William P. Clark, George Naylor, Robert R. Templeman, James Kew, S. G. Bonner, Henry Bond, A. Arrowsmith, Thomas Cull, Alfred Scarth, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master at the September meeting to the amount of £70. They then dealt with the new cases, of which there were 49 on the list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, America, Sunderland, Ormskirk, Leeds, Todmorden, Skegness, Dagshai, Taunton, Liverpool, Ilminster, Reading, Ipswich, East Molesey, Carlisle, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Newbury, Gibraltar, Ramsgate, Lowestoft, Birmingham, Jersey, Hampton Court, Scarborough, Chatham, Lincoln, Selby, and Nottingham. Two of these cases were dismissed as not coming within the rules of the Board; the remainder were relieved with a total of £1430; this was composed of two recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100 each, one for £75, one for £60, and three for £50 each; there were six recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and 11 for £30, and there were immediate grants, 15 of £20 each, seven of £10 each, and one of £5.

The Board sat more than four hours.

CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A special meeting of the Court of Governors of this Institution was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and was numerously attended by a body of the most influential members of the Craft in the province.

Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON called upon Bro. F. K. Stevenson, the Hon. Secretary of the Institution, to read the circular convening the meeting, for the purpose of considering a resolution passed by the Committee of Benevolence of the province at its meeting on June 23rd, recommending that the management of the Institution be vested in the Committee of Benevolence of the province, and of which meeting our readers will remember, we gave a report recently. His lordship in commenting upon the reason for the meeting, pointed out that, by reason of changes which had been brought about by the Legislature, the necessity for assisted education was practically nil, and that one of the objects for which the Institution was founded originally might be said to have been met by the wisdom of the Legislature. He personally felt that the proposed change in management was desirable; but it would have to be approached in that spirit which had at all times distinguished the deliberations of the brethren of the province, and he, therefore, called upon Bro. Salmon, as Chairman of the Committee of Benevolence, to move the first resolution.

Bro. SALMON then moved a resolution to the following effect: "That in the opinion of that Special Court of Governors it was advisable that the management of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution should be vested in the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire, in lieu of the General Committee provided by the By-Laws of the Institution." In moving the resolution he said he abstained from making any comments thereon as he desired to hear what the brethren present had to advance for or against the motion.

Bro. JNO. CLAYTON seconded the motion.

Bro. ELLIS, of Birkenhead, spoke against the resolution, as also did Capt. Cooper and other brethren.

The resolution was supported by Bro. F. BROADSMITH, who, it will be remembered, brought the motion in its original state before the Committee of Benevolence at the meeting in June already referred to, and in the course of his able remarks he gave five good and substantial reasons why the change should be made, and pointed out not only the necessity and expediency of it, but the wisdom also.

Bro. Broadsmith was followed by other brethren in support of the resolution, and on the same being put to the vote it was carried by 36 votes to 8.

Other resolutions constituting a Committee to revise the By-Laws, prepare a report for a further meeting of the Court, and adjourning the Special Court were then passed, and a vote to his lordship for presiding closed the day's proceedings.

A MASONIC MUSICAL SERVICE AT COLLYHURST.

Under the patronage of Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., &c., Bro. George Mellor, and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and by kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Taylor, M.A., rector of St. Oswald's, Collyhurst, a Masonic musical service was held at St. Oswald's Church, Collyhurst, on Sunday, the 21st inst. A most eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. J. W. Challoner, M.A., rector of Christ Church, Moss Side, Manchester, and Chaplain of the Centurion Lodge, No. 2322. Rev. A. W. Taylor sang the service splendidly.

A selection of anthems, solos, and hymns, arranged specially for the occasion, was admirably rendered by the choir of St. Oswald's, under the direction of Mr. J. P. Rimmer. At the close of the service an offertory was taken, at which the sum of £12 was realised.

The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.M. 1134. Every praise is due to Bro. W. H. Browne, a member of the Newall Lodge and Churchwarden, for the great exertions he had made in getting the service for the benefit of Masonic Charities and church expenses.

The following were present: Bros. A. W. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; Jno. Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, W.M. 2359; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. E. Lanes, Prov. G. Org. W. Lanes; John Robinson, John Ogden, S.D.; W. H. Browne, A. Cadwell, Jas. Green, I.G.; Chas. Driver, S.W.; A. Waterhouse, J.W.; R. W. Jarvis, E. A. Webb, P.M.; Hy. Mainwaring, P.M.; and Walter E. Hands. Visitors: Bros. A. T. McGregor, P.P.G.D.; J. Hallam, P.P.G.D.; Robt. Caldwell, P.P.G. Std. B.; Thos. Pyke, P.P.G. Std. B.; P. Heaton, P.P.G.S.; John Taylor, P.G.S. Ches.; Alexander Cotter, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Fletcher, A. Joynson, G. Hogg, J. A. Vincent, P.M.; R. A. Hepworth, S.W.; D. Guymer, P.M.; Sergt. Searle, J.W.; Hy. Greenhalgh, J.W.; John Binne, W.M.; Jas. Rosser, Thos. Tyers, P.M.; John Fowkes, R. J. H. Sayers, W. H. Mott, J. Gaskill, J. Williamson, Thos. Hall, R. Patterson, Harry White, S.D.; Samuel Mills, P.M.; Alfred Smith, Robt. Lingard, S.W.; Alfred Leale, V. H. Hall, P.M.; J. W. Leathley, P.M.; Thos. Hamutt, John Robinson, E. W. Barratt, W.M. 1730; James Parkinson, Buckley Carr, P.M.; H. Holmes, Jno. Tickle, P.M.; T. T. Fickle, W.M. 1264; W. H. Jolliffe, W.M. 1730; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, P.M. 1730; Jno. Dean, S.W.; W. Mann, J. W. Johnson, J. Parker, H. Mason, A. Collins, J. J. Millson, A. Days, T. H. McGill, W.M. 992; Chas. Harrop, J.W.; A. B. Wightman, S.D.; James Johnson, P.M.; W. Martin, J.W. 992; W. Robertson, James Bolton, F. D. Dean, Wm. Moulton, S.D.; Thos. Hy. Stott, W. Roston, C. M. Nesbitt, W. Craig Royle, P.M.; W. H. Southern, P.M.; W. Toombs, S.W.; Jas. Palmer, Thos. Travis, I.P.M.; G. H. Needle, P.M.; S. Butterworth, J. J. Dean, R. Watson, L. B. Wilkinson, G. H. Parker, 750, Texas, U.S.A.; J. W. Millward, P.M.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M.; J. Mends, J. Gilmour, and J. T. Whittle.

A "WANTED" PICTURE.

The Masonic Monument and Historical Association of Toronto, Canada, has determined, if possible, to reproduce in oil some of the old Provincial Grand Masters of the Craft—those who wielded the gavel in those early days, as far back as 1760. Search without avail has been made for the portrait of Col. Simon Fraser of Lovat, the Colonel of the Fraser Highlanders, who did such valuable work on the heights of Abraham in September of 1760, but so far all efforts have been unsuccessful. Col. Fraser was the son of the late Lord Lovat, who suffered on Tower Hill, and although portraits of the father are plentiful, none of his son have been so far discovered. Col. Fraser was the eldest son by Lord Lovat's first wife. When at Quebec, he installed and initiated the officers of the lodge as Provincial Grand Master, appointed by the Moderns of England. The search for this picture has led to the statement that an engraved portrait of "Fraser (Hon. Col.) of Lovat," engraved by H. Smith in 1804 is that of the veteran soldier and Mason desired. But the Smith portrait is that of another Fraser, a half brother of Col. Simon Fraser of Quebec, a son of Lord Lovat by his second wife. It is catalogued No. 4836 in J. R. Smith's list published in 1804-10. The half brother was Hon. Archibald Campbell Fraser, who was a colonel in the Militia, and also a member of the Royal Society of Great Britain, and he is so designated at the foot of the portrait, which is engraved from one in Tasse's gems. There is only one Fraser of Lovat, a member of the Royal Society, in the person of the Archibald Campbell Fraser referred to, who was elected January 8th, 1778, and who had some reputation as a scientist. It seems strange that the portrait of so distinguished a man should never have been painted in oil, or engraved in any form. The Toronto Association has been more fortunate with their portraits. They have one of Bro. William Jarvis, painted in 1790, in England, and another of Bro. Simon McGillivray, perhaps the most distinguished of the early Grand Masters, 1822-30, the brother who, at the request of the Duke of Sussex, recognised Masonry in Canada. Bro. McGillivray's picture comes from his daughter, Mrs. Dawkins, wife of Rear-Admiral Bro. Dawkins, of Stoke Gabriel, near Torquay. The admiral and his wife have kindly given every facility for the copying of this picture, which has been reproduced, life-size, in oil, and will be unveiled in a few

weeks, in the Ma onic Temple, in Toronto. The Canadians have also secured from Major-General Sir Henry Green and Lady Green, a portrait of the Hon. John Dunn, the father of Lady Green, and of Col. Dunn, who fought at Balaclava. The Hon. Bro. Dunn was Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada from 1822-30. A picture of Col. Christopher Carleton, who died about 1785, in Quebec, has also been sought for, but although Lord Dorchester has made every effort to find it in the archives of the family, in order to oblige the Canadian Craftsmen, the search has been unavailing. The Grand Lodge of Canada has authorised the issue of a medal commemorative of the centennial of the Craft in Upper Canada, in 1892, which will probably be issued early next year. The medal will be of handsome design, and issued under the direction of the Masonic Monument Association of Toronto.

Obituary.

BRO. COL. CHARLES HARDING, P.A.G.D.C.

It is with very great regret we announce the death, on Thursday, the 18th inst., of Bro. Colonel Charles Harding, F.R.G.S., who, for the last 25 years, had been General Manager of the Accident Insurance Company, 10, St. Swithin's Lane. Bro. Harding was initiated in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1866, and was one of its senior Past Masters, as well as of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, of which he had been elected a joining member. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, and in due time rose to be its First Principal. In 1881 the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M., appointed him Provincial Senior Grand Deacon of Middlesex, and the year following, Provincial Grand Scribe N. in the Provincial Grand Chapter. In 1885, his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master was pleased to select him to fill the office of Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies, the sum of his honours in Constitutional Masonry being completed a few weeks later, when his Royal Highness, as G. Principal Z., appointed him G. Std. Br. in the Supreme G. Chapter. In the Mark Degree he had attained to a position of equal honour. He was advanced in 1877 in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, was one of its P.M.'s, as well as a P.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge attached, Past Provincial J.G. Warden of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and P.A.G.D.C. of the Mark Grand Lodge, having had the last-mentioned office conferred upon him in 1891. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 44, was a P.M.W.S., as well as of the Holy Sanctuary Chapter, No. 53, and became 32° in the A. and A. Rite in 1886. He was also a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, Past E.P. and Treasurer of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, and was appointed Great Prior's Banner Bearer in the Great Priory of the Temple in 1882. Add to these that he was a Royal and Select Master, and a Knight of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and we shall see we have said enough to show how many and various were the Masonic distinctions he had gained and the branches and offshoots of the Masonic system, with which, during a long career extending over 28 years, he had become associated. Lastly, he was a Life Governor of all our three Institutions, and had served the office of Festival Steward for each of them. We have said that our deceased brother was Manager of the Accident Insurance Company, and Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. But the *rules* he had filled and the distinctions he had won were almost as numerous outside, as within the ranks of, Masonry. In 1885 he was gazetted honorary colonel of the 4th V.B. of the Royal West Surrey Regiment, he was a member of the Court of Assistants of the Needleworkers' Company, one of the founders of the City Carlton Club, a corresponding member of the Council of the Royal United Service Institution, and a Fellow of the Society of Arts, of the Statistical and Anthropological Societies, and of the Royal Society of Literature. He was likewise a journalist and dramatic author and critic of considerable repute, so that in his life-time of over 60 years he had played many parts and played them successfully, with credit to himself and advantage to the bodies with which he had been connected or whose interests he had charged himself to promote. Bro. Col. Harding did not long survive the death of his son, who was one of the gallant little party under Major Wilson, who were slain after a desperate defence against overwhelming odds, on the Shanghain River in December last. The funeral took place at the Hampstead Cemetery on the 22nd inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of friends and relatives, and of the directors and officials of the Accident Insurance Company.

THE 5TH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this Association was held on the 22nd inst., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, Bro. John Newton, President, in the chair, when the third annual balance sheet was presented to the members. The accounts, which had been audited by Bros. C. H. Webb and W. Harvey, showed that £228 16s. had been received during the year, which, with the balance from the previous year, had enabled 27 ballots to be drawn, making a total of 78 ballots since the formation of the Association. The President and Committee were re-elected; Bro. G. W. Verry was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. M. Hobbs Secretary. Two ballots were drawn, which were won by Bros. E. H. Bassett and P. H. Horley.

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Masonic Notes.

The recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland must have been, in one particular respect at all events, a mournful one. It was the first time the members of the Province had met since the death of the lamented Bro. William Kelly, who for upwards of half a century had been the

central figure in their Provincial Grand Lodge, had held successively all its principal offices, and more than any other Mason in the counties constituting the Province had contributed to the strengthening and extension of its interests. "The Veteran" has at length gone hence to his eternal rest, and it was impossible that such a meeting could be held but each member present must have felt that the death of so true and good a Mason was a loss to himself personally as well as to the general body.

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That in writing this we are not adopting a tone of exaggeration will have been seen from the report we published last week of the proceedings at this annual gathering. When the business proper to such an occasion had been transacted, the question uppermost in every one's thoughts was: How shall we, the Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland in Prov. G. Lodge assembled, most suitably and lovingly commemorate the signal services which our late brother rendered to the Craft of Masonry and to which we in particular are so largely indebted for our present prosperity? A complete answer to this proposition will be forthcoming by and bye. In the meantime, however, it has been determined that a memorial should be raised to perpetuate those services, it being left to the Provincial Committee of General Purposes to decide what precise form the said memorial shall take. We have no doubt the recommendations of this Committee will be such as will do honour, not only to the memory of Bro. Kelly, but to the Province of which for so protracted a term of years he was a loyal member.

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The roll of Provincial Grand Masters was completed early in the present month by the installation of Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck as Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland in succession to the late Bro. the Earl of Bective. His lordship is half-brother of the Duke of Portland, who was appointed S.G. Warden of England in 1892, and son-in-law of his predecessor in office. Hence, though only a young Mason, his associations with the Craft are such as will ensure for him the kindly consideration as well as the willing obedience of those he has been appointed to preside over, while the enthusiasm with which his installation as Prov. G. Master was greeted augurs well for the success of his administration.

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The report of the installation of a new Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which appeared in the *Keystone* (Brisbane and Sydney, N.S.W.) for the month of August last is valuable chiefly on account of the statistics it furnishes in connection with the establishment of this unrecognised body. At the outset of the movement in support of the Masonic independence of the colony, 18 of the 19 lodges that met under the presidency of Bro. Gillon on the 1st August, 1889, gave in their adhesion to the proposal, and we are told that not long afterwards this number was increased to 92, out of a total of 147. At a convention held in Wellington on the 11th September the number of lodges represented was 64, namely, 36 English, 21 Scottish, and 7 Irish. In October, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Past S.G.W. of England, the then Governor of the Colony, was approached with a view to enlisting his sympathy on behalf of the scheme, but his lordship, considering that "practical unanimity" was very far from having been attained, suggested a delay of 12 months, and the promoters agreed to wait for three.

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In February, 1890, his lordship was again sounded, and was invited to become Grand Master if the scheme was supported by 100 lodges, but he declined unless 120 gave in their adhesion. Thereupon the promoters selected Bro. H. Thompson, one of the English Dist. Grand Masters, for their Grand Master, and the so-called Grand Lodge was constituted on the 30th April, 1890, the number of lodges which threw in their lot with the new body being only 37. This number has been since increased to 95, of which 80 derive their warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, while 15 have been constituted by the so-called Grand Lodge itself. It follows from these statistics that the number of English, Irish, and Scotch lodges still remaining true to their old allegiance is 67. Contrast these figures with the cases of South Australia, New South Wales, and Tasmania, where the lodges were absolutely unanimous in their desire for independence, and of Victoria, where only one lodge declined to join out of—if our memory serves us—upwards of 150, and we need not go far for a justification of the action of our Grand Lodge in declining to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Our promising young contemporary, *The Masonic Visitor* (Dublin), has strangely misunderstood our friendly notice of the reproduction by Bro. R. Jackson, of Leeds, of the rare engraving of the Hon. Elizabeth Aldworth, "Our only Sister." We had no intention of reciting the long account of the initiation of this lady, but mentioned that particulars were given in Bro. Hughan's valuable introduction to Bro. Jackson's reprint in full facsimile of Dr. Dassigny's engraving of 1744.

