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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of this province was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Heliers, on Thursday the 25th ult., under the auspices of Lodge La Césaire, No. 590. There was a full attendance, every lodge in the island being well represented. Punctually at 6.30 p.m. Grand Lodge was opened by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, attended by his Deputy, Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, and almost all the Provincial Grand Officers for the year.

After the usual preliminary business the PROV. G. MASTER gave a short but very succinct review of the progress of Masonry in the island. He regretted deeply to have to record such a long list of removals by the hand of death from their roll of members. He desired to pay a passing tribute of respect to all of them, but more especially to that of Bro. Du Jardin, an old and devoted Mason, a distinguished citizen, and a just and upright magistrate, and last, but by no means least, to that of Bro. Rogers, for many years the custodian of the Temple and Prov. G. Tyler. The Prov. G. Master concluded his most interesting report by again urging upon the Masters of lodges, the necessity of care and caution in the selection of candidates for admission into their lodges. It was quality not quantity that was desirable. Nothing was more fatal to the prosperity of a lodge than the admission to the list of its members of men who were unable to or incapable of holding a fairly well-to-do and reputable position.

Some notices of motion having been satisfactorily disposed of, the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year and duly invested, and in doing this the Prov. G. Master took occasion to dwell particularly on the pleasure it gave him to appoint and invest Bro. Baudains, P.M., a citizen so distinguished and held in such high estimation by his countrymen that he had been elected, for five successive triennial periods, Mayor of St. Heliers :

Bro. Ph. Baudains	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Major F. Godfray, R.J.A.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Peek	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" P. G. Hamilton, P.P.S.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. A. C. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Capt. Barette	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. M. Le Cronier	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Caton	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. C. Brodhurst	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. de la Perrelle	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. E. Malet de Carteret	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. Kynaston	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. L. de Faye	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Gicquel	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. Dickson, 244	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. R. Sinnatt, 245	...	...
" W. H. Edmunds, 958	...	...
" J. E. Cosbard, 491	...	...
" J. V. Harper, 1003	...	...
" C. Dumaresq, 590	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Hambly	...	...

The P.G. Sec., Bro. Dr. A. C. GODFRAY, now rose and stated that the province had considered it most desirable to mark the 25th anniversary of the appointments of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. by some special act or ceremony. An influential Committee was at once formed, and their deliberations resulted in the determination to celebrate that very interesting occasion by presenting to Prov. G. Lodge the portraits of those two distinguished brethren. These portraits had been painted by their talented countryman, Bro. J. H. Lander, a very rising artist, and a student of the Royal Academy. Knowing well the warm personal friendship existing between their P.G. Master and D.P.G. Master and the Prov. G. Master of Guernsey and Alderney, a formal request was sent to Dr. Balfour Cockburn to come over and make the presentation. Dr. Balfour Cockburn had most willingly acceded to their wishes, and not only was he present now for that purpose, but he was accompanied by Bro. E. C. Ozanne, D.P.G.M., and Bro. Smythson, P.G. Sec., and no doubt had it not been for the terrible weather, now visiting them, several other of the Guernsey brethren would have come over. He now called on Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn to make the presentation.

The two magnificent portraits, 56in by 44in in half lengths, placed temporarily on the East wall, were now unveiled, and the P.G. MASTER of Guernsey and Alderney, rising, expressed great pleasure on being called upon to take so important a part in a ceremony which at all times was a most pleasing one, but which on this occasion was, from attendant circumstances, of a peculiarly interesting character. The presentation of portraits

was a form of testimonial or memento that commended itself especially to the Masonic Brotherhood, it pleased everybody, there was no black cloud about it, it was all silver lining. That Province of Jersey had the honour of being ruled over by very nearly the senior Provincial Grand Master of England. Col. Malet de Carteret was as widely known in Grand Lodge and in the provinces of England as a wise, enlightened, and successful ruler as here in his own island. Dr. Le Cronier was a Deputy who had served years in that rank under another *regimé*. During a long *interegnum* he had acted as Provincial Grand Master, and now for 25 years continuously he had served under the present Provincial Grand Master. That was a record few could beat. Especially addressing Bro. Col. de Carteret, he felt that it would be unbecoming on his part to venture on a critical or detailed history of the Masonic career of one who, for a quarter of a century, had held such distinguished and exalted Masonic rank. It would be absurd to suppose that during that long period the work of Freemasonry had been carried on in a profound calm. There was after all a human institution, and he ventured to assert—without fear of contradiction—that no province existed that could produce an unblemished record of unruffled existence for 25 years. Drawing a simile from the wild storms that periodically visit those happy islands, during which, however, they were always kept in touch with the mother country by the gallant, fearless, and skilful conduct of those brave seamen who commanded the mail boats, some of whom were their countrymen and many brethren in the Craft—the Allix, the Renouf, the Le Feuvre, not forgetting the dear old Lainson and others—so the Province of Jersey rejoiced in one who was ever ready and able to throw oil on troubled waters, and to guide and steer his province into the haven of the waters of content; to flourish again more vigorously than ever under the blue sky and bright sunshine of peace and quietness. Somewhat paraphrasing the ritual, Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret might regard that portrait then hanging on those walls like the Fellow Craftsman of old—not simply, however, without scruple and without diffidence, but with pride and satisfaction—knowing full well, and resting assured that it was the just and legitimate outcome of a good work well done; of high and important duties faithfully and thoroughly discharged. Speaking more directly to Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, he did not hesitate to draw largely from the ritual, addressing as he was a most accomplished ritualist—a talent which, he was glad to observe, was hereditary. The loyal and devoted services of the D.P.G.M. had crowned the superstructure which had been raised on the foundation so truly and firmly laid by the P.G.M. He had good reason to be very proud of that spontaneous exhibition of the appreciation of his labours in the field of Masonry, and if anything could have enhanced the pleasure he felt that night, it was that he had even on that occasion not been separated from the Master with whom he had co-operated so long and so happily. The P.G.M. of Guernsey and Alderney then congratulated the brethren on the excellence of the portraits, the likeness of each was speaking, and the details of the Masonic clothing faultless. Jersey might well be proud of having been the birthplace and early home of two of the most celebrated portrait painters of the day—Sir John Millais and Mc. Oules—that enviable reputation was likely to be sustained in the person of Bro. Lander. He would draw his remarks to a close, but he could not do so without making some allusion to that which he saw in the lodge before him, and which gave an additional, almost a romantic, charm to the evening's proceedings. They all knew that the young *may* die, the old *must* die, no one could hope to escape from the common doom of man. There were two young men in the room that night whose lives were full of promise, doubtless they had profited by the bright examples so constantly before their eyes; he did not desire to assume any prophetic office, but he could foresee—and all there could equally do so—that if it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to permit their elders to pass first into the Grand Lodge above, the time might certainly come when those now elderly possibly old men would recall the proceedings of that night, and, repeating the story to a younger generation of Masons—to Masons yet unborn—would point to those portraits as footprints on the sands of time, which had and would still encourage many a forlorn and shipwrecked brother to take heart again, and they would respectively exclaim with exultation, but just and honourable pride, of these great men who remind us we can make our lives sublime—that was my Father, Colonel Malet de Carteret, Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, and Seigneur of St. Owen's, and that was my Father, Dr. Le Cronier, his Deputy.

The P.G.M. of Jersey, Bro. Col. MALET DE CARTERET, stated he was quite unprepared to respond in fitting terms to the graceful and eloquent speech which Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn had concluded in such a feeling and touching manner: he thanked him for the all too flattering remarks he had expressed; it was too true, for 25 years he had now occupied the position of

P.G.M. He was happy to say he could look back on those long years without any regret, he had always striven to do his duty to the best of his abilities, he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office with firmness and justice, tempered with consideration for the feelings and wishes of his community, and the gratifying proceedings of that night proved that his efforts had not been altogether unsuccessful. He could not speak too highly or too warmly of the loyal devotion which had ever been tendered to him by his Deputy; Dr. Le Cronier had been his right hand for years, and without his cordial assistance and support he really did not know how sometimes he could have got on; he again and again thanked the brethren of his province for their kind appreciation of his services and the graceful manner they had taken to perpetuate them.

Bro. DR. LE CRONIER said he was fully aware he must say a few words, it was his duty, if it came to that, to do so, but it was a most difficult duty, at the best of times he was no orator and that evening he was completely overwhelmed, not merely by the kind and flattering manner in which the P.G.M. of Guernsey and Alderney had spoken of him, but by the spontaneous exhibition of the appreciation of his services by the Freemasons of Jersey. The P.G.M. of Guernsey and Alderney had said the old *must* die, he was a very old man and he could not expect to be present at many more of the great Masonic functions within those walls, but he was pleased to think that his love and devotion to Freemasonry had been inherited by his son, and he felt sure that the interesting proceedings of that night would long remain in his memory and in the memory of the younger members of the Craft. He again desired to thank Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn for his kind words, and the brethren generally for their graceful acts.

With a vote of thanks to the P.G.M. of Guernsey and Alderney, proposed by Bro. Bois and seconded by the P.G.M., the proceedings of the lodge terminated.

The usual anniversary banquet took place afterwards at the Masonic Temple and was very numerous attended.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 7th inst.:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July, to the 17th October, 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£842 17 5	By Purchase of £500 2½ p.c.	
" Unappropriated		Consols at 101½ and	
" Account	231 16 2	com ^m ...	£508 3 6
" Subsequent Receipts..	346 5 8	" Disbursements during the	
		Quarter	315 15 2
		" Balance	370 17 11
		" Unappropriated	
		Account	226 2 8
	£1420 19 3		£1420 19 3

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have also to report that in compliance with the resolution of Grand Chapter, the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, St. Day, Scorer, which had returned its charter, has been formally summoned to show cause why it should not be erased.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Surgeon-Major Johnston Shearer as Z.; Captain Maitland Cowper as H.; Cooverjee Cursetjee Mehta as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Devon Lodge, No. 1999, Jullundur, to be called the Jullundur Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Jullundur, Punjab.

2nd. From Comps. Francis Powell, as Z.; Edward Barrington Stephens, as H.; Henry Moody, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, Chatham, to be called the Royal Naval and Military Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, in the county of Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Francis William Wright, as Z.; George Frederick Baker, as H.; John Beavis Groom, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, to be called the Montreal Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, in the county of Kent.

4th. From Comps. Maurice Barnett as Z.; George Robert Gordon as H.; Albert Edward Harte as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Charters Towers Lodge, No. 1546, Charters Towers, to be called the Charters Towers Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Charters Towers, Queensland.

5th. From Comps. Frederick Bourne as Z.; William Francis Flavell as H.; George Livingstone Chrystal as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Raphael Lodge, No. 1850, Roma, to be called the Raphael Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Roma, Queensland.

6th. From Comps. Harry Frederick Pollock as Z.; Samuel Septimus Mossop as H.; John Hardy Carter as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge, to be called the Edward Albert Chapter, and to meet at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, in the county of Lincoln.