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We certainly stated that precisely *when* and *where* this lady was initiated is not quite clear. There is not a uniform testimony as to the year when, or as to the lodge in which, she was admitted, neither is it quite clear as to the room in which the ceremony occurred. That it did occur, however, appears to be fully established.

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We are now told by the editor of this paper that "It appears strange that the leading organ of English Freemasonry should not be acquainted with the history of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth; still more strange that Bro. Hughan, now so eminent as a writer on Masonic subjects, should make any mistake regarding a subject so well known in Masonic circles as the initiation of Elizabeth Aldworth."

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This is really very amusing. We have long been familiar with the "story," as the editor terms it, through an admirable sheet issued many years ago by the late Bro. Richard Spencer, and so widespread has been its circulation that it would be difficult to find any reading Mason in England who was ignorant of the event.

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But why, Bro. Editor, do you bring Bro. Hughan into your article, and what mistake has he made? We believe he wrote an interesting sketch of the initiation of "Our only sister" some thirty years ago, and we venture the opinion that he is well versed in all that has been written on the question. His commendation of Bro. Jackson's reproduction of the portrait is no mistake for certain, and it seems left to our Irish contemporary to accuse him of a historical error!

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Bro. G. V. Greatbach, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire, delivered an interesting address at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, last week, on the "History of Menturia Lodge," which included much valuable information on Freemasonry in Staffordshire. Considerable interest was evinced in the subject as was shown by the presence of nearly 100 brethren. Although the lecture was mainly of concern to the Staffordshire brethren, it contained much matter of interest to the Craft at large, and, we believe, that, in accordance with the general desire, it will be printed.

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The Lodge of Fellowship, for which a warrant has just been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master, will be consecrated at an early date. It will take up its quarters at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street. The petition has been signed by a number of well known Masons, and bids fair to become a success.

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Bro. C. R. Lyne, solicitor, Newport, was installed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, in succession to the late Bro. Capt. Homfray, who filled the position for many years. The ceremony took place under the banner of the Silurian Lodge, with which Bro. Lyne has been connected for many years, in the presence of a large number of the brethren from all parts of the province. The new Deputy Provincial Grand Master is one of the elder sons of Bro. Col. Lyne, who has held the position of Provincial Grand Master of the province for upwards of 20 years.

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An interesting event occurred in connection with St. Oswald Lodge, Pontefract, on the 10th instant. The transfer of the warrant, banner, and other insignia of the Order to new premises was made the occasion of a special meeting and ceremony, the interest in which was much increased by the presence of the Past Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Tew, who not only took an active part in the proceedings, but delighted the brethren by the delivery of one of those thoughtful addresses which were so marked a feature of his term of office as Prov. Grand Master. We have read the address with much pleasure and profit, and trust it may be taken as some evidence of the restored health of one who even in his retirement is a tower of strength to the Brotherhood in West Yorkshire.

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A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to warn the Almoners of the Craft generally against a man at present tramping the country at the expense of the Fraternity. He stands about 5 feet 8 inches, has a round, clean-shaven face, and wears glasses; he says he was formerly a professor of languages, and through ill-health has become incapable of any continuous head-work. He passes under the name of Frederick Mitchell, and shows a letter, signed William Henderson, Sec. of Lodge Unity, 613, Southport, stating that his certificate has been detained for the purpose of laying his case before the Board of Benevolence. He proves himself very smartly. I am informed by the real Sec. of 613, Bro. John F. Gale, P.M., that there is no person of either name on the roll of that lodge.—I beg to remain, sir, yours fraternally,

HORACE BUDDEN, P.M. 386,
Almoner 622.
October 25th.

FREEMASONRY IN NORWAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

SIR,—Having heard last year that a new Freemasons' Hall was to be opened by the King of Norway and Sweden in Christiania (the capital of Norway) in September last, and having been informed by one of my friends there that the date fixed for the ceremony was the 22nd, I determined to be present, if possible.

Knowing your kindness in always publishing items of interest to the brethren, and feeling sure many of your readers have visited that beautiful country, I venture to send you an account of the proceedings, thinking you may perhaps feel disposed to make some mention of it in your publication.

There was some little difficulty in obtaining a ticket of admission, owing to the fact that so many applications had been received from members of the Craft in the country, that there was expected to be no room for any foreign visitors excepting those specially invited. However, by the influence and kindness of some of my friends I was ultimately successful in getting one.

The building itself is a very beautiful and substantial one. It took six years to build, and cost, when complete, about £60,000, but its position, although good, might have been considerably better. It is situated in Storthing's Gade (Parliament-street), and faces on to the south side of the Houses of Parliament.

Master Masons were to be admitted at one entrance at 4.30 p.m., and those having more than three Degrees at another, at 4.45.

Punctually at 5 o'clock the Royal equipage arrived bringing H.M. the King and the Crown Prince. They were received at the Grand Entrance to the building by the highest officers of the Craft and others, and conducted to a reception room where they took seats. There then defiled past them, six by six, the oldest Masons in the country, paying their homage in due form.

Meanwhile the foreign deputations and the remainder of the company—or as many of them as possible—took their places in the Egyptian Hall of the St. Johannes Lodge, where Mr. Cappelen played a prelude and a fantasia on the grand organ. The King and suite then entered, and were received by all in the heartiest possible manner.

After his Majesty had acknowledged his greeting in a short speech, the Masonic Singing Society sang a verse of an old Norwegian hymn under the leadership of Mr. Grøndahl, and the first portion of a cantata specially composed for the occasion (the libretto by Mr. G. Koren, and the music by Mr. O. A. Grøndahl). His Majesty then proceeded to consecrate the building in the usual manner. Then followed the remainder of the cantata, and another verse of a hymn, during the singing of which latter the whole company stood up.

The President of the Buildings Committee, Professor C. Guldberg, then explained the history of the building, after which Dr. Godtfr. Conradi spoke welcoming his Majesty, and thanking him on behalf of all Norwegian Masons for his service to them that day.

Deputations were then introduced from Sweden, Denmark, and Germany, with the Rev. Bergman, Mr. Zahle, and Major Raabe, as their respective spokesmen. Each brought hearty good wishes from the brethren in

their countries, to his Majesty and all Norwegian Masons, and were each warmly thanked by the King in speeches made in their own languages.

The time being then declared High Midnight, the lodge was duly closed in perfect harmony.

A passage having then been cleared through the assembled brethren, his Majesty—bowing to right and left and apparently scrutinising closely every face near him and carrying his superb height as only such men can—passed slowly with his suite out amidst the hearty but respectful plaudits of the throng to an adjoining room to await the announcement that dinner was served, at 8.30. For this function three splendid halls in the building had been prepared, and to the feast, which was a most excellent one, about 1150 sat down. In the course of it the Crown Prince proposed "The Health of the King," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the cheering, which had been ear-splitting until the band struck up "God save the King," broke out again when the music ceased.

General Kjerulf then proposed "The Health of the Crown Prince," and afterwards there were proposed the healths of the various deputations present.

At 10.30 his Majesty retired, and soon after the bulk of the party broke up and dispersed.

Thus ended a most enjoyable evening, and a ceremony which will long be remembered by all present.

I must add that it was very much regretted that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales did not find it convenient to accept the invitation to attend, and that a deputation, invited to represent officially British Freemasonry, was not sent.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK E. FOULGER.

Reviews.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE NEWCASTLE COLLEGE OF ROSICRUCIANS.—Part 3 of volume 1 of the Transactions of the Newcastle College of Rosicrucians is now being issued to the subscribers. It is a large and beautifully printed work, large octavo and extending to some 80 pages, having many excellent illustrations, and brimful of valuable, curious, and most useful information in respect to this eclectic Fraternity, and Freemasonry generally. It unites many of the characteristics of the Proceedings of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge with distinctly Rosicrucian contributions, and is, beyond doubt, a credit to the editor, Bro. F. F. Schnitger, the permanent committee, and the "College" which renders possible such an important publication. The contents are both varied and interesting, the Craft being represented by a reprint of the Regulations of "The Friendly Society of Masons of the old Lodge at Peebles, No. xxv." of 1797, contributed by Bro. Schnitger, with an introduction by Bro. Hughan; an exhaustive Paper on "Extinct Craft Lodges" in the Northern Provinces, by Bro. Charles Fendelow, the zealous Chief Adept; Masons Marks in the old Castle at Heidelberg, by Bro. R. H. Holmes, and an article by Bro. John Yarker on "Newcastle and the Watson MS." the "Newcastle College Roll," &c., of especial interest. For the Rosicrucian branch of the volume there are several capital reprints of scarce works, and for those fond of occult studies, recondite theories, and archaeological enquiries there is Bro. David R. Clark's paper on "The Cross and its Symbolism," which deserves a large circulation, careful perusal, and appreciative criticism. It may be as well to note that copies may be had of this large part for 6s. 6d. from "The Librarian," 24, Shakespear-street (Library door), Newcastle-on-Tyne, or 15s. 6d. for the three parts, complete (post free). There are a few left yet of the artistic reprint of the "Newcastle College" copy of the "Old Charges" with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, one of the chief authorities on this subject, and a valuable glossary by Bro. Schnitger. Half-a-guinea sent with the order will do just now, but the price will be raised to a guinea in a few weeks' time. We hope that the cost of outlay will be covered by the subscriptions, but we fear not.

The Craft Abroad.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. REAR-ADMIRAL
A. H. MARKHAM.

The Malta brethren are to be warmly congratulated on their timely and appropriate recognition of the happy event of the marriage of their District Grand Master, Rear-Admiral Markham, which took place on the 11th instant.

Conspicuous among the array of handsome and costly presents was the gift of the brethren of his district, which consisted of an exquisite and accurate silver model of a Malta fishing boat—about 12 inches long—and complete in every detail, the workmanship being perfection.

The model is mounted on an ebony stand, and bears the following inscription on a silver shield:

"Presented to Wor. Bro. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, F.R.G.S., District Grand Master Malta, by the Freemasons of his District on the occasion of his marriage, 11th Oct., 1894."

Such warm sympathy and fraternal union is very much to be admired, and we are sure that this additional evidence of the true Masonic feeling which ever prevails in Malta will be learned with pleasure and satisfaction throughout the whole Order.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

St. John's Lodge (No. 167).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead, and was well attended by both members and visitors. There were present: Bros. W. B. Morle, W.M.; F. E. Bailey, I.P.M.; H. Hibberd, S.W.; J. Heasman, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Storr, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Thompson, J.D.; A. White, I.G.; A. W. Lane, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; C. H. Fry, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, P.M.; E. A. Dutton, P.M.; W. E. Lane, E. Lambert, G. Brown, T. Edinborough, H. C. Minnett, S. Dowling, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Amongst the numerous visitors were: Bros. J. Hemming, P.M. 1287, and J.W. 2398; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M. 27; A. H. Scurrah, P.M. 2206; H. J. Brook, J.W. 974; G. R. Bolton, P.M. 1732; H. Cox, 65; G. W. Robson, W.M. 1426; R. Pascoe, 879; J. Dale, 1613; W. H. Lee Davies, P.G.O. Eastern Province, South Africa; F. Morgan, P.M. 1255; J. Swinyard, 820; H. R. Willans; H. D. Wetton, P.G.O. Middlesex; L. King, 2190; W. L. Lincoln, P.M. 534; J. H. Guyton, 807, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; and R. T. West, 1744. After the minutes had been read, Bro. H. C. Minnett was unanimously elected as a joining member. The W.M. then passed Bro. T. Edinborough. Bro. Edwin Storr, P.M., then occupied the chair, and Bro. H. Hibberd, the W.M. elect, having been presented, he was installed by him into the chair. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers. It has fallen to our lot to attend many installations, but never have we seen the beautiful ceremony better carried out than was done by Bro. Edwin Storr, who is a master of the art, and the hearty congratulations which he received at the close of the usual addresses were well deserved. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Morle, remarking that the members were well pleased with what he had done for the lodge, and he hoped he would be with them for many years. Bro. Morle in a few earnest words thanked the members for their kind appreciation of the little he had done. Letters and telegrams were read from the following regretting their inability to attend: Bros. Sam. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; Jno. Read; Geo. Read, G. Std. Br.; and W. M. Stiles, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a good banquet. The table was adorned with beautiful flowers supplied by Bro. Morle. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. in becoming terms gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received.

The I.P.M., Bro. Morle, submitted the toast of "The W.M." He had worked hard and the result would be that he would make one of the most successful Masters the lodge had ever had.

Bro. Hibberd, W.M., replied. He was put so high up that he was at a loss to adequately express himself. He was a young Mason and he hoped nothing would be wanting on his part to make his term of office a prosperous and happy one.

The W.M. gave the next toast, "The Installing Master and Past Masters." He said that he should never forget the more than admirable way he had been installed by Bro. Storr, and he was proud to have been installed by him. He made kind reference to the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, coupling the names of Bros. Edwin Storr and Morle.

Bro. Storr on rising to respond received a hearty welcome. He said that he was proud to do anything for the lodge, and if his services that day had given satisfaction he was gratified. His great aim was for the members to be happy, from whom he had at all times received every kindness.

Bro. Morle, I.P.M., also replied in suitable terms, observing that he honoured the jewel which he should wear on every possible occasion.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been duly honoured, in response, Bro. Robson stated that he felt sure the visitors greatly appreciated the excellent working of Bro. Storr the Installing Master, and the ceremony could not have been done better. Bro. Guyton also replied, congratulating the members in having such an efficient officer as Bro. Storr.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated that the members had always heard everything good in favour of those two splendid officers, and anything he might say could not add to the high respect and esteem in which they were held in the lodge.

Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas., responded. He was glad to have been again elected to his office in the lodge, of which he had been a member for 40 years, and where he had spent some of the pleasantest time of his life. Bro. Edwin Storr, P.M., Sec., also replied.

The other toasts were "The Officers" and "The Joining Member," which were replied to in appropriate terms by Bro. Heasman, S.W., and Bro. Minnett, and the happy gathering brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. King, A. W. Lane and R. Douglas-Smith.

Beadon Lodge (No. 619).—A memorable evening in the annals of this lodge was spent on the 17th inst., on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. John Rawle, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, at the Royal Crystal Palace Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. Rawle was initiated in the lodge 23 years ago, but during all subsequent years he has been content to remain, until modern times, an unofficial member, not interfering with the desire of any other brother to be promoted to the highest honour the lodge could bestow. But all the time he has been a very popular member, a character which, without any forced effort on his part, but from a naturally genial disposition, he secured from his first introduction. Last year he stood aside for Past Master Charles Norrington, who was thereby enabled to furnish the fourth Master of this lodge who has been through its chair twice, Alfred Avery, 1809, Francis Sharratt, J. C. Hayes, and C. Norrington. Bro. Norrington, with such an opportunity before him for making the lodge a success, thereby became greatly indebted to Bro. Rawle. The lodge itself is under a deep obligation to him, and during his year of office, it is to be hoped it will strive to discharge the debt. It was remarked that within

the memory of the oldest member of the lodge there had not been so many of the lodge's Past Masters present at an installation of one of its Masters, and Bro. Rawle more than once expressed the depth of his feeling at what he was pleased to call that honour done to him. The list of the lodge's Past Masters present comprised the names of Bros. James W. Avery, Henry Massey, William Seaman, Francis Sharratt, Charles Norrington, Carl Fleck, Jas. C. Hayes, Charles Meierhoff, and A. W. Birlow. Bro. Norrington presided, Bro. Hayes acting as D.C., and they placed Bro. Massey in the S.W.'s chair for the installation ceremony, Bro. Avery in the J.W.'s chair, and Bro. Seaman as I.G. Bro. Hayes presented Bro. Rawle, and Bro. Norrington installed him. Bro. Norrington, I.P.M., being appointed Secretary, on Bro. Hayes was conferred the duty of acting as I.P.M. Bro. Moss Chapman was invested as S.W.; Frederick W. Upton, J.W.; Francis Sharratt, P.M.; Treas.; J. W. Harrison, S.D.; E. Croft Wise, J.D.; William, Slater, I.G.; Charles Meierhoff, P.M., D.C.; L. A. J. Faull, Org.; and M. G. Hall, Stwd. Bro. Norrington being already the possessor of a Beadon Past Master's jewel, preferred not to have a second, and the lodge in deference to his wishes refrained from voting one; but the brethren could not allow his services, not only as W.M., but as for many years the lodge Secretary, to pass unnoticed, and the value of a Past Master's jewel they voted towards a handsome illuminated address on vellum, framed and glazed, recording his services and the brethren's gratitude for them. Beyond this a private subscription among the members enabled the brethren to present to him, for the use of himself and Mrs. Norrington, a case of table cutlery and plate, on every article of which his initial was engraved. It was at the banquet which followed the lodge work that the presentations were made, and the only two long speeches of the evening were the graceful acknowledgment by Bro. Norrington of the brethren's exhibition of their appreciation of his work, and the reply of Bro. Hayes for "The Past Masters," in which he advised brethren coming on for the chair to depend upon themselves, and not upon the Past Masters for the execution of the work, and asserting this position for Bros. Sharratt, Norrington, and himself that they were the trinity of brethren that had brought the Beadon Lodge to its present prosperous condition.