7th. From Comps. Henry Lovegrove, as Z.; Edwin William Lewcock, as H.; Frederick Atkinson Powell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, to be called "The Hiram Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The De Swinburne Chapter, No. 24, from the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, to the Masonic Hall, Shakespeare-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Eytton Chapter of St. John, No. 601, from the Charlton Arms Hotel, to the Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire.

The Urmston Chapter, No. 1730, from the Masonic Hall, to the Longford Coffee House, Chester Road, Stretford, Lancaster, W.D.

The Committee recommend that the removal of the above-named chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have likewise to report:

1st. That the last exaltation in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 447, Corfu, according to the last return, was on the 21st November, 1865, and that the lodge to which the chapter was attached was erased by Grand Lodge on 6th June, 1894.

2nd. That the last exaltation in the Wellington Union Chapter, No. 517, Wellington, N.Z., according to the last return, was on the 5th October, 1882, and that the lodge to which it was attached was erased by Grand Lodge on the 5th September, 1894.

The Committee recommend that both chapters be summoned to show cause why they should not be formally erased.

The Annesley Chapter, No. 1435, Nottingham, having exalted a companion within 12 months from the date of his raising, previously to the alteration of the law, the Committee ordered the companion to be re-obligated, and the chapter to be admonished.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th October, 1894.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

The annual meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel, Bournemouth, under the banner of the St. Mary's Chapter, No. 707, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Comp. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Prov. G.H., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Montague J. Guest; Comps. J. S. Webb, P. Prov. G.H., acting as H., and J. B. Cole, P. Prov. G.S.N., acting as J.

In spite of the very tempestuous weather which prevented many from coming, there was a good attendance of companions, all the chapters in the province being represented except No. 1146.

The report of the Acting Prov. G. Scribe E. having been received, and the Treasurer's accounts received and put for confirmation, Comp. the Rev. Mortimer Heath was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Comp. J. S. Webb, seconded by Comp. R. TOLEMAN, £21 was voted from the funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be divided equally between the Male and Female Funds, and to be placed upon the list of the companion who serves the office of Steward at the next Festival of that Charity as representative of the Province of Dorset.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then shortly addressed the companions on the state of Royal Arch Masonry, and more particularly with reference to the shortening of the time for taking the Degree, of which he could not entirely approve. He alluded very feelingly to the great loss which the province had sustained by the sad death of the late Comp. Pelly Hooper, P.G.S.E., and P.P.G.H., and proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family, which was unanimously carried, and the Prov. Grand S.E. was directed to convey the same to Mrs. Hooper.

On the proposition of Comp. JAS. ANDREWS, P.Z., seconded by Comp. T. GILES, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S., Comp. S. R. Baskett, P.Z. P.P.G. Reg., was appointed Steward to represent the Prov. Grand Chapter at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Comp. Baskett expressed his willingness to undertake the office.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then appointed the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.Z. 417 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.H.
" Jas. Andrews, M.E.Z. 707	Prov. G.J.
" W. B. Morgan, P.Z. 170	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. W. Stickland, M.E.Z. 622	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. M. Heath, P.Z. 622 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Gibbs, M.E.Z. 170	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. J. Woodford, M.E.Z. 137	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" H. A. Huxtable, J. 417	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" C. Carter, H. 137	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" D. J. Lawson, J. 1037	Prov. G.S.B.
" Rev. E. G. Austen, J. 707	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. J. Lawrence, J. 1146	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Newman, P.Z. 417 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Simmonds, 170 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Janitor.

Chapter having been closed the companions adjourned to a most excellent banquet at the White Hart Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Public Hall, Clevedon, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., under the banner of the Adair Chapter, No. 1750.

The chapter was opened by the Grand Superintendent Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. England, at 1.30 p.m., the following companions being present:

Comps. W. Long, P.Z. 446, 1750, H.; A. T. Perkins, P.Z. 446, P.P.G.S. England, J.; B. H. Watts, P.Z. 53, 379, Treas.; G. H. Perrin, P.Z. 53, P.S.; H. B. Crouch, Z. 446, 1st A.S.; T. R. Gill, H. 41, S.B.; E. A. Crosse, H. 446, D.C.; R. Norton, J. 446, Org.; A. J. Salter, 53, Janitor; S. Bigwood, 41, Asst. Janitor; Viscount Dungarvan, Z. 973; G. H. Bartlett, P.Z. 41, P.P.G.R.; C. W. Radway, P.Z. 41, P.P.G.J.; W. F. Gould, P.Z. 53, P.P.G.N.; Thomas Parker, P.Z. 285, P.P.G.S.B. T. Ringer, P.Z. 379, P.P.G.R.; W. Reece, P.Z. 1750, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Rice, P.Z. 291, P.P.G.S.; W. F. Langworthy, P.Z. 1750, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Bidgood, P.Z. 261, P.P.G.N.; G. E. Alford, P.Z. 1222, P.P.G.P.S.; T. Hearne, P.Z. 41, P.P.G.R.; Ernest Baker, P.Z. 1222; G. E. Strawbridge, 261; and others.

The roll of the chapters was then called, and it was found, with one exception, all the chapters in the province were represented.

After the reading of the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Wells, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows:

Comp. W. Long	Prov. G.H.
" Viscount Dungarvan	Prov. G.J.
" E. Noke	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. F. Langworthy	Prov. G.S.N.
" B. H. Watts	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. S. Haddon	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. R. Gill	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Sumson	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" E. E. Baker	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Rev. C. J. McConnell	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Jupp	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. B. Wickenden	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. J. Salter	Prov. G. Janitor.
" S. Bigwood	Prov. A.G. Janitor.

The usual business connected with the Prov. G. Chapter was then transacted, and the Prov. G. Chapter closed.

The companions afterwards had luncheon together, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Princess-square, Plymouth. Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., P.G.M., presided, and was supported by a large number of Prov. Grand Officers and visitors.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that all the brethren appointed to office at the last Provincial Grand Lodge had assumed their rank and paid their fee of honour. Having referred to default on the part of the Secretaries of two lodges, Bro. Stocker said there had been 56 advancements during the past year. The total number of subscribing members in the province was 498 as against 508 last year. The number did not include those brethren who had been returned as in arrear. After referring to a generous action on the part of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stocker expressed a hope that the action of Sir Stafford Northcote in his endeavour to loyally preserve the fair fame of Mark Masonry in Devonshire, would stimulate every individual of the Order in the province to study more closely the constitutions of the Degree as published by Grand Lodge, the by-laws which had been adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and to act in strict conformity with the rules laid down therein, as well as to conform to the by-laws which had been adopted by the brethren in their respective lodges. In conclusion, he suggested and strongly urged upon Worshipful Masters the desirability and importance of having the provincial by-laws as well as the by-laws of their own lodge read in open lodge at least once during their year of office.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he regretted to say he did not regard the past year as a satisfactory one.

The report was then adopted.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER reported a balance in hand of £28 9s., and it was resolved to vote £15 15s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of Bro. John Taylor, who was going to act as one of the Stewards, and £10 10s. to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

Bro. F. CROUCH proposed that Bro. George Dunsterville, who had proved himself a thorough Mason in every sense of the word, be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. STOCKER seconded the resolution, and

The PROV. GRAND MASTER paid a warm tribute to Bro. Dunsterville's abilities and capabilities as a Mason.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bros. F. Crouch and John Parker were elected Auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. Strode Lowe, P.M. 50	...	D.P.G.M.
" John Lane, P.M. 319, P.G.O. Eng.	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Kinton Bond, P.M. 50	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. H. Dillon, P.M. 50	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. W. Oakley, P.M. 372	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" C. J. Withell, P.M. 38	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. French, 187	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Geo. Dunsterville, P.M. 35, P.P.G.S. of Wks.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. E. Maddock, P.M. 169	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Hy. Stocker, P.M. 15, P.G.D. Eng.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Roberts, P.M. 383	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John Lark, P.M. 16	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. R. Gill, P.M. 438	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Gould, 15	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Yeomans, W.M. 76	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Aslat, P.M. 66	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Gulley, P.M. 100	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Riddle, W.M. 48	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Parker, W.M. 35	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. E. Weale, W.M. 383	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Dr. Grimbley, 215	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" E. Moyle, 187	...	
" S. Richards, 23	...	
" James Gidley, P.M. 169	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren dined together in the club, Sir Stafford Northcote presiding.

THE ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, U.S.A.

This celebrated Chapter, one of the oldest and most important organisations of the kind in the world, was at work so early as 1769, and possibly still earlier. Its Centenary was celebrated on September 29th, 1869, and its *One Hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary* on September 5th, 1894, two volumes having been published as souvenirs of these events in due course, and the History of the Chapter was written and published in 1883 by the late Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, who was then the Secretary.

As with St. Andrew's Lodge in the same City, great interest is taken in the welfare of the Chapter, by students of Royal Arch Masonry in both the new and the old World, and all the more because of the extraordinary character of the earlier Records, the important services rendered by many of its honoured and lamented members, and the zeal and intelligence of its present Companions, who are determined to carry on the good work so ably promoted by their illustrious predecessors.

The first volume issued was most interesting, the second was a credit to its author, but the last is the best of all the trio, and makes a most handsome and valuable work, which assuredly will be highly prized by all those who have been fortunate enough to receive presentation copies.

First, as to the illustrations, the frontispiece is an excellent portrait of Bro. Dr. Seranus Bowen, who is the H.P. of the Chapter, as well as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. I welcome it myself most gladly as the face of a true friend; another being a really artistic portrait of Bro. Warren B. Ellis, the energetic Secretary of the Chapter and orator at the Celebration. The reproduction of the invitation circular of Sept. 5th, 1894, with the official seal, is very well done, and the plate of the obverse and reverse of the commemorative medal is most artistic and attractive. It is of bronze, the obverse having three equilateral triangles within a trefoil, the circular tablet with St. Andrew's cross covering the point of their union. Legend: "125th Anniversary" (above) and "1764-

1894" (below). The reverse, I presume, represents the seal of the chapter, and bears the ark of the Covenant, with the usual supporters, and the date of the earliest meeting, August 12th, 1769. Legend: "St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter" (above) and "Boston, Mass." (below). The medal is attached to a scarlet ribbon, and is an effective and appropriate decoration.

The chapter was an offshoot, practically, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, which was warranted on November 13th, 1756, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The date is not registered in the books at Edinburgh, but the number is entered as 81. I understand, however, that the warrant was numbered 82, and that 81 was given to another Scottish lodge, at Blandford, Virginia. This arrangement is likely to be the correct one, as the charter of the Virginia lodge was dated March 9th, 1756, according to the 1836 edit. Constitutions Grand Lodge of Scotland, being thus the senior of the two.

The memorable celebration began at one p.m., on Wednesday, the 5th of September, when the ordinary routine business was transacted, the special proceedings commencing one hour later, when a distinguished company assembled in honour of the occasion, including the G.G.H.P. of the United States (Bro. G. L. McCahan), and other representatives of the General Grand Chapter; the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompanied by the esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson; Bro. C. C. Dame, P.G.M.; and other members of the Grand Lodge, &c.