Under the direction of Bro. L. A. J. Faull, Organist, the company was entertained with an excellent musical entertainment by Bros. Edwin Bryant, James Chilcott, Frank Swinford, and Alfred Skinner.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1558).—A very successful meeting was held in connection with this prosperous South London lodge at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 11th inst. Bro. G. V. Rice, the W.M. elect, was to have been installed by Bro. A. Blenkarn, P.M., but that brother was unfortunately detained at home by illness; however, Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., stepped into the breach at a moment's notice, and with the assistance of Bro. Langley, P.M., the W.M. for the ensuing year was installed into the chair in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. The brethren present included Bros. J. Clark, W.M.; G. V. Rice, S.W.; W.M. elect; H. Visger, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Shelton, P. L. Kingsbury, and many others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the audit report, showing substantial balances to the credit of the Lodge and Benevolent Funds, was unanimously adopted. Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., then assumed the chair, and Bro. G. V. Rice was impressively installed as Worshipful Master, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. J. Clark, I.P.M.; H. Visger, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; H. Wakeford, S.D.; P. L. Kingsbury, J.D.; J. T. Packer, I.G.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; S. Hole and H. R. Farnan, Stwds.; C. W. G. F. Hammond, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

The Installing Master, Bro. Catt, P.M., then delivered the customary addresses in an admirable and effective manner. The newly installed W.M. then initiated four candidates into Freemasonry in able style, and afterwards presented the I.P.M., Bro. Clark, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

Lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet, the usual toasts followed.

The speeches were commendably brief, and enabled the brethren to enjoy a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, assisted by Bros. Hy. Parker, W. H. Webb, and Haydn Grover.

After the preliminary toasts, Bro. J. Clark, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that all were proud in seeing Bro. Rice fill the chair. They offered him their hearty congratulations, and expressed their hopes that he would have a good year of office. The lodge was in a very prosperous state, owing to the fact that its Past Masters had done all they could—both in the ritual and in their finance—to render it successful.

Bro. G. V. Rice, W.M., in reply, said he did not know how to thank them for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and particularly for the way in which the I.P.M. had proposed it. He was not quite such an eloquent man as the I.P.M., and could only say he sincerely thanked them for the toast. He (the W.M.) had been for some years in Freemasonry, and was proud to be the Worshipful Master of this lodge. He had been connected with another lodge and was glad to see many visitors that evening. He could not say more than that he thanked them, and would do his best during his year of office.

"The Initiates" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed the hope that they would prove working Masons, and was duly responded to.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," referred to the good work done by Bro. Clark on whom he should rely for assistance.

Bro. J. Clark, I.P.M., replied, after which "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; C. Wise, P.M.; Scales, P.M.; and Stephenson.

In giving "The Installing Master," the W.M. said they were all aware of the unfortunate circumstance that prevented Bro. Blenkarn P.M., from being present. Bro. Blenkarn wrote the previous day saying he was unwell, and that day telegraphed to say he was worse. Bro. Catt was called upon at a moment's notice to perform the ceremony, and was deserving of all praise for the manner in which he had rendered it.

Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., said he had no idea he should be called upon to reply to that toast. He felt he had no right to do so for he did not actually install the Master, although

that would have been no greater pleasure. He deeply deplored the illness of Bro. Blenkarn, and most sincerely hoped he would soon return to strength. In accepting the responsible position of Installing Master, he did so with confidence, knowing he would be assisted by Bros. Langley, P.M., and Lee, P.M., to whom he tendered his warmest thanks. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast. The Past Masters always rallied round the W.M., and if the members were all united and determined to work as one man, the same congratulations would be performed at the end of the year as they had offered that night to the I.P.M.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and other toasts were honoured before the Tyler gave the final toast, which closed a pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—The installation meeting of this popular South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. S. J. Derham, W.M.; Thos. Pickett, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. E. Webb, P.M., J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; Jno. Loader, P.M., Sec.; J. Ballard, S.D.; Wm. Dawson, J.D.; W. E. Jeffery, I.G.; Hy. Potter, D.C.; Jas. Parr, Stwd.; F. Choveaux, Org.; Thos. Bowley, Tyler; Fredk. Hilton, P.M., A.G.P.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; Wm. Jeffery, P.M.; R. Poor, G. Thompson, S. J. Cohen, W. T. Nelthropp, S. H. Hilton, C. H. Mayo, R. Reichenheim, R. Brambleby, J. H. Reap, W. Mackay, B. G. Squirell, W. J. Frampton, S. Elsdon, D. C. Preston, G. F. Biggs, G. W. Niblett, Josh. Messent, Jas. Hight, W. Shaw, S. Meyer, A. Salmon, Goddard, Clarke, J. M. Ellison, and R. Colgrave. The visitors were Bros. J. Mills, sen., J.W. 765; J. Snelgrove, 1303; H. Windsor, S.W. 1420; J. Mills, jun., 765; J. F. Morris, I.G. 1050; R. Voisey, P.M. 1329; H. D. Aslett, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; W. S. Cook, 30; J. W. Gray, J.W. 87; Hy. Roberts, W.M. 765; J. A. Thornhill, W.M. 1329; J. C. Barnes, 27; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; G. Howard, P.M. 1708; R. T. Godfrey, J.W. 141; A. Bonnett, 1623; G. Pike, S.D. 1320; E. Richards, 1056; T. R. Cass, W.M. 1320; T. H. Salmon, J.W. 1475; E. A. Rice, J.W. 1320; Thos. C. Webb, P.M. 503; Chas. Hy. Stone, I.P.M. 507; L. G. Macrooy, 2346; J. W. Collins, 1623; and E. Taylor, 227.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. H. Mayo was raised to the Degree of M.M. in a very perfect and impressive manner by the W.M. Mr. W. J. Frampton was initiated by Bro. F. Hilton, A.G.P. The balance sheet was presented and adopted, which showed a substantial sum in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. Thos. Pickett, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. F. Hilton to Bro. S. J. Derham, W.M., for installation, which was performed by a Board of Installed Masters, numbering 21, in an excellent manner. Bro. Thos. Pickett, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. J. Derham, I.P.M.; Thos. E. Webb, P.M., S.W.; Samuel W. Ballard, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; Jno. Loader, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Dawson, S.D.; W. E. Jeffery, J.D.; Hy. Potter, I.G.; Fredk. Hilton, P.M., A.G.P., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. E. Parr and D. C. Preston, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowley, Tyler. The addresses were ably rehearsed by Bro. Derham, Installing Master. A candidate was proposed for initiation at next meeting. It was resolved that the lodge go into mourning at the next meeting on account of the death of the highly esteemed P.M. of the lodge, Bro. H. G. Martin, and that a letter of condolence be written to the widow, expressing the deep sympathy of the brethren with her in her sad bereavement. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. Frank W. Williams, P.M., and J. Pullen, P.M.

A banquet afterwards took place, and the loyal toasts having been duly honoured.

The W.M. said he was delighted that the Rose Lodge had among its Past Masters a Grand Officer whose excellent services had been recognised by the Grand Master, and one who was always ready to assist in any good work.

In reply, Bro. F. Hilton thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid him, and the brethren for such a cordial reception. Ever since his initiation he had received many kindnesses from the brethren. He felt confident that his colleagues would have been equally pleased to have witnessed such exceptional working in the lodge. The Installing Master had done his duty admirably, and he was pleased to see each W.M. install his successor which had been done ever since the founding of the lodge. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he most heartily thanked the brethren.

Bro. Derham, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was received with acclamation, remarking he was quite an exceptional W.M. as he had taken every pains to perform his duties, and had thoroughly succeeded. He felt quite certain when his year of office closed the brethren would be perfectly satisfied, and would one and all confess he had done his work admirably.

Bro. Thomas Pickett, W.M., thanked all for their very kind expressions which had always been extended to him since he was initiated seven years ago. He felt strange in his new position, and had nearly reached the height of his ambition which would be accomplished when he reached the other side of the chair. He trusted he would be able to carry out the duties as ably as his predecessors, and especially to be able to instal his successor as he had been himself that evening, which he considered most excellently done, and at the end of his year to receive their entire approbation.

The toast of "The Initiates" was given in very appropriate terms, and responded to by Bro. Frampton very pertinently.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the W.M. in terms of great cordiality, and very ably responded to by Bros. Cass, Roberts, Thornhill, Aslett, Lewis, Howard, and Godfrey. The toast of "Treasurer and Secretary" followed, which was duly responded to by Bro. Dunn.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received their just eulogies from the W.M., and he took that opportunity of pinning on the breast of Bro. Derham, I.P.M., the jewel which he so richly deserved, and he hoped he might live many, many years to adorn the Rose Lodge.

In reply, Bro. Derham said he felt it rather difficult, being the junior P.M., but certainly he felt very proud to be a Past Master of the Rose Lodge. He had always been treated most kindly, especially by the Past Masters. He trusted that the Great Architect would spare his life to wear this jewel which he considered a great mark of respect. He most heartily thanked the officers for so ably assisting him during the past year.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast closed a most successful evening.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. F. E. Choveaux, accompanist and pianist, most ably assisted by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Theresa Kellaway, Mr. T. W. Turner, and Bro. W. H. Webb.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Rye Lodge (No. 2272).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Peckham Public Hall, on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Wm. Castledine, W.M.; W. B. Warner, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. R. Dunn, J.W.; F. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; T. M. Wright, S.D.; H. E. Reed, J.D.; Thos. Piper, I.G.; J. H. Fletcher, Stwd.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; Dr. Wm. Cock, P.M.; Geo. Nightingale, P.M.; J. North, H. Campbell, H. J. Lindus, J. Allsopp, P.M.; R. Esler, J. C. Lake, jun., G. E. May, R. T. Bonsall, E. Pearce, S. Scammell, J. H. Anderson, W. H. Mackley, B. Brown, J. Parker, F. E. Fairweather, G. Lawrence, R. Shears, Robt. Lyon, W. Weller, J. B. Scalé, and C. D. Cocks. The visitors were: Bros. W. A. Williams, 101; P. H. Aitken, Chap. 1597; E. Dickinson, 2000; B. Dowsett, J.D. 101; Thos. Jolly, 1269; R. F. Tyler, Org. 1597; and Chas. Hy. Stone, I.P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In the absence of the W.M. at the opening of the lodge, the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Wm. Cock, P.M. Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., presented Bro. W. B. Warner, W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation, which was performed most impressively by Bro. Dr. Cock, the W.M. elect inducted into the chair being already a P.M. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Castledine, I.P.M.; W. R. Dunn, S.W.; T. M. Wright, J.W.; F. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Reed, S.D.; T. Piper, J.D.; Dr. Wm. Cock, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx., D.C.; A. S. F. Smith, I.G.; F. W. Peck, J. A. Fletcher, and J. B. Scale, Stewards; and J. Bowler, Tyler. Mr. C. D. Cocks was very ably initiated by the W.M. The three addresses were rendered in a masterly manner by Bro. Wm. Castledine, I.P.M. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, which showed a balance in hand. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, which augurs well.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, on the conclusion of which the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Wm. Castledine, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, gave the toast of "The W.M.," remarking that he came to them with good credentials, being the I.P.M. of West Kent Lodge, M.E.Z. of Brooke Chapter, J. of the Rye Chapter, and Prov. Grand Prin. Soj. of Essex, so that great things would be expected of him. They had witnessed the masterly manner he had performed the initiation ceremony that evening, and from the discharge of his previous duties in the lodge, he was confident the prestige of the Rye Lodge would be well maintained, and that the W.M. would promote the happiness of the brethren.

In reply, Bro. Warner, W.M., thanked all most heartily for such eulogiums. Since the inception of the lodge he had performed his duties to the best of his ability, and he promised to continue the same. Since his initiation by Bro. Dr. Phelps, P.M., when a most lasting impression was made, he had striven to carry out the true principles of Masonry. He was proud to see the first initiate as S.W. of the lodge, and would do his utmost to maintain the prestige of the lodge in all its splendour, and hand the warrant on in all its purity.

The W.M. next presented a dual toast, "Bros. Wm. Castledine, I.P.M., and Dr. Cock," who had done his work so admirably. In their I.P.M. a more worthy brother could not be found. He had gone through all the offices with perfect *clat*. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure in pinning to his breast the handsome jewel he had so nobly earned, for no Master in the lodge had performed so much as giving the charges, &c., at every ceremony, and he trusted he would live long to wear the same, knowing he had the highest esteem of the brethren.

In reply, Bro. Castledine thanked the brethren for so cordial a reception, and also Bro. Dr. Cock for taking the chair so ably in his absence. He should wear the jewel with pride and sincere gratification as the testimony of the good feeling shown towards him, and would recall one of the happiest recollections of his life. He would take that opportunity of thanking all the brethren and their wives for enabling him during his Mastership to take up such a handsome sum to the Boys' School, which was carrying out the brightest gem which adorns the Masonic crown—Charity. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the lodge he would most readily and cheerfully perform.

Bro. Dr. Cock, P.S.G.D. Middx., also responded.

The toast of "The Initiates" was well given and received. That of "The Visitors" was presented by the W.M. in most cordial terms, and he stated that apologies had been received from some Grand Officers whom they had hoped would have been present, but were detained on account of the consecration of the Lancasterian Lodge. The lodge welcomed the visitors most heartily.

The toast was responded to very forcibly by Bros. C. H. Stone, Dowsett, Jolly, and Dickinson.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he congratulated himself upon having two such excellent officers.

Bro. Dunn, P.M., Treas., most effectively replied.

The W.M. next gave the very important toast of "The Officers" in terms of strong commendation and gratification, to which the S.W. and J.W. most ably responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy meeting.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent harmony from Bros. Dr. Cock, Williams, Warner (W.M.), Shears, and Anderson. Bro. Tyler most efficiently performing at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRIGHTON.

Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on the 4th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Flinn, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. A. J. Carpenter, I.P.M.; E. M. Fennell, S.W.; H. W. Bedford, Treas.; T. B. Colbran, Sec.; G. E. Barber, S.D.; E. Garrett, J.D.; J. Olliver, D. of C.; W. P. Smith, I.G.; W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O., Org.; T. H. Tux-

ford and E. Roffey, Stewards; and W. Stanton, Tyler. There was a large number of members and visitors present. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. E. M. Ffennell as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. A. J. Carpenter. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Flinn, I.P.M.; T. Shrivell, S.W.; T. B. Colbran, J.W.; H. W. Bedford, Treas.; E. Garrett, S.D.; W. P. Smith, J.D.; G. E. Barber, D.C.; W. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O., Org.; T. H. Tuxford, I.G.; and Sinclair, J. Mercer, F. W. Moore, and J. Flint, Stwds. Bro. A. J. Carpenter was appointed Charities Steward, and Bro. W. Gill was elected to represent the lodge on the Masonic Rooms Committee, while Bros. T. Rusbridge, E. Elphick, and F. J. Perry were appointed members of the General Purposes Committee. The retiring W.M. (Bro. J. Flinn) was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel and Bro. H. W. Bedford with a Treasurer's jewel in appreciation of their excellent work.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. Molyneux Ffennell, who was supported by several Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters of the lodge.

The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which the Prov. Grand Secretary responded.

Afterwards Bro. R. B. Higham proposed "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught."

Bro. A. J. Carpenter submitted "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., Past Grand Steward, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He said they were honoured that evening by the attendance of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, and on behalf of the lodge he thanked him for his presence amongst them. The brethren knew how admirably Sir William had carried out his duties in every direction, and particularly in the cause of Charity, and Sussex under his influence and direction had scored well during the present year in its Charities.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, in rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. Sussex, he said, ought to be proud in having such a Prov. Grand Master as the Duke of Connaught, and although the brethren would like to see him often amongst them they realised that, holding such a high position as he did, he had many calls upon his time.

Bro. J. Flinn next proposed "The Worshipful Master." All the brethren, he said, knew Bro. Ffennell's good qualities, which had won him their golden opinions, esteem, and good wishes. He was proud to see Bro. Ffennell occupying the chair, and heartily wished him a successful, happy, and prosperous year.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was greeted with prolonged and enthusiastic applause. He said he felt proud in being unanimously elected as their W.M., but while he was proud of his high position he was not unmindful of his responsibilities, and would do his utmost to maintain the honour and prestige of the lodge, and the comfort of the brethren. He hoped they would not repent the confidence they had reposed in him. He knew he was not perfect, but trusted they would bear with him, for it would be his earnest endeavour to merit their confidence, goodwill, and esteem.