The chair was most efficiently occupied by Dr. Seranus Bowen, the H.P., who with dignity, ability and zeal, conducted the meeting most successfully throughout, and whenever necessary was ever ready with appropriate observations which added much to the interest of the assembly.

The warrant of the lodge (which was granted by the Grand Chapter, bore date 14th Feb., 5800, precedence being admitted from 28th Aug., 1769), having been destroyed by fire on April 5th, 1864, only a copy now exists, which was duly read by Bro. T. Waterman, P. H.P.

Dr. Bowen introduced one worthy after another, in neat speeches, the responses being of a high order, but the part which concerns me most was the oration by Bro. Warren B. Ellis, who "has long taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to masonic history." A full report is inserted of this remarkable address, which is one of the best productions of the kind I have ever read. In fact, I know of none better, and few so good, the general history of the Royal Arch Degree being so accurately described, and the particulars of the eventful career of the Chapter being so aptly chosen, attractively presented and lucidly explained.

The orator said most truly that "No one who would study the history of the Chapter Degrees, or trace their development from the birth of the Royal Arch to the perfected American system of to-day, can fail to be interested in the record of the old chapter." Bro. Ellis considers the Degree may fairly be dated back to 1740, and fortifies his decision with extracts from reliable works. He lays particular stress, as he should do, on the earliest existing Royal Arch records known, viz., those of Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, of 1753, and mentions others of the same decade and later, traced in England and America. His exposure of the fallacy of crediting Dermott with the fabrication of Royal Arch Masonry is most refreshing, but I do not think he was quite so happy as to the origin of the "Ancients" in this country, as one would infer from his words that the Grand Lodge was formed in 1738, whereas it was not until 1751. Possibly he was misled by so much being made by some writers of revolts in 1738-9, their extent being absurdly magnified.

I quite think with him that the chapter was due to the presence of the Army lodges in Boston in 1769 (and earlier), who made possible the establishment of the lodge as well as the chapter. Those concerned in the start of the chapter were No. 58, "Ancients," in the 14th Foot, of A.D. 1759; No. 106, Duke of York, 64th Regiment, Grand Lodge of Scotland, of 1761; and No. 322, of the 29th, Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Master of the chapter August 18th, 1769, belonged to the 29th Regiment, and so did the S.W. and J.W. On the 28th of the same month William Davis, a P.M. of No. 58 (14th Foot) received the "four steps, that of an Excell^t Sup. Excell^t Roy^l Arch and K^t Templar," termed later on, "the four Degrees of a Royal Arch Mason."

This is the earliest known minute of the conferring of the Knights Templar and of the "four steps" being thus grouped. Evidently there was no warrant granted in 1769 for working these Degrees, and no authority either, save the reasonable desire of brethren informed as to Royal Arch Masonry wishing to make the Degrees known. The application to Scotland in 1762, and later, failed to secure such authority officially, for the simple reason that the Grand Lodge did not recognise the ceremony, neither did Ireland then, the only organisation that did being the "Ancients" of England.

The regular Grand Lodge of England uniformly declined to adopt these extra ceremonies, but from the seventh decade of the last century, many of its members supported Royal Arch Masonry, and from 1767 had a Royal Arch Grand Chapter of their own, their first subordinates being warranted in the same year as the records of the St. Andrew's Chapter begin.

The Knight Templar is not mentioned in the Records of St. Andrew's between 1769 and 1789, but I see no reason to suppose it was not worked *ad interim*.

Bro. Ellis says the meetings were not called Chapters until 1792, and the name of St. Andrew's is not noted until 1797. A grand plate for the summonses was authorised in 1790 and still exists, one of the impressions appearing in Bro. Chapman's History of the Chapter. The emblems are most tastefully and suggestively arranged for Royal Arch and Knights Templar Masonry.

The Mark is not mentioned until 1792, and the Knight Templar appears to have been transferred to the Boston Commandery about two years subsequently. We have Records in England of the Mark Degree so early as 1769, under the wing of Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, thanks to Bro. Howell's researches and duly noted in his magnificent History of No. 257, Portsmouth.

The old Mark plate under "No. 82, Sanction," Boston, was ordered in 1793, and a true copy is given in Bro. Chapman's work aforesaid.

But I must forbear to say more, or quote at length from this extremely interesting oration.

An original ode was composed, and sung by the Temple Quartette, a special poem by Bro. Fairbanks was read, and several of the letters from absent friends were mentioned, some being given in full. The By-Laws are printed, and so the Roll of its present members, over 580 in number. The volume undoubtedly is a great credit to all concerned in its production.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A CATHOLICK'S CRITICISM OF THE CRAFT.

If there be anything so little understood by the uninitiated it is that of Free and Accepted Masonry, and that opportunity is ever afforded the humblest brother to defend its principles goes without dispute.

It was but a brief period since I listened, in the Cathedral of Saint Boniface, Plymouth, to a very powerful preacher of no mean degree in the Catholick world—one, Father Peter—of the Order of the Redemptionists. The position of the reverend father made his words the weightier fall upon the vast congregation that listened to him on the occasion referred to.

The cleverest critic is apt to err: and it was because, in my opinion, Father Peter erred considerably, and denounced so vehemently Masonry, without proof, that I wrote his bishop, with the following result:

"Bishop's House,
Plymouth,
February 25th.

"Dear Sir,

"I was not in the Church when the sermon was preached. You will excuse me, therefore, for having asked the preacher, Father Bridgett, to write a few notes on the subject of Freemasonry, which I now enclose. They set forth, I think, clearly, the grounds on which the Church forbids her children to be members of that Brotherhood, Infidels and ne'arhens of all sorts are members, as well as those who *profess* Christianity, but that in many countries Freemasonry is in deadly enmity to every form of Christianity is notorious.