Bro. W. Gill, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to which Bros. Riviere and R. Percy Clowes responded.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," which received replies from Bros. Glass and H. E. Ffennell (father of the W.M.). Bro. Colbran submitted "The Past Masters," which Bros. Flinn and Gill acknowledged.

The W.M. followed with "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Colbran and Olliver responded.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant gathering to a close. During the evening a musical programme was sustained by Miss Edith Welling, Miss Lilian Bowles, Miss Rosamond Hayman, Bro. W. Smith, Bro. T. H. Asman, and Mr. Lynes, vocalists; Bro. W. H. Plumbridge, mandolin; Bro. Salmon, cornet; and Master Molyneux Ffennell, piccolo, the last-named being accompanied by Mrs. Molyneux Ffennell. Bro. W. N. Roe acted as musical director and accompanist.

BRIGHTLINGSEA.

Lodge of Hope (No. 433).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, a special dispensation having been granted for the purpose by the Provincial Grand Master, the regular lodge-room not affording sufficient accommodation. Unfortunately, owing to the day of meeting falling so early in the month, several of the members are still at sea, but there was a good attendance, including several visitors. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Robert Pitt as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony attendant on which was duly performed by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, Prov. G. Treas. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. Jos. Bowdell, I.P.M.; E. Drake, S.W.; C. A. S. Ling, J.W.; Rev. A. Pertwee, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. S. Blyth, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Wiseman (30th year), P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Jas. Chaplin, S.D.; Wm. Fieldgate, J.D.; Geo. Riches, D.C.; George Gilders, I.G.; Wilson-Welb, Tyler; Thos. Taylor, and William Coddard, Stwds.

At the close of the ceremony a very hearty vote of thanks were passed to Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of installation, which that brother suitably acknowledged. Bro. R. D. Poppleton was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and much regret expressed that he was unable to be present at that meeting, owing to indisposition.

Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several brethren contributed to the evening's enjoyment, some recitations by a visitor, Bro. J. Wilson, being especially appreciated.

Amongst those present on the occasion, in addition to those above-mentioned, were Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; H. French Bromhead, W.M. 2501, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. 697, Sec. 2477, P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Eustace, W.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. F. Wright, W.M. 51; T. Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Reed, P.M. 2063, P.P.G.P.; John Starling, I.P.M. 2063; C. S. Ling, P.M. 433; J. S. French, P.M. 433; F. Cross, P.M. 433; J. Richardson, P.M. 433, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

BRIXHAM.

True Love and Unity Lodge (No. 248).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday the 15th inst., Bro. W. J. Bradden, W.M., in the chair. Bro. Frederick Oldrieve was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Mr. John Kellow was initiated, after which Bro. Geo. T. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. and P.Z., begged the acceptance of a life-size portrait of himself, beautifully framed. The presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. W. C. Gregory, P.M., Treas., in moving that the handsome picture be accepted by the lodge, and thanking Bro. Barry for the handsome present, said that Bro. Barry had been a member of the lodge for 40 years and was its oldest P.M. He had always taken a deep interest in the lodge and was seldom, if ever, absent from its meetings. Bro. T. W. Atherton, P.M., seconded, remarking that he had known Bro. Barry for 25 years as a Mason, and he was pleased to add his testimony to that of Bro. Gregory, P.M. Bro. Barry thanked the brethren for their kind remarks and their acceptance of the portrait, which it was decided to hang at the S.E. part of the lodge, side by side with the late Bro. Samuel B. Colstone, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks. Business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Lodge (No. 2256).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Bro. James Speller, P.M., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. George Henley. Bro. Scoresby Jackson, P.M., acted as Past Master, and Bro. Finch, P.M., as D.C. Among other brethren present were: Bros. N. Fortescue, P.M.; W. Shurmur, P.M.; Walthamstow, Islington, and other lodges; and Bro. C. G. Cutchey. The only business on the programme was the reception of the Auditors' report, and the installation of a new W.M.; and after the report had been received Bro. James Speller installed Bro. William Shurmur as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were: Bros. W. A. Finch, S.W.; George Long, J.W.; Rev. Matthew Rees, P.P.G.C., and Rev. H. A. Allpass, Chaps.; James Speller, P.P.G.D., Treas.; Richard Kershaw, Sec.; C. G. Cutchey, P.M., S.D.; Frederick Taylor, J.D.; W. B. Whittingham, I.P., I.G.; H. Dummett, D.C.; W. Latter, P.P.G.O., Org.; and John Ives, P.M., Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Scoresby Jackson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cutchey, P.M., S.D., a resolution of condolence and sympathy was passed with Mrs. Stevens on the death of her husband, Bro. Alfred D. Stevens, and Bro. Walter Latter, Org., on the death of his daughter. On the motion of Bro. James Speller, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cutchey, P.M., S.D., Bro. Scoresby Jackson was elected the lodge's representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. A letter from Bro. Lennox Browne, the first W.M. of the lodge, acknowledging the brethren's kindness in offering to subscribe to a testimonial consisting of a present of Grand Lodge clothing to him on his being appointed a Grand Officer, but declining the compliment on the ground that the Empire Lodge had already resolved to make such presentation independently, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Finch, P.M.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and honoured the usual toasts, which were interspersed with singing by Bros. A. Strugnell, and Emlen, under the direction of Bro. Walter Latter.

Bro. Scoresby Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Bro. Speller responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Speller, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the name of Bro. William Shurmur was so well known in Freemasonry that it required no introduction. Bro. Shurmur and Bro. Scoresby Jackson were the principal projectors and prime movers of this very happy Craft lodge. The former ought to have passed the chair of the lodge several years ago, but he was generous enough to give way to him (Bro. Speller) and others. But in the meantime he had been very active in occupying the chairs in other lodges, and also very busy and persevering in advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, which was a most important part of Masonry. That night the Warner Lodge was honoured in having him as its Master. All the brethren hoped he would have a prosperous and happy year of office, and that the Most High in the abundance of His goodness would preserve his health. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Shurmur was very active in instructing young Masons in the arts and sciences of the Craft, and that, too, at the cost of much valuable time.

Bro. Shurmur, in acknowledging the toast, said that was not the first time it had been his privilege to occupy the chair of the Warner Lodge, but of course hitherto it had only been as *locum tenens*. As his good and valued friend, Bro. Speller, P.M., had observed, he had taken a somewhat prominent part in the formation of that lodge. It was true he was not the last of the founders who would attain the honourable Degree of an Installed Master, and he appreciated very highly the honour the brethren had conferred upon him by unanimously electing him to the chair. As an old Past Master, it had afforded him sincere pleasure to stand back and see his friends come forward to occupy the position of W.M. He would try and emulate the good example which they had set him. That was the sixth time it had been his proud privilege to be installed W.M. of a Craft lodge; therefore, under ordinary circumstances, he ought to be fairly well acquainted with the duties of the chair. If he had gained any experience he was only too pleased to place it entirely at the disposal of the brethren. It was his hope and ambition to add in every way to the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and to promote the bond of union and fraternal love which was the foundation of the whole Masonic structure. He hoped that at the termination of his year of office when he should leave the chair he would take with him the goodwill, regard, and esteem of every member of the lodge. Bro. Shurmur afterwards proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. James Speller." He said the brethren would all unite in congratulations to Bro. Speller for the more than admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. If Bro. Speller would permit him to say so, he considered Bro. Speller as somewhat his *protégé*; they were old friends in Masonry and in business; but he (Bro. Shurmur) had had some difficulty to make Bro. Speller "pitch on" to Freemasonry. At last he succeeded, and Bro. Speller was now an excellent Freemason. He was Preceptor of the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, and was there regarded as a bright morning star. A sample of his work he had given that night. The brethren had heard

him work each Degree in the Warner Lodge with much proficiency. He had given them all satisfaction.

Bro. James Speller, P.M., replied. He said it was one of the most delightful times of his life to have to instal such a brilliant light as Bro. Shurmur. Last year it fell to his lot to assist in an installation for which they were kind enough to present him with a jewel, which he should always wear with the greatest regard. He thanked the brethren sincerely for so cordially responding to the toast.

Bros. Gordon, 898; Hunter, 452; Gower, Dr. Gordon, Knight, and several other brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and the other toasts having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Ives, P.M., brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren returned to town by the last train.

CREIVE.

Four Cardinal Virtues Lodge (No. 979).

Installation meeting was held on the 9th inst. at the Royal Hotel. There was a large gathering of brethren from many provinces. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. S. Warren, W.M., very effectively indeed, and it was a most successful meeting. Bro. Fred. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. C. Vickers, P.M.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. S. Warren, W.M.; F. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; G. E. Shore, J.W.; J. Hitchen, S.D.; H. E. Dodd, J.D.; J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; G. Young, P.M., Org.; Chas. Vickers, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Maule, I.G.; J. Fincham, Tyler; J. F. Fears, P.P.G.S.; Wm. Dunn, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; C. W. Letch; W. Eardley, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Greety, J. G. Hatch, J. A. Dearden, R. Burnand, M. Gibson, H. Clarke, E. Gray, and E. K. Hill. Visitors: Bros. C. O. Collins, R. W. Almsley, S.D. 2389; J. Cope, W.M. 293; C. E. Forsaick, I.P.M. 293; T. W. Fowles, 293; Hy. Billyard, W.M. 368; G. Bratterton, P.M.; Wm. Nock; and J. Phythian, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

CROYDON.

Claremont Lodge (No. 1861).—A goodly gathering of members of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Major F. Muckleston Allen into the chair of W.M. The ceremony (the only one of the evening) was ably and impressively performed by Bro. B. Williams, P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Hatchett Jones, S.W.; F. W. Terry-Horsey, J.W.; C. Thomasset, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Francis, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Style, S.D.; F. Manning, J.D.; and J. M. Bastone, I.G.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Rhodes, P.P.G.O., the proprietor of the hall.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the W.M. being very cordially received and eloquently replied to, the members spending a delightful evening, some good singing being volunteered by Bros. Bastone, Berry (visitor) and others.

DURSLEY.

St. John's Lodge (No. 761).—On Thursday, the 11th inst., the annual installation festival in connection with the above lodge took place. The Victoria Hall having been previously engaged, by the kind permission of Bro. Capt. Wenden the Volunteers' drill-room was placed at the disposal of the lodge for the ceremony, and it lent itself admirably for the purpose, the Masonic furniture and other decorations quite transforming its appearance. Bro. H. Blandford, P.M., P.P.G.P., was the outgoing W.M., and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the past year has been a very successful one for the lodge. Bro. T. Viney was his successor, and an unusually large number of brethren were present when Bro. H. J. Francillon, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., installed him as Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Francillon was assisted in the ceremony, which was impressively performed, by several Past Masters. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Blandford, P.M., P.P.G.P., I.P.M.; G. Adams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; General Vizard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. J. Francillon, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Dr. Campbell, S.W.; A. F. Bailey, J.W.; J. G. Wenden, S.D.; A. W. Hopkins, J.D.; E. D. Martin, B.A., Chap.; Frank Bloodworth, Org.; G. A. Ayliffe, Stwd.; R. Hill, I.G.; and W. H. Morgan, Tyler. Bro. Blandford was unfortunately prevented from being present through the illness of a relative, and Bro. Wenden was also unavoidably absent. Bro. Forty, P.G. Org. Cheltenham, specially attended to "open" the new organ which has just been procured for the lodge, and it added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Old Bell Hotel, where Bro. Ayliffe provided the usual banquet.

EASTBOURNE.

Anderida Lodge (No. 2434).

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday, 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Morrison, in the absence of the retiring W.M., Bro. Harry Sutton, through indisposition. The lodge was reported to be in a good financial position, with a roll of about 60 members. Bro. J. H. Wright was installed as Master for the ensuing year, he having taken a very active part in the formation of the lodge two years ago. The ceremony was performed very impressively by Bro. Morrison before a full lodge, including several distinguished visitors. On assuming the chair the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Harry Sutton, I.P.M.; J. H. Ewart, S.W.; F. Lawson Lewis, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Jameson, Chap.; T. W. Dean, Treas.; John Easter, Sec.; W. F. Trydell, S.D.; J. H. Haine, J.D.; J. Creighton, D.C.; F. B. Sutton, Org.; F. E. Young, I.G.; J. Senior and Herbert Elliott, Stwds.; and Goldring, Tyler. Bro. A. J. Howard was re-elected Charity Steward.

At the banquet which followed about 50 brethren were present, including Bros. A. M. Brookfield, M.P., Prov. G. Warden; Jos. Farncombe, W. E. Morrison, and W. Wright, all P.G. Wardens; Major Stillwell, Rev. C. Leslie Norris, Rev. H. G. Jameson, Rev. W. Wakeford, Rev. H. C. Wilson, W. H. Sangster, A. Standen Triggs, J. H. Ewart, H. Colgate, MacQueen, W. Gates, W. Lintott, W. Lancaster, Whatford, J. C. Foran, J. Easter, F. E. Young, W. H. Burt, J. Lawson Lewis, T. W. Dean, H. Elliott, F. B. Sutton, A. J. Howard, Adamson, F. J. Cox, and others.

The usual toasts were given, the health of the new Master being drunk with much heartiness.

Songs by Messrs. J. T. Parsons and W. Lewis, and several exceedingly well rendered quartets, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The catering of Mr. J. Steinle was up to its usual high standard of excellence.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., when there was, as usual, a large gathering of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Wm. Stafford, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. W. I. Jobson, I.P.M.; W. Richardson, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; M. R. Wright, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; A. Dodds, S.W.; J. A. Stelling, as J.W.; Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; Hugh Jackson, Sec.; W. Douglass, S.D.; T. Chegwidan, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Holzapfel and J. T. Pragnell, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. Neil, A. W. Blacklock, H. H. Pitt, W. Blythe, G. C. Potts, R. Hewett, R. Forsyth, P. Cash, D. Dobson, R. I. Hindmarsh, T. Smith, H. W. Dixon, W. F. Brown, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were: Bros. E. Marston, P.M. 1676; Cornwell Smith, W.M. 481; Wm. Smith, P.M. 1342; C. B. Ford, P.M. 481; John Page, W.M. 406; E. Dunford, P.M. 406; G. Donkin, S.D. 406; C. J. Ashdown, S.D. 1427; J. B. McKenzie, 659; Robt. Stewart, W.M. 424; J. Burrell, S.D. 424; J. O. Hogg, 424; A. M. Swindell, I.G. 406; G. Lisle, J.W. 2260; G. F. Pringle, P.M. 1009; T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1661, and others. After the preliminary business Bros. R. Forsyth and P. Cash were passed to the Second Degree by the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Jobson, and Bro. A. W. Blacklock was duly raised as a M.M., by the W.M., who explained the tools and the various mysteries in connection with the ritual in a highly satisfactory manner.

After other work the proceedings closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and spent the remainder of the evening in a pleasant manner.

HARWICH.

Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).—A large number of members of this lodge and several visitors assembled at the Great Eastern Hotel on Tuesday, the 9th inst., to witness the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., Bro. C. S. Whyatt, and certain preliminaries gone through, the chair was taken by Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.R., who in a most impressive manner installed Bro. Warren W. Ellis, the S.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. C. S. Wyatt, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. T. Armfield, P.P.G. Chap.; S.W.; J. Downie, J.W.; W. Groom, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Treas.; M. L. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Sec.; H. K. Bamber, S.D.; W. W. Salter, J.D.; W. Grice, I.G.; H. G. Everard, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; H. Ditcham, J. W. Start, and G. Cann, Stwds.; and J. Smith, Tyler. The next business was the election of a brother to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and Bro. Everard, P.M., proposed the re-election of Bro. Richard Clower, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., who, he said, had with great advantage to them represented the lodge ever since the Committee was formed. Bro. A. J. H. Ward seconded, remarking that they could not possibly have a better representative or one who took a deeper interest in the work of the Committee than Bro. Clower. The motion was then put and carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, who briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the fine coffee room of the hotel, where an elegant banquet was admirably served.

HOWDEN.

St. Cuthbert's Lodge (No. 630).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the W.M. elect was duly installed by Bro. G. H. Anderton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., in the presence of a large number of Past Masters and visiting brethren. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. G. Loam, I.P.M.; R. Briggs, P.M., S.W.; Geo. Brindle, J.W.; Rev. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; H. B. Anderson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. L. Rowntree, Sec.; G. G. Everingham, S.D.; W. H. Rylatt, J.D.; W. Stather, I.G.; W. L. Rowntree, Org.; and W. Drury, Tyler. The installation banquet was afterwards held at Bowman's Hotel.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The first meeting after the summer recess was held at the Kingston Hotel on the 17th inst., and was well attended. Bro. Jos. Bond, W.M., was assisted by all his officers, and after the transaction of formal business he proceeded to pass Bros. J. R. Abbott and Salt to the F.C. Degree. The working in the ceremony was good all round, and was rendered much more impressive by the explanation of the tracing-board, given by Bro. Watkin, S.D., in a manner not to be surpassed, eliciting the admiration of all present. His proficiency is in great measure due to regular attendance at the Dobie Lodge of Instruction, and it is certain that the parent lodge will be supplied with efficient officers for some years to come. A proposition for joining and one for initiation having been given in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren spent the remainder of the evening in a social manner.

Bro. Tom Wilkinson, P.M. 1420, S.W. 889, is on the way to the chair of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, being Senior Warden elect, into which office he will go on the retirement from the chair of Bro. J. Edgell, I.P.M. 889.

LIVERPOOL.

Wilbraham Lodge (No. 1713).—On the 10th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Black Horse Hotel, Walton, to celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of the lodge and to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Arthur H. Davis, S.W., as Presiding Officer for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. J. Leggett, I.P.M.; R. Vickers, S.W.; C. Binks, J.W.; Rev. C. R. Leslie, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. R. Pentin, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected); B. T. Hobson, Sec.; F. R. Shiersen, S.D.; J. J. Tinsley, J.D.; J. Stopford, P.M., D.C.; W. Hudson, Org.; J. S. Richards, and W. S. Guilbert, P.M., Stwds.; and R. Nevill was re-elected Tyler.

MATLOCK BATH.

Arkwright Lodge (No. 1495).—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place on the 12th inst. at the New Bath Hotel. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. C. Drabble, and Bro. Joseph Sladen was for the second year installed in office. The other officers appointed were Bros. T. Cooper Drabble, I.P.M.; G. B. Barton, S.W.; Henry Knowles, J.W.; Thomas Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treasurer; F. C. Lynn, Secretary; A. J. Stroyan, S.D.; Thomas McMann, J.D.; H. G. Hartley, D. of C.; John Dawes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; George Peglar, I.G.; Alfred J. Dawes and W. Jaffrey, Stewards; and John King, Tyler.

The banquet followed, and the usual toasts were given. Among the visitors were Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., and numerous members from other lodges.

NORTHAMPTON.

Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—About 100 members of the different lodges in Northampton and the county, and also from a distance, assembled on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, to honour Bro. H. Hodges, S.W., on his elevation to the chair of the lodge, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic and pleasing character. The lodge was opened, and the business, which, in addition to the installation ceremony, included the initiation of two members, occupied three hours. Bro. H. Manfield, P.J.G.D., presided. After the transaction of the routine business of the lodge, Bro. J. Currall, the I.P.M., presented Bro. Harry Hodges to the retiring W.M. for installation into the chair, and the ceremony was most impressively and admirably performed by Bro. Manfield. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. A. Jowett, P.P.G. Std., S.W.; Beeby Thompson, J.W.; Rev. A. W. Gross, Chap.; C. Cooke, P.P.G. Std., Treas.; Alfred Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; T. Ashdowne, Asst. Sec.; W. F. Tipler, S.D.; W. H. Tarry, J.D.; H. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; W. H. Hodges, Asst. D.C.; T. H. Vials, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. D. Gibbins, Asst. Org.; A. F. Mulliner, P.P.G. Std., I.G.; C. Cooke, jun., Std. Br.; M. Warwick, P.P.G. Std., Asst. Std. Br.; J. O. Bailey and G. H. Stevenson, Stwds.; G. Robinson, P.G. Tyler, and R. Lewis, Tylers. After the initiation of two members, the W.M. presented Bro. Manfield with a Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, said he had proved himself thoroughly worthy of it, and he hoped he might live many years to wear it. Bro. Manfield thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the presentation made to him, and said as long as he lived he should remember the happy year of office through which he had passed. The newly-elected W.M. and the retiring W.M. made useful presentations to the lodge, for which they were heartily thanked. The W.M. next referred to the loss of the Province of Norths and Hunts had suffered by the death of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Buller Wilkins. He said he felt sure they all regretted the death of so active a worker among them, and also that they deeply sympathised with his family in their bereavement. He proposed that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to the family of their deceased brother, and that it be entered upon the minutes. Bro. Manfield seconded the proposition. The loss they had sustained, he said, was very great, and he felt sure they all regretted it personally as well as Masonically. He thought he was speaking the voice of the whole of the brethren when he said they had suffered a loss which it would take a long time to repair, and also that they most heartily sympathised with the family deceased had left behind him, and to whom he was so deeply attached. The vote was carried unanimously, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held, at which the W.M. presided.

OLD TRAFFORD.

Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—The regular meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Local Board Offices, Talbot-road, when there were present Bros. J. Roberts, W.M.; E. Faulkner, J.W.; Rev. G. Cranston, Chap.; W. Sowsby, Sec.; H. Nickson, S.D.; F. Green, J.D.; J. Allen, Org.; G. W. Unsworth, I.G.; A. Chesshyre, P.M.; R. E. Stringleman, P.M.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; C. Martyn, P.M.; J. Boder, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Dawson, H. Edwards, C. F. Bayhurst, W. S. Batey, E. Jackson, F. J. Warburton, E. Levey, Rev. Connell, and T. K. Peacock. Visitors: Bros. J. Bell, P.M., P.J.G.D.; H. Sheard, W. Toomb, T. Duxbury, H. Grimshaw, G. A. Myers, P.P.G. D.C.; Geo. Sam Smith, P.P.G.O. East Lancs., P.G.O.; and C. Cooper, P.P.G.P.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There were two candidates proposed, and the ballot proving favourable, they were initiated by Bro. J. Roberts, W.M., in a most able and impressive manner. Bro. E. Faulkner, J.W., presented the working tools and also gave the charge to both candidates with great eloquence.

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

TAMWORTH.

Marmion Lodge (No. 1060).—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the installation of Bro. J. H. Dewes, as W.M. of the above lodge, took place at the Town Hall, in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren. The Installing Master was Bro. E. S. Sumner. The other officers were elected as follows: Bros. E. S. Sumner, I.P.M.; E. Coleman, S.W.; G. Bowen, J.W.; T. M. Hamer, P.M., Treas.; James Stone, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; Sec.; W. Macgregor, M.A., P.G.C., Chap.; J. P. Watton, S.D.; H. S. Martin, J.D.; W. Hassall, Org.; C. Jones, P.M., D.C.; G. Burnham, I.G.; J. T. H. Horalin and J. Horrocks, Stwds.; and F. Hughes, Tyler. Visiting brethren were present from Birmingham, Lichfield, Stafford, Rugeley, Walsall, and Burton-on-Trent.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Castle Hotel.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Peace Hall on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M.; W. Martin, S.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; B. Maskill, Treas.; T. Barber, S.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; E. Simpson, Org.; J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; R. N. Brunyee, M.C.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; E. Hirst and W. T. Chambers, Stwds.; F. Pine, Tyler; T. Livingstone, E. Shillito, T.

J. Smith, G. Kenyon, S. H. A. Ashlin, and F. T. Turner. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Tyack, Chap. 1482; A. Cundall, Stwd. 1482; W. Watson, 61, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Langbridge, 2078, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Dawson, P.A. G.D.C.; W. Fitton, 2035, P.P.A.G.D.C.; P. Jenner, 242; W. W. Peacock, 242; W. Middleton, S.W. 139; R. J. Swaby, S.D. 2078; F. T. Buckland, S.D. 242; E. Newsum, I.P.M. 242; M. R. J. Behrendt, S.W. 2078; and J. Loam, I.P.M. 630.

Bro. Constable having read the dispensation for holding the installation on this day, the lodge was duly opened. Mr. T. R. R. Marsdin received a unanimous ballot as a candidate for initiation. Bro. W. Martin, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. L. Peace, I.P.M. Bro. Tyack sang the solo, "Be thou faithful." Bro. Jenner ably presided at the organ, and Bro. Ashlin gave the addresses. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Kenyon, S.W.; T. Barber, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; G. Eland, J.D.; E. Hirst, I.G.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; F. T. Turner, D.C.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; W. T. Chambers and E. Simpson, Stewards; and F. Pine, Tyler. Bro. J. Constable was re-elected Charity Representative. After "Hearty good wishes" from all the brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall, where a splendid banquet had been prepared by Mrs. Marsh, sister of the Treasurer.

The usual Masonic toasts were gone through, interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Jenner, Peace, Peacock, Maskill, Robotham, Constable, Hirst, Tyack, and Barber. Altogether, it was one of the most successful days No. 2259 has ever seen.

TOTNES.

Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—Bro. W. L. Eynon, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. J. Drennan, D.C., P.P.G. Std. Br., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Darke, I.P.M.; W. R. W. Foot, S.W.; G. L. Loam, P.P.G.O., J.W.; Rev. W. E. Windle, Chap.; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Cole, P.M., Treas.; J. Rice, S.D.; H. Maddick, J.D.; J. Drennan, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; J. W. Warren, A.D.C.; P. G. David, P.M., Org.; J. J. Brimley, I.G.; G. H. Smith and G. Cleave, Stewards; and J. Crocker, Tyler. Bro. W. B. Maye was elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions.

The annual banquet was capably served by Bro. W. Adams, P.P.A.G.D.C., at the Royal Seven Stars Hotel in the evening.

WYVENHOE.

Colne Lodge (No. 2477).—The first annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Old Board School (by dispensation from the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M.), on Tuesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of the outgoing W.M., Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, Prov. G. Treas., there being upwards of 70 brethren present. The W.M. having raised to the Third Degree Bros. Capt. W. Trayler and W. Munson, then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Gustavus Pratt, S.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able and pleasing manner. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Claude E. Egerton-Green, Prov. G. Treas., I.P.M.; W. Turner B. Ennew, S.W.; W. H. Ham, J.W.; Lieut.-Col. Fyssen-Holroyd, Treas.; John T. Bailey, P.M. 697, 2339, P.Z. 51, Prov. A.G.D.C., Sec.; Henry Harlow, S.D.; John I. Turff, J.D.; Harold Francis, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Std., D.C.; John A. Houston, Org.; George Rayner, I.G.; and Dick Ham, George Bartlett, and T. W. Harlow, Stwds. On the proposition of Bro. Egerton-Green, I.P.M., the newly-installed Master was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. In presenting the Auditors' report, the Secretary stated that no less than £324 had been received for the purpose of starting and carrying on the lodge during its first year.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Greyhound Hotel. The toast list having partly been disposed of, the newly-installed Master referred to the admirable work done during his year by the I.P.M., and presented him, on behalf of the members, with a valuable Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Egerton-Green, in responding, referred to the number of invitations during the brief period of the first session of the lodge, and said he should always look back with pleasure upon his term of office.

During the evening a telegram was received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., offering "Heartiest good wishes from Consecrating Officer."

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Comps. W. Hawes, M.E.Z.; S. M. Banker, H.; John Taylor, P.Z., J.; C. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; T. Cohu, P.Z., S.N. (pro tem.); H. Birdseye, P.Z., P.S. (pro tem.); F. Hughes, 1st Asst. S. (pro tem.); Couchman, Janitor; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z.; Dixon, P.M.; Kent, Dunn, Biddlecombe, Fisher, Clarke, Sarson, and Rev. T. Selby Henrey. Comp. S. Napper, M.E.Z. 1471, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick assumed the First Principal's chair and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of H.R.A.M. Bro. Frank Reginald Kenning, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, after which the Principals and officers for the ensuing year were then balloted for, the result in each case being unanimous: Comps. S. M. Banker, M.E.Z.; John Taylor, H.; T. E. Biddlecombe, J.; George Kenning P.Z., Treas.; C. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; W. Haynes Dunn, S.N.; Fredk. Hughes, P.S.; T. W. Fisher, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. Sarson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Couchman, Janitor. The date and place of meeting of the Audit Committee was left to the discretion of the Treasurer and Scribe E. for fixture.

There being no other business the chapter was closed, and adjourned.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 11th instant. Among those present were Comps. Sims, M.E.Z.; Dennis, H.; H. J. Lardner,

P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., as J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G. D.C., S.E.; Geo. Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., Treas.; Lundie, P.S.; Colwell, 2nd A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Kohler, P.Z.; G. Gardner, P.Z.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; H. Salter, P.Z.; and Patrick, P.Z. 1623, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Thompson, and, it being unanimous, he was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by Comps. H. J. Lardner and W. W. Westley. Comp. H. J. Lardner then installed Comp. Lingley as J. Comp. Austin, I.P.Z., sent an apology for non-attendance. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

The usual toasts were ably proposed from the chair.

During the evening some selections of vocal harmony were given by Comps. Lundie, Lardner, and G. Everett, and Comp. W. P. Webb recited with spirit "The Fireman's Wedding."

Chapitre La France (No. 2060).—This chapter held its usual meeting on Monday, the 16th inst., and had a narrow escape out of an unfortunate contretemps. Chapter had been summoned for five o'clock on the anticipation of two candidates, and the officers had scarcely entered the room when messages arrived announcing that both candidates were unwell, and unable to come, also that the Principal Sojourner had not yet returned from France. There was a little hesitation as to what should be done, when Comp. St. Clair suggested that if the companions would grant him their indulgence he would act as Principal Sojourner. Comp. Cubitt consented to represent the candidate and the ceremony of exaltation was thereupon gone through. Comp. St. Clair acquitted himself in a masterly manner of his impromptu duties, while the work of the M.E.Z., Comp. F. Mead, was perfect. The three lectures were duly delivered, and Comps. Saillard as H., and W. Regester, as J., vied with the M.E.Z. in the perfection of their work. As you may suppose everything went on now as merry as a marriage bell, and the "Ordre du Jour," as the summons calls it, proceeded with. Letters of regret were read from Comp. Lord George Hamilton, Prov. G.M. Middx., and other distinguished "Invités" unable to attend. Ballot having been taken for the various officers, the M.E.Z. reported as follows: Comps. P. Saillard, M.E.Z. elect; W. Regester, H.; E. Cutler, J.; G. Hopkinson, Treas.; E. Monteuis, Scribe E.; E. E. Pouard, Scribe N.; C. Cassal, Principal Soj.; C. Filhon, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. Delacoste, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and F. Richardson, G.D.C., D.C. Comp. H. Evenden was unanimously re-elected Janitor by show of hands. The vote of the jewel of the chapter to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. F. Mead, for the distinction and courtesy with which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office was carried unanimously.

The companions then adjourned to refreshment, when one of those choice little menus of the Café Royal was submitted to them for discussion, then all the canons (glasses) having been charged and put into line (chargés et alignés), Comp. Mead, M.E.Z., rose to propose "La première Santé d'obligation."

La Reine et la Francmaçonnerie.

Compagnons, depuis la dernière réunion du Chapitre La France il s'est passé un événement important pour l'Angleterre, la naissance d'un arrière-petit-fils de notre Reine. Ce petit-petit-fils, nous l'espérons, sera dans un avenir lointain, Roi d'Angleterre et Grand Zorobabel de notre Ordre. Levez-vous, compagnons, pour boire à la santé de la Reine et à la prospérité de la Maçonnerie de l'Arche Royale.

Le T.E.Z. dit ensuite :

Comps., depuis la dernière réunion du Chapitre, notre sœur, la France, a été plongée dans le deuil. Quelques heures seulement après la naissance du Prince auquel j'ai fait allusion dans la première santé d'obligation, le brave Président Carnot, que j'avais vu le dimanche précédent plein de vie et de vigueur, a été frappé par la main d'un assassin. Avant de succomber, cet honnête homme, ce vrai patriote, avait envoyé ses félicitations à notre Reine. Combien peu il s'imaginait alors que la réponse de notre Souveraine ne lui serait pas adressée à lui, mais à sa veuve et exprimerait à cette dernière une sympathie affectueuse au sujet de sa triste mort. Ainsi le dernier acte du Président Carnot a été de raffermir les liens de l'amitié entre nos deux pays, liens qui, nous l'espérons bien, Dieu aidant, dureront à tout jamais. Comme cela arrive entre les meilleurs amis nous avons parfois nos petits différends, mais ces différends sont souvent aussi des canards de Presse, et, malgré tout, nos cœurs battent à l'unisson, aujourd'hui plus que jamais. Comps., réunissons-nous donc nous, citoyens de deux pays mais membres d'un seul Chapitre, pour boire en un si ence solennel à la mémoire du Président Carnot.