"Believe me, dear Sir,
Very sincerely in
J.C.,
WILLIAM VAUGHAN."

The preceding epistle from the esteemed bishop was followed by Father Bridgett's remarks:

"Bishop's House,
Plymouth.

"As regards Freemasonry.

"1. For Catholicks the matter is settled by authority. Our Lord said to Saint Peter—'Feed my sheep!' We believe that the Pope has this charge, and is guided in its performance. Successive Popes, for 150 years, have denounced Freemasonry, and refused the Sacraments, even at death, to those who will not renounce it. If it was an innocent thing, this would be the most wicked injustice and impiety. Therefore, if I could find no reason for the prohibition of it, yet, as a docile sheep, I should obey, and believe that my shepherd had good reasons to bid me avoid that pasturage.

"2. But the matter is not so mysterious. Freemasons on the Continent are openly declared enemies of the Church, and of all Christianity. Now, Continental Freemasonry came from England. English Freemasons are not indeed declared enemies of Christianity; but Christianity in England is something very vague, and a man holds what he pleases, and still call himself a Christian, or even a member of the Church of England.

"3. Freemasonry is a secret, and all secret societies are condemned. Of course, there are secrets a man may and should keep, but a baptised Christian is to be 'taught to observe all things our Lord has commanded.' He cannot be taught if a part of his life is beyond the knowledge or control of his Divinely-appointed teacher. A vow, or oath of blind obedience, is essentially immoral. What is the secret of Freemasonry? Either the initiations are mere tomfoolery, or there is something important to be communicated to the initiated, and which they must be fitted to hear. It is not a secret of trade or science as in the *Freemasonry of the Middle Ages*. It must, then, be a secret doctrine of morals or conduct. Well, our Lord said that He was the Light of Life, and ordered His doctrine to be preached on the housetops. If Freemasonry teaches a morality and conduct in harmony with Christianity, why is it kept for a few initiated, and not taught to all?

"4. Mr. Palmer, the famous linguist, who was murdered in Syria, was a Freemason. In his life by Mr. Besant is a quotation from a letter or journal in which he says that he sets no great value on Freemasonry, except that it is *opposed to sacerdotalism*. Now, those who believe that Jesus Christ is the Great High Priest, and that He had appointed a priesthood to carry on His work—'He that hears you hears Me,' &c.—must acknowledge that if Freemasonry is the enemy of sacerdotalism, it is the enemy of genuine Christianity; and, of course, the Church recognises in it her deadly enemy.

"5. There is one thing in which English Freemasonry is identical with foreign Freemasonry. Its adepts favour each other at the expense of distributive justice. There is no harm in their preferring the members of their association for their private — (?) But where there should be open competition, or where superiors have to dispense or reward, it is an injustice to be partial. Now of this I am quite sure, and have met hundreds of instances that contracts are given to Freemasons by Freemason officers at the expense of justice; and there are branches of official life where a man cannot rise unless he is a Freemason. Indeed, that is the one pretext always made by Catholicks when they become Freemasons—they do it against their will in self-defence, since otherwise they cannot compete.

"6. As the Priests in Portugal or Brazil are Freemasons, their public life show what kind of priests they are. Perhaps the less said of them the better.

"7. In these short Jottings I refer to Freemasonry, not to Freemasons—individuals."

My reply to Father Bridgett I have not copied, not thinking at the time so many brethren would eventually express their desire of seeing it in the *Freemason* as showing how mistaken a clever man of such high position in his Church can be.

To assert that the Continental Mason is opposed to broad and comprehensible—*simple*—Christianity as based by its Originator is out of the question. How about Mozart, the adored musician of the Catholick Church? Was he excommunicated for being a Continental Mason because he was opposed (*sic*) to all Christianity?

Then, as to Freemasonry being a *secret* society and consequently condemned. At the very time Father Bridgett was asserting this the Clan-na-Gael and Irish Republican Brotherhood were in existence, and their membership composed of Roman Catholicks. Yet did the Catholick Church condemn them for being "secret societies" or not? And were their members excommunicated at death for refusing "their blind obedience to a vow" to attain social improvement other than in a legitimate sense? A powerful and popular preacher of *any* creed or doctrine should be able to *feel* he is acting consistently. Why, is not the Church of Rome herself in all ages a *secret society*?

"A vow or oath of blind obedience is essentially immoral." Then how about a novice entering the Catholick Church. I do not disparage his or her so doing, as at one time I thought of so doing myself, honestly. Should I then have been taking a vow or oath of blind obedience to "the Supreme Pontiff?" and which such have been considered by Father Bridgett "essentially immoral?"

Re Mr. Palmer, he may have been as many another "Mason" in name alone, ignorant of its beauty, its rationalism, its healthiness, its *catholicity* in the broadest and purest socialistic sense; its brotherhood that even the Christus Himself may have been well proud of.

Finally, as to the favouring of Masons by Masons. This is a serious charge which Father Bridgett makes. However, it is only what the Church of Rome has done, and would do again were she predominant over the earth.

Father Bridgett finishes by asserting that there are *priests* (Masons, he declares) whose public life is questionable. Then where lies the power and jurisdiction of the Pope—first to allow them (his priests) to be Masons, secondly that to excommunicate them for misbehaviour for being "questionable citizens."