Le T.E.Z. reprit :

Comps., Le Roi est mort, vive le Roi! Trois jours après la triste mort du Président Carnot, la France a sagement choisi son successeur M. Casimir Perier, que Dieu protège! Que ses années soient des années d'éclat pour lui et pour la France et qu'il soit le moyen de resserrer l'union entre les deux pays. Comps., levez-vous pour boire à la santé du Président Casimir Perier.

Le T.E. Grand Z. de l'Ordre, S.A.R. le Prince de Galles.—Le Comp. Monteuis ayant reçu le maillet des mains du T.E. dit : Comp. Le T.E. a bien voulu m'honorer en me confiant la Santé de notre Gt. Z. S.A.R. le Prince de Galles. J'ai déjà eu deux fois l'honneur et le plaisir de le proposer comme Gr. M. des Maçons de Marque et deux fois il a été élu par acclamation. C'est aussi par acclamation, que vous recevrez ce toast ce soir. Il y a quelques jours j'assistais à la consécration de la Lancashire Lodge dont Lord Lathom, le Pro Gr. M., a été installé le premier Vénérable et il nous disait quel intérêt notre Gr. M. prend à la F.M., qu'il désire savoir tout ce qui s'y passe et décide de toutes les questions importantes, que notre Gr. M. n'a qu'un regret c'est que ses engagements ne lui permettent pas de venir plus souvent au milieu de nous.

La santé est buée avec acclamation.

Bro. St. Clair, P.Z., then proposed "The Healths of the Pro Grand Z., the Grand H., the Grand Z., and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." In La France Chapter, possibly more than in any other, the members had to congratulate themselves on the support of Grand Officers, many of whom are founders and ordinary members of the chapter. At all meetings it had been the privilege to welcome some new Grand Officer, and that night the rule was proved by the presence of Bro. Lennox Browne, whose name he (Bro. St. Clair) coupled with the toast.

Comp. Lennox Browne, G. Std. Br., said that having observed that excellent as was the French of the English born companions, their facility with the language was at least equalled by that of the French born companions in English, he thought it better to respond in his mother tongue as they might have a difficulty in understanding him, his French being rather that of Stratford atte Bow than of Paris. He drew attention to the circumstance that the three First Principals of the Chapter La France were also Principals of his mother chapter "The British," and the two together might be taken to represent a veritable *belle alliance*. In Arch Masonry, Grand Office had been conferred on two of the P. Principals, and it might safely be prophesied that a third would be honoured before long. He felt justified in saying that the welfare of this particular chapter was very dear to all members of Grand Chapter, and he himself felt it a great honour in being present on this occasion to once more bear testimony to the splendid rendering by Comp. Mead of their impressive ceremonial.

Comp. Bué, P.Z., prit alors la parole :

Comps., en voyant entre mes mains le maillet du Très-Excellent vous devinez que je vais travailler sur la clef de voûte et sur les deux pierres contiguës. Il s'agit en effet de boire à la santé de nos trois Principaux. Il ya un an, lorsque notre Comp. Fenn a quitté la chaire de Zorobabel, le vers de Racine nous est revenu à la mémoire, et nous disions tout bas :

"L'Arche Sainte est muette et ne rend plus d'oracle." Anjourd'hui, après avoir vu à l'œuvre notre Premier Principal, notre Comp. Mead, nous pouvons affirmer tout haut que l'Arche Sainte n'est pas muette et rend encore des oracles. Les membres Français de notre chapitre sont pleinement satisfaits de la façon dont notre Compagnon Mead s'est acquitté de sa tâche dans le chapitre et en dehors du chapitre, et les membres Anglais ont le droit d'être fiers de voir avec quel "pluck" Britannique leur compatriote a conquis ses éperons dans le Chapitre La France (très bien! très bien!). Joignez vous donc à moi, compagnons, pour boire à la santé de notre Premier Principal et à celle des deux autres Principaux qui l'ont si dignement secondé.

Réponse du T.E.Z. :

Comp. Bué et Comps. le temps marche vite! J'ai peine à croire qu'il y a déjà une année que les membres du chapitre m'ont fait l'honneur de m'élire Premier Principal, fonction que j'ai acceptée en tremblant, d'abord à cause de ma connaissance imparfaite de la langue Française, ensuite et plus spécialement à cause du talent exceptionnel qu'ont montré mes prédécesseurs. Mais en ceci j'éprouvais aussi une grande satisfaction, car je savais bien que je pouvais compter sur ces mêmes prédécesseurs pour m'aider dans ma tâche; et cette assistance inappréciable ils me l'ont rendue en toute occasion, et surtout Comp. Bué, notre "bouée" de sauvetage. Je suis sûr que mes deux associés se sont trouvés sous des obligations pareilles. Nous désirons donc en vous remerciant de ce "toast" exprimer notre gratitude aux quatre Passés Principaux et je saisis cette occasion de vous demander de boire à leur santé. Chaque membre du triumvirat Français a eu aussi à surmonter des difficultés dans les différents rituels, dans une langue qui leur était étrangère, et ils se sont acquittés de leur tâche d'une façon exceptionnelle. En pensant à leur prouesses je ne puis m'empêcher de songer à un autre triumvirat Français "les trois mousquetaires" de Dumas. Et de même que dans le roman les trois héros sont sans rivaux, de même dans notre chapitre nos Passés Principaux sont hors de pair. Toutefois nous avons trouvé notre d'Artagnan dans le Compagnon Fenn! Comps., levez-vous pour boire à la santé des quatre Passés Principaux, Athos-Monteuis, Porthos-St. Clair, Aramis-Bué, et d'Artagnan-Fenn, Le Père Athos vu répondre.

Comp. Monteuis answered as follows: Comp. Le T. E. m'a imposé un bien lourd fardeau en me chargeant de répondre pour les P. Principaux, mais si par malheur je venais à succomber sous le poids du devoir que j'ai à accomplir, je me console en pensant que j'ai à côté de moi le Grand Porthos pour m'aider à me relever et achever ma tâche. T. E. les P. Principaux sont très sensibles aux bonnes paroles que vous avez bien voulu prononcer en leur faveur et ils remercient les comp. de leurs marques d'approbation. En vous remerciant je ne puis vous dire qu'une chose, c'est que tels que nous avons été dans le passé nous continuerons dans l'avenir et nos services seront toujours à votre disposition car nous avons à cœur le succès et la prospérité du Chapitre La France.

Santé des Invités, par le Comp. P. Saillard, H.—Le Comp. Saillard, en proposant la "Santé des Invités," s'empresse de leur souhaiter la bienvenue. Il eut désiré qu'ils fussent plus nombreux mais leur qualité ne laisse rien à désirer, ce sont : Le Comp. Lennox Browne, Grand Porte-Étendard du Gr. Ch. déjà nommé lors du toast des Gr. Off.; le Comp. Fernandez, T.E. du Chapitre Bayard, et comme lui sans peur et sans reproche; les Comp. A. C. Banke et G. D. Lister, tous les deux P.Z. de l'Old Union; et le Comp. Finlayson, Pr. Su. déj. Ch. Montefiore. A tous il fait un accueil fraternel et chaleureux et il espère qu'ils garderont un souvenir agréable de cette soirée.

Bro. Fernandez, in returning thanks for the visitors, much regretted his inability to express his feelings in French. His knowledge of that language limited itself to reading, and hitherto he had been a feast of the eyes rather than of the ears; but on that occasion his knowledge of the ritual had enabled him to follow the ceremony, and he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the Chapitre La France. He even wished that many English chapters would put as much heart and *esprit de corps* in the magnificent ritual so well rendered by the companions that evening. The visitors had had a most enjoyable and instructive evening, and they only hoped to have occasion to increase their knowledge by revisiting the chapter.

Santé du Comp. Saillard du T.E.—par le Comp. W. Regester, J.—T.E. et comp. c'est avec beaucoup de plaisir que je me lève pour vous proposer la santé de notre, Comp. Saillard que nous avons élu pour nous présider l'année prochaine. Notre Comp. Saillard est comme le bon vin plus en goûte, plus on veut en boire. Nous l'avons vu à l'ouvrage dans la Loge La France, nous l'avons vu à l'ouvrage dans ce chapitre et nous avons été à même de juger qu'il s'acquitterait de ses devoirs de la manière transcendante qui a distingué ses prédécesseurs.

Le Comp. Saillard a répondu : Je remercie sincèrement le Comp. Regester des paroles gracieuses qu'il a bien voulu prononcer en ma faveur et vous comp. de l'accueil chaleureux que vous avez fait à ce toast. Je reconnais la grandeur de la tâche que j'ai devant moi venant à la suite de cinq maçons aussi

distingués que ceux qui m'ont précédé, mais j'ai bon espoir qu'ils me prêteront leur concours et qu'aidé par eux je maintiendrai le prestige du chapitre et je vous assure que je ferai tous mes efforts pour m'acquitter dignement des devoirs de la haute charge à laquelle vous m'avez appelé.

Santé des Officiers par le T.E.Z. :

Compagnons, le premier devoir d'un chef est de s'assurer la coopération cordiale de ses officiers. Le dernier plaisir comme chef est d'exprimer sa reconnaissance des services rendus. Cette soirée est la dernière où l'occasion de le faire me soit offerte. Il convient que mes dernières paroles soient des paroles de gratitude envers mes officiers. D'abord à l'égard de l'Etat Major permanent. Il arrive à bien peu de chapitres de posséder trois officiers si parfaits en tous points qu'Athos-Monteuis, comme Esdras, que Frank Richardson, le meilleur Directeur des Cérémonies du Monde, et qui n'est rien moins que le Grand Directeur des Cérémonies du Grand Chapitre, et Compagnon Hopkinson un trésorier de naissance. En parlant des officiers désignés pour l'avenir, j'ose exprimer un regret, c'est que notre Premier Sojourner soit dans ce moment Sojourner en France au lieu d'être Sojourner dans son Chapitre. Ceci, toutefois, nous a fourni l'occasion de voir le vétéran Porthos—St. Clair se jeter sur la brèche, et vous avez entendu comme il s'est bien acquitté de son travail et a dignement interprété la plus intéressante partie de notre rituel. Encore un regret; nous avons attendu neuf mois et au bout de ce temps on nous avait promis des jumeaux! Ces jumeaux je m'étais permis de les regarder avec un intérêt paternel, mais ils ne sont pas venus à terme; ils attendent sans doute notre prochaine séance afin d'être adoptés par un frère qui tient dans le monde plus de place que moi.

Dans cette cinquième année du chapitre les fondations de l'édifice sont solides, grâce aux trois mousquetaires; quand "les vingt ans après" seront arrivés, les fameux jumeaux auront vu la lumière dans l'intervalle, et, qui sait si l'un d'eux ne sera pas un jour un véritable "Viconte de Bragelonne" pour continuer les gloires du Chapitre La France. Aux Comps. Pouard et Cassal, mes meilleurs remerciements. Joignez-vous donc à moi comp., pour boire à la santé des officiers. Comp. Hopkinson répondra pour l'Etat Major et Compagnon Pouard pour les officiers qui viennent, ce soir de monter en grade.

Le Comp. Hopkinson en répondant pour les officiers comptables est heureux de pouvoir assurer les comp. que les finances du chapitre sont dans un état très satisfaisant.

Le Comp. E. E. Pouard, remercie le T.E. de l'honneur qu'il lui fait en le priant de répondre pour les officiers. Tous les officiers sont dévoués au chapitre et rempliront consciencieusement leurs devoirs. Pour lui il est heureux d'appartenir à un chapitre représentant pour ainsi dire la Belle Alliance. Il espère que nombre d'Anglais s'y joindront pour montrer combien La France et la langue Française sont en honneur en Angleterre.

Janitor's toast. Quite a surprise was reserved for us by Bro. St. Clair, P.Z., D.C., *pro tem*. On the quiet he had been coaching Comp. Evenden, the Janitor, and to the astonishment of all the companions present he delivered the last toast in French: A Tous les maçons, &c.

We must not omit to state that during the evening Comp. Fernandez kindly gave us a recitation, "Over the hill from the Poor-house," and the best eulogy we can make of his talent is to say that it brought tears to the eyes of most of the companions.

Our report would not be complete if we did not give the names of the rest of the companions present. They were Comps. Sir Wm. N. Abdy, Bart., James Edgell, C.C., A. Thorne, F. Gallizia, H. Testard, F. Bohers, J. T. Tanqueray, and B. A. Lacoste.

ACCRINGTON.

Bank Terrace Chapter (No. 462).—The installation festival of this flourishing chapter was held at Hargreaves Arms, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. There were present: Comps. J. H. Calvert, M.E.Z.; J. Hargreaves, H.; W. Rogers, J.; R. Rushton, P.Z., S.E.; B. T. Gosling, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; John Hindle P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; C. Furness, P.Z.; W. Ormrod, P.Z.; J. Crime, P.Z.; and 10 companions members of the chapter. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C., P.G.H.; and Thomas Preston, P.Z. 269, P.P.G.P.S. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Comp. Sillitoe, proceeded to install the Three Principals, viz., Comps. Hargreaves, M.E.Z.; Rogers, H.; and Turner, J. In this he was ably assisted by Comp. Preston, who also, at the request of the M.E.Z., invested the officers. The address to the Principals was delivered by Comp. Sillitoe, and those to the officers and companions by Comp. Preston. A vote of thanks was accorded to the installing Principals, who respectively replied. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet was served by Bro. Whittaker, the host, under the immediate superintendence of his genial wife, which certainly deserved all the words of praise which were expressed by everyone present.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and a pleasant evening was spent.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Pavilion Chapter (No. 315).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Pavilion, on the 18th inst., when Comp. J. Wood was installed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. The remaining Principals were Comps. J. Terry, H., and H. Beaumont, J.

On the closing of the chapter the companions sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

Among the visitors were the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Lieut.-Gen. W. Randolph.

The customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a programme of excellent music was sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Edith Welling, and Comp. A. H. Tester, under the direction of Comp. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—A most interesting meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There was a very large attendance of companions. The Principal M.E.Z. was installed by Comp. H. Nall, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj., in a most impressive manner, and H. and J. were installed by Comp. Crompton, P.Z. The following companions were present: H. Nall, P.Z.; F. Renshaw, H.; F. S. Bidford, J.; J. Crompton, P.Z.; Sam Locke, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj.; G. A. Myers, P.Z., P.G.D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; G. R. Lloyd, P.S.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.Z.; Martin Thomas, J.; Shorrock; W. Batty, P.Z.; W. Wilson, P.Z.; J. J. Ward, F. Baxter, A. Brewer.

TWICKENHAM

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).

A convocation of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel on the 17th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.I., as M.E.Z.; W. I. Hakim, H.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., D.G.D.C., S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; and C. Robinson, P.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comps. W. J. Hakim was elected M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, H.; C. Robinson, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z., and a Past Principal's jewel voted to him. Communications for non-attendance were received from Comps. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z.; G. J. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; W. H. Saunders, P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

A dinner followed. The Acting M.E.Z., in his discretion and very commendably, only gave the loyal and preliminary toasts.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.

Walton Lodge (No. 161.)—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at the Sandon Hotel, Oakfield-road. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being Bros. J. Hayes, P.M. 65, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 65, 473, P.P.G.D.C.; E. R. Latham, Reg. 65; and J. Oldham, 164. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Ingleby, was introduced by Bros. R. H. Webster, P.M., and Harry Thomas, the retiring W.M., and was duly installed in the chair, the ceremony being most impressively conducted by Bro. J. Pilling, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Afterwards the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Harry Thomas, I.P.M.; E. Pritchard, S.W.; J. H. Unsworth, J.W.; John Holding, C.C., M.O.; A. E. McDougall, S.O.; J. O. Jones, J.O.; F. Minshall, Sec.; J. F. Booth, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Reg.; J. Pilling, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; R. H. Webster, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Morris, S.D.; John Gunning, J.D.; A. L. Bozman, I.G.; J. Robinson and C. H. Kelly, Stwds.; E. O. Pugh, Org.; and J. Doran, Tyler. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Harry Thomas, by the members of the lodge, as a slight token of their appreciation of the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past 12 months.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 12th instant, when there were present Sir Knights Nelson Prower, M.A., E.C.; C. Slater, P.E.C., Prelate; W. Maple, 1st Captain; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 2nd Captain; Captain T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg.; B. Johnson, Captain of Lines; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; L. Steele, P.E.C.; and Egbert Roberts, Org.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comps. B. Stewart, P.Z., and H. French Bromhead, and they were duly installed members of the Order. Sir Knight W. Maple was unanimously elected E.C.; Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stöhwasser, P.E.C., was re-elected Treasurer; and Sir Knights B. Stewart and H. F. Bromhead, Auditors. A Past Commander's jewel was voted to Sir Knight Nelson Prower for his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stöhwasser, Treas.; T. Wood, P.E.C.; Oscar Berry, and others. The encampment was then closed.

An excellent banquet followed. The E.C. presided most genially, and, in giving the various toasts, he made some very graceful remarks anent several members of the encampment, and he more than once expressed his regret that absence abroad would prevent his attending the installation meeting in January.

During the proceedings, Sir Knight Egbert Roberts delighted his hearers with his powerful vocal efforts. Sir Knight F. W. Driver shone as a reciter of his own poetic and literary effusions, and Sir Knight Rev. R. C. Fillingham was well to the fore as a humourist.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—A meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. George Powell, T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M., as P.D.M.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., Recorder; Nelson Prower, M.A., Warder; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M.; the Rev. E. Wright, Basil Stewart, George Briggs, John Smith, R. A. Gowan, and W. H. Toye.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., D.M.; A. McDowall, P.C.W.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; W. A. Scurrah, C. of Gds.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P.; C. of C.; J. J. Thomas, Stwd.; J. A. Frye, A.W.; D. P. Cama, S. H. Parkhouse, Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, and many others. The name of a candidate for reception at the next meeting having been handed in, the council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the companions dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Thrice Illustrious Master presided most ably. His speeches were characterised by point and humour.

Comp. Baron de Ferrieres responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a speech of some length.

THE HAMER BENEVOLENT FUND.

This admirable Charity, founded in memory of the late Bro. Hamer, held its 21st anniversary on the 19th inst. at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Jno. Pemberton, P.P.G.D.C., in the chair.

In the report the Secretary, Bro. J. R. BOTTOMLEY, stated that though the Institution, founded for the assistance of aged and reduced members, was in a fairly prosperous condition, the expenditure was fast overtaking the income, which this year had amounted to £500, while the probable expenditure would be over £400. He expressed a hope that this fact would cause greater efforts on the part of all the lodges to support so deserving a Charity.

The following officers were elected on the Committee: Bros. J. Pemberton, R. Bradley, P. Armstrong, R. Tunnicliffe, Hignett, Morley, Johnson, Robinson, Wolfenden, Latham, and J. H. Evans. Bros. T. J. Jarman, Treasurer, and J. R. Bottomley, Secretary, were re-elected, as were also the honorary medical officers: Bros. Dr. Kellett Smith (Liverpool), Jno. J. Dunn (Preston), Irwin (Lancaster), and L. Challoner (St. Helens). Bro. R. H. Leake was re-elected hon. solicitor, and Bros. Isaac Furner, W. E. Coxon, and J. Pittaway, Auditors.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. CHARLES RAWLE.

Bro. Charles Rawle, whose installation as W.M. of the Cornish lodge we recorded last week, is a member of an old Cornish family and was born at Padstow in 1848. He has followed commercial pursuits for many years in London as a member of the firm Rawle & Co., Great St. Helens, and has always interested himself in matters connected with his native county, having been identified with most, if not all, the Cornish gatherings; being a V.P. of the "One and All" Cornish Club, a member of the committee organising the annual dinner, and one of the founders of the above lodge, in which he filled the duties of all the other offices before attaining the position of W.M. He had the honour to initiate Mr. John Passmore Edwards, the Cornish philanthropist, into the Craft. Bro. Rawle was received into Freemasonry in 1877, in the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, of which he is a P.M.; was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, of which he is now First Principal. He was also a founder of the Guelph Chapter, No. 1685, and now I.P.Z. A founder of the St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424, and a member of No. 1, St. Mark's Lodge. He has served as Steward at Festivals of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. He was elected a vestryman of the parish of Lewisham, Kent, some five years since and still remains in office. In addition to this he has served as People's Warden of St. Mark's Church, Lewisham, for about 10 years, only retiring in April last. A successful year of office for the Cornish Lodge is expected.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The half yearly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 19th instant. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, presided, and was supported by Bro. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; W. Jaffrey, Treasurer; J. Newton, Sec.; and nearly 100 representatives of lodges.

After reading the minutes of the previous half yearly meeting and the various meetings of the Sub-Committees, the Committee proceeded to adopt candidates for election upon the educational funds. There were three

applicants, who were all adopted, elected, and referred to the Educational Board. The Committee then took into consideration the applications of two brethren, to be placed upon the Annuity Fund. One was elected, and the other referred to the Relief Board.

A notice of motion by Bro. C. D. Cheetham, "That a Festival be held next year," was unanimously carried, and the Relief Board were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

At the conclusion of the general meeting, the Education Board was formed, and granted to the three children referred to them £12, £12, and £8 per annum respectively.

The Relief Board afterwards held their meeting, and out of the four applications made to them three were considered, and sums of £20, £20, and £15 were respectively granted; the fourth application was adjourned in consequence of the non-attendance of the lodge representative.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN SUFFOLK.

On Monday night, the 8th inst., a capital portrait, handsomely framed, of Bro. Major Allez, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., was presented to the Lowestoft Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452, by the brethren. At the same time a superbly-illuminated address on vellum, in the form of an album, prefixed by a portrait, was presented to Bro. Major Allez himself. The date was aptly chosen, for it was the 86th birthday of the brother whom the brethren had met to honour as their first W.M.

Bro. J. W. Brooke, the W.M., was in the chair, and there was a good muster of brethren present, including many from the sister lodge, Unity.

Bro. Dr. F. W. CLARK asked the W.M. to accept the portrait on behalf of the lodge and to place it on the walls; and also to present Bro. Allez with the album containing a replica of the portrait and an address signed by all the members, as a token of their great esteem and admiration for his distinguished services and lifelong devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, for he had been a member of the Craft for 66 years. In Major Allez they had a fitting illustration of that perfect ashlar which, smooth and perfect, represented the mind of that man in the decline of years who had exhibited the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry, of which Charity was the chief. They all hoped that Major Allez would yet be spared for many years, and the picture would serve to remind those of after generations of a bright example in Masonry.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then made the presentation, with the heartiest congratulations to their honoured guest. The inscription in the album was as follows, and to it were appended the autographs of all the members: "Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452. Presented to Bro. Major P. Allez, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 'The Father of the Lodge,' with a life-sized coloured permanent portrait to hang in the lodge-room, on the occasion of his 86th birthday, and as a small token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by all the brethren of this lodge."

Bro. Major ALLEZ had some difficulty in replying to the warm tokens of esteem which were manifested by the whole lodge, but he found words at length to make an excellent speech. He said: I thank you very much for the great compliment, indeed I may say the great honour, you have been pleased to confer upon me by placing my portrait on the walls of the lodge, for whatever the duties which may devolve upon us, we are amply repaid when those duties have been appreciated and approved of by those who are supposed to be the best qualified to testify to their merits or demerits. I assure you, brethren, that it grieves me much that, owing to age and physical ailments, I am prevented from being more frequently amongst you. I have during a long life devoted much time in studying the principles of this greatest, most ancient, and most unselfish of all charitable institutions, founded as it is on brotherly love, charity, and truth—an institution that has comforted the afflicted, dried the tears of the widows and orphans, and is the parent of many an institution for benevolent purposes. Brethren, it is to me a source of—I trust pardonable—pride that I have my name inserted in your charter as the first W.M. of your lodge, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I can affirm that my successors in the chair, down to the present W.M., have discharged with great ability, zeal, and brotherly feeling the onerous and responsible duties attached to so ancient, so honourable, and eminent a position. It is now 66 years since I first joined the Craft at Halifax, Nova Scotia, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I joined the Grand Lodge of England at Halesworth, as a member of Lodge Prudence, in 1846. The gallant Major concluded by wishing the brethren all happiness here and hereafter.

The company afterwards sat down to supper at the Royal Hotel, where Lodge St. Margaret is now held, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. "The Health of Major Allez" was proposed, and both the W.M. and Bro. Dr. H. B. Walker bore testimony to his worth. In the course of the evening also Bro. W. J. Roberts, the Secretary of the Lodge, was congratulated on the provincial rank he recently received.



AN ILLUMINATED ADDRESS is to be presented to Bro. Rev. T. Selby Henrey on Monday, November 12th, in recognition of the zeal he has displayed in organising and carrying through the mid-day services that are now held each summer in the churchyard of St. Botolph, Aldersgate. The Rev. S. Flood Jones, the vicar, will preside, and Archdeacon Sinclair has kindly promised to make the presentation on behalf of the subscribers, most of whom are regular attendants at the services.

TEN THOUSAND POUNDS FOR A STAMP COLLECTION.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have purchased the celebrated collection of Australian stamps owned by Mr. M. P. Castle, Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society, for £10,000. This is the largest price ever paid for a collection of stamps. The collection was commenced in 1872, and includes stamped envelopes, cards, and wrappers, many of the specimens being unused.

ON OCTOBER 25th Messrs. Cassell & Co. will issue a new serial work entitled "The Story of the Sea." This has been prepared under the editorship of Q, and will contain series of original illustrations by the following: W. H. Overend, J. Nash, Gordon Browne, Paul Hardy, W. C. Symons, C. de Lacy, C. W. Wyllie, R. Peacock, Wal Paget, W. Hatherell, W. H. Margerson, Fred Jane, and H. C. Seppings Wright.—*The Academy*.

AT THE MEETING of True Love and Unity Lodge, at Brixham, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., Bro. G. T. Barry, P.P.G.P., presented the lodge with a life-size portrait of himself in a massive gilt frame. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Braden, thanked Bro. Barry on behalf of the lodge, and Bros. W. C. Gregory, P.M.; T. W. Atherton, P.M.; and C. James, P.M., also spoke as to the sterling qualities of Bro. Barry, as the oldest Past Master of that lodge, and it was decided to give the picture a place in the lodge by the side of that of the late Bro. Samuel B. Colestone, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Bro. Barry has been a member of the lodge 40 years.

MASONIC BALL.—On the 9th inst. a meeting of the friends connected with the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual festival and ball in aid of the funds. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. B. P. Philpot and there was a large attendance. Bro. W. Simpson was elected chairman of the Ball Committee, Bro. John Edwards vice-chairman, Bro. W. Rawthorne treasurer, and Bro. A. E. Povey secretary. It was resolved that the ball should be held at the Town-hall on the second Tuesday in January, subject to the Lord Mayor's convenience, and a deputation was appointed to wait upon his lordship.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.—A complimentary concert to Bro. M. H. W. Sherwin, the well known Organist of the above and other lodges, among which may be named the Upton Lodge and the Capper Lodge, will take place on Tuesday next, the 30th inst., at the City of London Tavern, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. G. P. Hans will play several cornet solos with pianoforte accompaniment by Miss Ada Lillian Mayes. Bro. Riley and several other professional vocalists will contribute. Bro. William Devey, so generally appreciated for his rendering of humorous songs, will be present, and last but not least, among brethren of his own lodge, Bro. John Kinipple, P.M., will give his assistance. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. M. H. W. Sherwin, 13, Ferns-road, The Green, Stratford.

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY will hold their ninth annual show at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 30th, 31st, and November 1st. It will be the largest yet held by this Society and will absorb the whole of the space in the Great Hall of the building. Its extent may be judged by the fact that over 1000 birds will be on view. They comprise both British and foreign birds. There will be many classes of canaries and light and dark mules and the varieties include the kingfisher, thrush, black-bird, starling, linnets, nightingale, goldfinch, and bullfinch. The foreign classes will include the Java sparrow, parrot, macaw, parakeet, lorikeet, and many other birds of interest. It is safe to predict that the show will satisfy all tastes. £150 is given in money for prizes and there are valuable cups, &c., offered for specials. The show, for which no extra charge is made, in no way interferes with the Aquarium attractions and the gigantic programme which is particularly strong just now, will be carried out in its entirety.

THE LORD MAYOR and the Lady Mayoress visited the Royal Free Hospital in Gray's Inn-road, to which an important addition has been made, and his lordship afterwards, at the quarterly meeting of the committee of management, warmly recommended the institution to the public. The new building was inspected, but the formal opening will not take place for some time. Its cost, including the construction of a laundry and the installation of a thorough system of drainage, has been about £28,000, of which the committee have already raised £22,000, thus leaving £6000 still to be made up. The Lord Mayor pointed out how the hospital benefited the sick poor, who were received without letters of recommendation, their poverty and suffering being the only passports required. Relief is afforded annually to over 25,000 patients, and the yearly expenditure is about £10,000, towards which the hospital has only an assured income of about £3000. The institution suffers from the disadvantage of being located in a poor and densely-populated district, and is thus almost unknown to wealthy persons who remember hospitals in their benefactions.

MAN'S INGRATITUDE. We have it on Shakespeare's authority that the winter wind is not more unkind than man's ingratitude. In many cases this is unfortunately only too true. There are times, however, when the benefit received is so great that ingratitude becomes impossible. When life is rendered a burden to us by sickness, and someone comes and restores us to health, we should be base indeed to feel ungrateful. Thus, millions are to-day grateful to Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which have cured them of all stomach and liver troubles, banished headache, flatulency, indigestion, and low spirits, and cleared their systems of gout, rheumatism, sciatica, and all similar ailments.

THE PAST OFFICERS' CLUB of the Ward of Aldersgate have decided to hold a ball in honour of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph Renals (Alderman of the Ward).

THE CEREMONY of unveiling the statue of Edmund Burke by Lord Rosebery, at Bristol, has been postponed in consequence of the accident to Sir W. H. Wills, on Tuesday evening last.

THE DEATH is announced of Lady Cunliffe Owen, widow of Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, at her residence at Lowestoft, having survived her husband only seven months. The deceased lady had been in failing health for some while.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING is arranging a handsome car to be drawn by six horses illustrating the ancient craft of tin plate and wire working (the workmen and carters in the costume of the 1670 period) to appear in the Lord Mayor's procession on the 9th November.

AT THE ELECTION MEETING of the Star Chapter, No. 1275, held at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on the 23rd inst., the following companions were elected Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. Chas. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; Dr. Makeham, H.; and Wm. Eckersall, J.

IN OUR REPORT of the Festival of West Lancashire Alms Benevolent Institution held a short time ago, we find a wrong name as Director of Ceremonies was printed, Bro. George Alfred Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acted as Director of Ceremonies on that occasion.

BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., P.Z., &c., author of "The Noble Soul," "The Submerged City," "Toujours Perdrix" (poems), "A Novel Vengeance," and "The Four Henries" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge attended the meeting of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1089, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 13th inst., the occasion being the last lodge meeting in the year of office of Bro. J. D. Morant, W.M. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre, was unavoidably absent, but the P.G.M. was attended by most of the Prov. Grand Officers.

THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON, Bro. Alderman Dr. Ewart, J.P., was, on Saturday last, installed W.M. of the Yarrowborough Lodge, No. 811, for the ensuing year. The ceremony took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Irwin Scott, I.P.M.; P. L. Hart, S.W.; W. J. Stephens, J.W.; A. C. Jacobs, Chap.; G. de Paris, Sec.; H. Abbey, Treas.; E. A. Breed, S.D.; Whitlaw Scott, J.D.; A. Newsholme, I.G.; H. R. B. Abbey, Stwd.; F. Holland, P.M., D.C.; and E. G. Whittle, Org.

THE JUSTICE LODGE of Mark Master Masons, No. 406, has been added to the roll of lodges. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, assisted by Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Sir John B. Monckton, Gordon Miller, C. W. Carrell, F. Bevan, and the Rev. McD. Mundle. Bro. H. Thomson Lyon was installed the first W.M.; Bro. Sir Simeon Stuart, Bart., S.W.; and Bro. D. S. Swanson, J.W. The ceremonies took place at Mark Masons' Hall, and the subsequent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

MASONIC SUBJECTS ought not to be discussed in any public place. Important secrets are sometimes unwittingly divulged. Not long ago a person who is not a Mason called on the present writer with a request for information respecting the character of a young man at that time an applicant for the Degrees of Freemasonry. Being asked why such a request was preferred the gentleman said: "I happened to overhear a conversation in the street car, wherein it was stated that a committee had been appointed by the lodge to which you belong to investigate the character and standing of this young man in whom I am much interested, and I came to you to learn if there was any suspicion of wrong doing on his part." An assurance was given which disabused the mind of the questioner of the wrong impression which he had gathered from overhearing a conversation between two brethren bearing upon a candidate's application that had been referred to them. It is not well to hold conversation on Masonic subjects in public places.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION with the will, dated Sept. 16th, 1892, annexed of Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb, of 16, Lady Margaret-road, Kentish Town, Vestry Clerk of St. Pancras, and an Alderman of the London County Council, formerly of Liverpool, joint editor and proprietor of the *Liverpool Mercury*, M.P. for East St. Pancras 1885-86, who died on June 6th last, aged 56 years, have been granted to Mr. William Issett, of 13, Phoenix-street, Somers-town, surveyor and land agent. The testator by his will did not appoint any executors, but he left all his property to William Issett and Charles Henry Thomas in trust to pay first £100 a year, without any deduction whatever, to his wife, and then to provide a suitable home for the unmarried daughters of Joseph and Elizabeth Salter, so long as two of them should remain unmarried. All the residue of his estate Bro. Gibb left in trust in equal shares for all the children of the said Joseph and Elizabeth Salter. The gross value of Bro. Gibb's personal estate has been sworn for probate at £10,931 10s. 5d., and the net value at nil.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, who was the guest of Mr. Oscar Browning, M.A., Fellow of King's College, was shown over the principal places of interest in Cambridge on Thursday. Her Royal Highness arrived from Sandringham shortly after 11, attended by Lady Eva Greville and Sir Francis De Winton, and was met by Prince Alexander of Teck, who had travelled from London, and Mr. Oscar Browning. Having driven to King's College and paid a visit to the Provost, the Royal party lunched at Mr. Browning's. The guests included the Master of Trinity, Dr. Waldstein, Mr. Prior (Senior Fellow of Trinity), Mr. E. F. Benson (of King's), and Mr. F. B. Malim (President of the University Union). The Vice-Chancellor was unavoidably absent. During her stay the Duchess viewed King's College Chapel, Trinity College, the University Union, Newnham College, and the Fitzwilliam Museum. Returning to King's, her Royal Highness took tea with the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Austen Leigh. Among those present were Professor Jebb, M.P., and Mrs. Jebb, Mr. and Mrs. F. Myers, the Vice-Provost of King's, and others. The Duchess and suite came to London in the afternoon.