Any Mason who is a Mason and a man would not have listened Father Bridgett's address out. I did, however, and meekly challenged him (to be precise, his Bishop), with the above result, which I give to the Brotherhood of that Craft, based upon the principles of the broadest intelligence—comprehended by the human race the wide world over—black, white, yellow, red—and which no individual creed nor church, nor community can crush, flourishing as it has for ages past under the Royal Sign of the expanseless Light of Heaven.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE DHARWAR, No. 2527.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at Dharwar, Bombay, on the 1st September last. Bro. Shields acted as District Grand Master, and Bro. Hussey, District Grand Secretary, installed the Worshipful Master, each of the brethren having travelled a distance of 420 miles for that purpose. They were assisted by Bro. W. R. Nicholson, P.M. (who accompanied them from Poona, 300 miles distant), and Bro. T. J. McCloughin, who acted as Grand Wardens.

There were present besides, Bros. G. Vibart, A. Huddleston, W. C. Fox, Sorabjee Nerwanjee, Anandrao Panandhiker, G. Patel, H. Davis, and A. S. Nailer, members who signed the petition, and Bro. G. W. Lindsley, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India; Bro. Breag, S.C.; and Bros. Hibbard, Rustomjee, Kanga, Abraham, Johnston, and Carter, visitors.

The ceremony of opening having been concluded,

Bro. SHIELDS expressed the pleasure it gave him to come to Dharwar for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, more especially as the want of a lodge there had been clearly established to his satisfaction.

The lodge was then consecrated and constituted according to ancient usage.

Bro. Peter Scott was afterwards duly installed as the first Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were nominated, and those present invested as the first officers: Bros. G. Vibart, S.W.; G. E. Gray, J.W.; Sorabjee Nerwanjee, Treas.; A. S. Nailer, Secretary; A. Huddleston, S.D.; Dr. McCalman, J.D.; W. C. Fox, I.G.; and H. Davis, Tyler.

One candidate was proposed for initiation, and four brethren for joining.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, for and from their respective lodges.

In tendering good wishes on behalf of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasons in India, Bro. LINDSLEY expressed the great pleasure that it afforded him to be present at the opening of that new lodge, and said that although, perhaps, it was natural for him to have wished that it had been under the Scottish Constitution, still, he was sure that the brethren of that constitution in the neighbourhood would work together in that new-born lodge with that friendliness which had characterised the two constitutions in that presidency for so many years past.

That lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to supper, whereat the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and a very pleasant and entertaining meeting was brought to a close.

BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS, immediately after presiding at the 60th annual festival of the Metropolitan Beer and Wine Trades Asylum, on Thursday evening, 1st for Paris, in order to confer with M. Maurice Grau, and with the intention of witnessing Madame Sarah Bernhardt in M. Sardou's new play.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Bro. Horace Banks, S.W. 1897, delivered his popular lecture, entitled "A Trip to America, including the World's Fair at Chicago," in the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School, on the 22nd ult. In addition to the girls—who, it is needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment—several members of the House Committee and other brethren and friends were present, including Bros. C. Hammerton, F. Richardson, J. H. Matthews, W. G. Kentish, G. R. Langley, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The lecture was illustrated by means of a triple lantern, manipulated with remarkable accuracy and effect by Mr. Leonard W. Greaves.

Starting from Southampton with views of the ss. Paris, the lecturer traced the route to New York, Pennsylvania (including the Masonic Temple), Philadelphia, Washington, and Chicago. The interior of the exhibition having been thoroughly explored, the journey was continued *via* the Niagara River (with splendid dioramic effects of the Falls by day and night), the Catskill Mountains and Cascades, back to New York.

Bro. Banks delivered the lecture in a racy and effective manner that was easily intelligible to the youngest child, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It would be impossible to speak too highly of the magnificent views exhibited, many of them from photographs taken by Bro. Banks himself, and it would be no idle exaggeration to say that no better or more beautiful pictures on this subject have ever been placed before the public.

The lecture was pleasantly interspersed with music, Bro. Willie Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., kindly officiating at the piano during the evening, and giving a piano solo, "Irish diamonds," with his customary ability. Two songs were illustrated by lantern slides made from photographs taken from life. They were "The three beggars," effectively sung by Mrs. Banks, the humour being skillfully conveyed and heartily enjoyed, and "The village blacksmith," sung by Bro. W. W. Lee. Bro. Richard Evans contributed "Maid of Athens" and "Mary" in a highly finished style that gained hearty encores.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON briefly thanked Bro. Banks, in the name of those present, for the enjoyable and charming entertainment they had witnessed.

Bro. HORACE BANKS returned thanks for the kindly expressions used, and also thanked those who had given their services to assist him.

The National Anthem, followed by a cup of coffee for the visitors and artistes present, closed a pleasant evening.

ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 910.

VISIT OF R.W. BRO. T. W. TEW, P.P.G.M.

A special meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th ult., in the New Masonic Hall, Ropergate, in order to transfer the warrant, banner, and other insignia of the Order from the old lodge premises in the upper floor of Mr. Arundel's house to the new rooms which the lodge have built during the past summer.

There was a large number of the brethren present, including Bros. T. W. Tew, P.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; E. Foulds, W.M.; J. Constable; Rev. F. E. Egerton, S.W.; E. Lord, P.M.; S. Slack, P.M.; A. H. B. Lees, S.D.; Rev. H. L. Harrison, Chap.; E. Lawson, J.D.; J. Bentley, Sec.; P. P. Wood, Treas.; R. W. Wheatley, I.G.; W. Warde, P.M.; Leech, W.M. 458; Wightman; G. Malcolm, P.M.; C. England, P.M.; I. Kaberry, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; W. H. B. Atkinson, P.M.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; Rev. E. Castle, G. Roberts, A. Spink, R. Austerberry, Heptinstall, T. Swales, Hemmatt and Nicholson, Stwds; Barber, Tennant, Monckman, Ambler Davis, N. Greaves, C. Woodhouse, Garner, nine visiting brethren from Castleford, and others.