The Apollinaris Company, Limited, announce that on and after the 1st November, 1894, their address will be 4, Stratford-place, Oxford-street, London, W.

WE REGRET to announce the death of Bro. John Edward Dawson, Past Deputy Prov. G.M. of Hertfordshire, which took place at Penzance on the 18th inst.

PRINCESS BEATRICE has contributed a song of her own composition to the new number of the "Girl's Own Paper." The words were by the Earl of Beaconsfield.

A BRONZE MEDAL has been awarded for the Lincoln Stamp Albums, published by Bro. W. S. Lincoln, at 2, Holles-street, Oxford-street, and exhibited at the Paris Exhibition of Books.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE LAMBERT, who is this year Master of both the Glovers' and Tin-plate Workers' Companies, issued invitations to the members of each to a dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday last, which was numerous and influentially attended.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR, at Sion College, on Saturday last, distributed the prizes and certificates at the 24th anniversary meeting in connection with the Church of England Sunday School Institute's examination of Sunday School Teachers.

MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER, in his speech at the Arts Club in Birmingham, announced his intention of producing "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet," and other Shakespearian plays. These revivals will presumptively take place at the St. James's, not, however, yet awhile, since the house will re-open next month with "The Masqueraders."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES for distribution to hospitals, workhouses, working men's clubs, &c., and pictures and prints for similar institutions are appealed for by Lord Monkswell, L.C.C., in a letter he addresses to the Press on behalf of the Kyrle Society. All such gifts should be sent to the hon. secretary at 49, Manchester-street, W.

THE income of the principal charitable institutions having their head-quarters in London amounts to over £7,000,000 per annum, which represents a sum equal to half the whole capital invested in the Bank of England, exceeds the total revenue of all the British colonies together in 1884, and is as much as the present total annual revenues of all the British colonies, excluding New South Wales, Victoria, and Canada.

THE VINE HARVEST is almost ended in North Italy and Sicily, but not in South Italy. The product is of good quality, but not abundant. The mos'o is well coloured and excellent. The late rains have been very beneficial, and the soil is in good condition for sowing corn, which has commenced in many parts of the valley of the Po, while in the south herbs are being sown. In many parts of Sicily, and some of Catabria, the olives have fallen in consequence of the drought.

INSTANCES BY THE DOZEN might be given to show what a great educational work has been done by "Cassell's Popular Educator," a new edition of which is now on the point of being issued. One will suffice. The other day the famous Belle Sauvage firm received a letter from a gentleman who is now the manager of an electrical engineering company. He wrote that when he was a baker's boy a part of the "Educator" fell into his hands, and, stimulated by it, he set to work to gain the knowledge which has lifted him from one thing and another to his present position.

THE FOLLOWING official intimation has been issued by Bro. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary:—According to the invitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Grand Lodge has directed that its annual meeting for the election and installation of the Grand Office-bearers, and celebration of the festival of St. Andrew's, shall be held at the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, on Friday, 30th November, at four o'clock afternoon. The success of this arrangement will very much depend upon the active support and attendance given by members of Grand Lodge, and by the lodges in Glasgow and other parts of the west country. To accommodate a little over 400 at dinner the Queen's Rooms will be taxed to their utmost capacity. Inner tickets (5s. each) will be issued in order of application, and may be procured from Grand Secretary on and after 1st November. Application for tickets to be accompanied by remittance payable to the Grand Cashier (Bro. David Reid) free of charge.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, who has for some days been the guest of the Earl of Camperdown and Lady Abercromby, drove from Camperdown House to Dundee on Thursday, and opened a bazaar held under the auspices of the city Volunteer battalion. The party afterwards visited the Albert Galleries, where the Duchess was presented with an illuminated address of welcome by the Lord Provost, on behalf of the Magistrates and Town Council. Her Royal Highness was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Lord Provost. Amongst those present were the Duke of Albany, Princess Alice of Albany, Miss E. Heron-Maxwell, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, the Earl of Camperdown, Lady Abercromby, Lady Maud Bowes-Lyon, Lord and Lady Kinnaird, Lord and Lady Glamis, Mr. and Mrs. Asquith, Sir R. H. Collins, Sir John Leng, M.P., Sir Thomas Thornton, Sir Reginald Ogilvy and Miss Ogilvy, and Captain and Mrs. Clayhills-Henderson of Invergowrie. The principal streets of the city were profusely decorated in honour of the Royal visit.

PROFICIENCY IN ONE DEGREE of Freemasonry should entitle the candidate, all things being equal, to take another step, if so minded. In the first three Degrees, this is, of course, held as a *sine qua non*, though, I regret to say, in many lodges honoured more in the breach than the observance. In the case of candidates for advancement to the "Mark," as practised in Scotland, however, there seems no rule, fixed or observed, for examining aspirants; and the result, in very many cases, is most grotesque by these proving themselves deficient in the merest rudiments of the Craft. Yet how often is this witnessed, and no notice taken of the anomaly. The presiding officer in such exhibitions would be acting within his power to put back the brother applying for advancement till another occasion, and advise him in the meantime to study with a little more care what he has been already taught. Such a course would have a good effect. Matters of minor detail are treated, as a rule, with far too much carelessness in our lodges. Every R.W.M. should have regard for the axiom, "What is worth doing is worth doing well, and insist on its observance."—*Mallet.*

Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Taw., 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, Maid Vale, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
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, NOVEMBER 7.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.
1087, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monaco.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

458, Prince Frederick William, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 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.
Crays 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.
Mitham, Vestry Hall, Mitham, 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 Par's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Commons, 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, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
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, NOVEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
181, Universal, Cafe Royal.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
334, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
360, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
379, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1422, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall.
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.
1791, Creton, Freemasons' Hall.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant.
1897, Strand, Criterion.
2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall.
2168, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.
2177, Bolingbroke, Town Hall, Battersea.
2209, Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

149, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
742, Crystal Palace, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.

ROSE CROIX.

42, St. George's, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creton, 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.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
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.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.

St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Chancer 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, NOVEMBER 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

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, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, 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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, November 10, 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, NOVEMBER 5.

CRAFT LODGES. Basingstoke ... 694 Wadebridge ... 1954
Bolton ... 37 Ashbourne ... 850 Sunderland ... 2039
Bath ... 53 Petersfield ... 928 Calstock ... 2166
Lynn ... 107 Ipswich ... 959 Kingsthorpe ... 2240
Preston ... 113 Fowey ... 977 Wallsend-on-
Whitehaven ... 119 Altrincham ... 1045 Tyne ... 2497
Wakefield ... 154 Rochdale ... 1050 Newcastle-on-
Plymouth ... 156 Lancaster ... 1051 Tyne ... 2520
Dover ... 199 Saltash ... 1071 Monk-Coniston ... 2525
Barnstaple ... 251 Blackley ... 1077 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Torquay ... 328 Oswestry ... 1124 Truro ... 331
Ross ... 338 Birmingham ... 1180 Cardiff ... 1992
Leamington ... 395 Leeds ... 1211 MARK LODGES.
Gainsboro' ... 422 Sheffield ... 1239 Hull ... 12
Northwich ... 428 Exeter ... 1254 E. Stonehouse ... 35
North Shields ... 431 Liverpool ... 1264 Tenby ... 256
Cambridge ... 441 Bocking ... 1312 Gateshead ... 293
Oxford ... 478 Nottingham ... 1434 Henfield ... 386
Worcester ... 529 Lowestoft ... 1452 Blackburn ... 493
Wimborne ... 622 Swansea ... 1573

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Norwich ... 213 Newport, Mon. ... 471 Leeds ... 1221
Bradford ... 302 Huddersfield ... 521 Canterbury ... 1449
Brighton ... 315 Worthington ... 962 Bromley ... 1692
Pembroke Dock ... 378 Saltash ... 1071 Landport ... 1776
Reading ... 414 Ramsgate ... 1209 Hull ... 2134
Mossley ... 1218

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

CRAFT LODGES. Sutton Coldfield ... 794 South Shields ... 1970
Nottingham ... 47 Havant ... 804 Bakewell ... 2129
Norwich ... 52 Honiton ... 847 Stratford-on-
Bristol ... 103 Linslade ... 948 Avon ... 2133
Hereford ... 120 Cardiff ... 960 Bishops
Durham ... 124 Bradford ... 974 Stortford ... 2136
Windsor ... 209 Neyland ... 990 Newcastle ... 2260
Littleboro' ... 226 Ulverston ... 995 Fairfield ... 2290
Dudley ... 252 Cockermonth ... 1002 Southport ... 2295
Keighley ... 265 Walmer ... 1096 Blackwater ... 2475
Brighton ... 315 Manchester ... 1134 Whalley ... 2529
Oxford ... 349 Ilminster ... 1134 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Neath ... 364 Weston ... 1222 Liverpool ... 203
Berwick ... 393 Redcar ... 1244 Taunton ... 261
Southmolton ... 421 Wrexham ... 1330 Beaminster ... 707
Monmouth ... 457 Amilweh ... 1488 Deal ... 784
Gloucester ... 493 Portmadoc ... 1509 Birmingham ... 938
Liskeard ... 610 East Grinstead ... 1619 Hull ... 2134
Folkestone ... 558 Bognor ... 1720 MARK LODGES.
New Malton ... 660 Southampton ... 1780 Carlisle ... 60
Liverpool ... 673 Padstow ... 1785 Leeds ... 111
Stroud ... 702 Builth ... 1807 Louth ... 326
Bridlington ... 734 Frodsham ... 1908

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74 Dartford ... 290 Stockton ... 940
Darlington ... 111 Maryport ... 371 Willington Quay ... 991
Whitehaven ... 110 Broadstairs ... 429 Bootle ... 1473
Weymouth ... 170 Halifax ... 448 Kingston Hill ... 1638
Liverpool ... 240 St. Austell ... 496 Huddersfield ... 1783
Batley ... 204 Aylesbury ... 591 Buckingham ... 1787
Bacup ... 280 Cleckheaton ... 663 Chertsey ... 2120

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

CRAFT LODGES. Colchester ... 607 Liverpool ... 2042
Prescot ... 86 Abergavenny ... 818 Timbridge ... 2200
Sunderland ... 94 Boston ... 848 Wells ... 2200
Poole ... 137 Pontefract ... 910 Long Eaton ... 2224
Sidmouth ... 104 East Loos ... 970 St. Neots ... 2283
Heckmondwike ... 258 Jersey ... 1003 Bicester ... 2334
Leicester ... 270 Douglas ... 1004 Alderley Edge ... 2368
Tavistock ... 282 Hull ... 1010 Hay ... 2382
Rochdale ... 298 Liverpool ... 1013 Cardiff ... 2453
Bristol ... 320 Derby ... 1085 Bootle ... 2495
Wigton ... 327 Alnwick ... 1107 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Yeovil ... 320 Sandwich ... 1206 Exeter ... 112
Hadleigh ... 332 Chester-le-Street ... 1274 Scarborough ... 200
Rye ... 341 Bolton ... 1274 Bolton ... 221
Sandbach ... 368 Atherstone ... 1333 Leeds ... 304
Morley ... 380 Wigan ... 1335 Haverfordwest ... 464
Dorchester ... 417 Warwick ... 1431 Blyth ... 650
Ramsgate ... 429 Woolston ... 1461 Birmingham ... 739
Croydon ... 493 Warminster ... 1478 MARK LODGES.
Haverfordwest ... 464 Carlisle ... 1532 Cheltenham ... 10
Newport, Mon. ... 471 Tue Brook ... 1628 Devonport ... 91
Ormskirk ... 580 Frizington ... 1660 Bury ... 189
Ludlow ... 611 Eye ... 1663 Winchill ... 339
Halifax ... 1736

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Haverfordwest ... 464 Chorlton-on-
Shrewsbury ... 117 Longton ... 540 Medlock ... 1459
Ryde, I.W. ... 175 Liverpool ... 594 Camborne ... 1544
Bingley ... 439 Canterbury ... 972 Herne Bay ... 2099
Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES. Brighton ... 732 Northampton ... 1911
Cowes ... 35 Birmingham ... 739 Cardiff ... 1992
Leicester ... 50 Deal ... 784 Alton ... 2016
Lowestoft ... 71 Littleboro' ... 816 Beckenham ... 2047
Exeter ... 112 Walsend ... 991 Settle ... 2091
Colne ... 116 Liverpool ... 1035 Seacombe ... 2132
Southampton ... 130 Manchester ... 1052 Windermerre ... 2217
Liverpool ... 210 Lytham ... 1061 Westbury ... 2227
Hastings ... 283 Tredegar ... 1098 Worthington ... 2285
Helston ... 318 Stoke Damarel ... 1099 Whitchurch ... 2311
Preston ... 333 Manchester ... 1147 Coalville ... 2428
Uppermill ... 337 St. Germans ... 1164 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Radcliffe ... 344 Liverpool ... 1182 Devonport ... 292
Clitheroe ... 369 Eccles ... 1213 Shipley Gate ... 566
Preston ... 426 Buxton ... 1235 Linslade ... 948
Wincanton ... 437 Chorlton-cum- Peterboro' ... 1387 Pontypridd ... 1578
Birkenhead ... 477 Newport, Mon. ... 1429 Linslade ... 97
Guisboro' ... 501 Loughton ... 1457 Hull ... 182
Salisbury ... 586 Waterfoot ... 1697 Darlington ... 250
Sleaford ... 588 Clevedon ... 1750 Birmingham ... 408
Howden ... 630 Tynemouth ... 1963 Camborne ... 417

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 30 Uxbridge ... 382 Romford ... 1437
Plymouth ... 70 Hydes Cross ... 581 Sandown ... 1869
Liverpool ... 216 Blyth ... 659 Shanklin ... 1884
Batley ... 264 Rochester ... 1050 Wallingford ... 1887
Leeds ... 289 Sudbury ... 1224 Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

CRAFT LODGES. Liverpool ... 680 South Wold ... 1983
Cardiff ... 36 Louth ... 712 R.A. CHAPTER.
Woodbridge ... 81 Hulme ... 815 Leeds ... 306
Weymouth ... 170 Stow-on-the-Wold ... 957 MARK LODGES.
Towcester ... 445 Wold ... 957 Ripon ... 352
Selby ... 506 Mirfield ... 1102 Old Elvet ... 356
Bangor ... 1849

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 123 Leeds ... 306 Leicester ... 1391
Bristol ... 187 Bristol ... 326 Bristol - Province
Keighley ... 265 Saltash ... 1071

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

CRAFT LODGES. Swanage ... 1146 Didsbury ... 2359
Meltham ... 149 Portishead ... 1755
LONG OF INSTRUCTION.
Birkenhead ... 478

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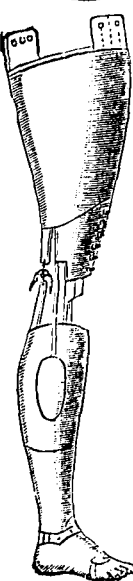
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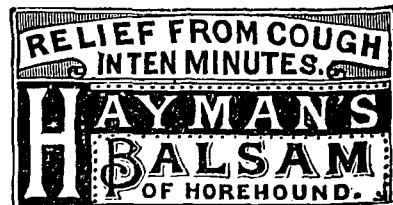
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