The brethren assembled at five o'clock in the large dining room on the ground floor, in order to robe and receive the Past Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Past Grand Deacon of England, Grand Superintendent, the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., who, having been conducted by selected officers of St. Oswald Lodge to the candidates' preparation room, robed and signed the attendance book.

He was then met by a procession of the brethren present, at the head of whom was the W.M., Bro. Ellis Foulds, who presented him with a silver key, and requested him to unlock the door of the new lodge.

The Past Provincial Grand Master, having accepted the invitation and opened the door, the procession followed him into the room, singing "Hail Masonry Divine."

The P.P.G.M. then took his seat as W.M., the other official chairs, and the seats on the dais, being filled by members of the lodge who are also Provincial Officers, the warrant and furniture being all in order in their appropriate places as in the old lodge.

The lodge having been thus constituted, and the various formalities observed, the P.P.G.M. was asked according to custom, if he had anything to communicate for the good of Freemasonry, or for the benefit of Lodge No. 910 in particular, and in reply, delivered the following address:

The P.P.G.M. said: Brother Thomas Ellis Foulds, W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge St. Oswald, it is not my intention to take up your time with many

words this evening, but, as this may be the last occasion upon which I shall have the pleasure and privilege of meeting my brethren of Saint Oswald in open lodge, I should like, with your permission, Worshipful Master, to make a few observations in relation to the history and progress of this Society of Freemasons in Pontefract, in the founding and promoting of which I have taken a not inconsiderable part. Thirty-three years have now passed since, in conjunction with a few friends, I applied to the Grand Lodge of England for sanction to open a Masonic lodge in Pontefract. That petition, which was sent in the autumn of 1861, was signed, in addition to myself, by William Hall, Integrity Lodge, No. 529, Morley; Jeremiah Rhodes, Fidelity Lodge, No. 364, Leeds; George Wood Bayldon, John Handby, Fred Lumb, and William Statter, all of Wakefield Lodge, No. 727. The prayer of that petition was endorsed by Geo. H. Westerman, W.M. Unanimity Lodge, No. 179, Wakefield, and by Philip Yorke Savile, Robert Micklethwaite, B. W. Allen, F. Stuart Wortley, William Wood, and Rowland Childe, all of Lodge 727 (now 495), Wakefield.

Of these last named seven brethren, I believe only one, the Hon. and Rev. Philip Yorke Savile, Rector of Methley, survives.

Our prayer was heard, and in due course the warrant which bears date 14th February, 1862, was received, and on the 7th of April of that same year, I was installed by the late Bro. John Gill, also of Wakefield, as your first Worshipful Master.

At the completion of my first term of office, you did me the honour of electing me to fill the chair of King Solomon a second time. Nor was this all. Some few years later, in 1868, the suffrages of my brethren again placed me in that honourable position—from which circumstances the members of more recent times may gather that during the infancy and early childhood of the St. Oswald Lodge, I was closely connected with its concerns and deeply interested in its welfare and progress. And, brethren, that interest has never waned. My solicitude for all that relates to Lodge 910 has increased as the years have rolled on, and, let me add, I am proud of the very high position to which the St. Oswald Lodge has attained. Not a few of its members have, from time to time, been thought worthy of provincial rank, and, at the present moment, there are, I am informed, no fewer than 15 of our brethren who are entitled to wear the much-coveted collar which distinguishes the officer in Provincial Grand Lodge.

I myself, your first Worshipful Master was chosen in 1875 by our late Provincial Grand Master, the much respected and gallant Sir Henry Edwards, to act as his Deputy. For ten years I held that responsible position, and on his retirement, had the honour of being selected by our Royal Most Worshipful Grand Master to occupy the highest position in the province—that of your Provincial Grand Master. So far then as honours and distinctions are concerned, the Lodge of St. Oswald has received a fair share.

In addition to this, let me remind you that you have had other valued marks of recognition. On the 6th July, 1864, D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, whom we all most highly esteemed, visited Pontefract for the purpose of consecrating the St. Oswald Lodge. On the 23rd October, 1872, we were still more highly honoured, for on that occasion we received and entertained, not only the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, but also the M.W. the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England. I refer to the noble Marquis of Ripon, who simultaneously held both these important offices. He was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Bentley Shaw, and a large body of Provincial Grand Officers—and, as many here present, will doubtless, remember—in a thoroughly Masonic way, he laid the foundation stone of the present Church of St. Stephen at East Hardwick, the then Worshipful Master of St. Oswald being our good brother Edmund Lord, whom I am delighted to see here to-day.

On the 17th August, 1876, when the Freemasons of Pontefract wished to pay a tribute of respect to their friend and neighbour, Bro. Bressitt, Alderman and Sheriff for the county of Middlesex, the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, came to Pontefract and, surrounded by a band of other illustrious visitors, joined with us in uttering congratulation to Bro. Bressitt upon the high position which by his perseverance and industry he had reached.

And again, in 1880 the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire met under the banner of Saint Oswald and assisted us in promoting the interests of that most valuable Institution—the Pontefract Dispensary.

Well, brethren, though in no boastful spirit, I may say then that we can point to a not undistinguished past. We can show members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers on our roll. We have risen from a comparatively obscure position to one of numerical strength. Our financial condition is sound, and we have now at length reached that goal to which I have long been looking forward—we have obtained a Masonic Hall of our own. By the energy, the enterprise, and the business ability for which the members of St. Oswald have ever been distinguished, you have attained this result, and I heartily congratulate you thereupon. I was able, though in a most feeble condition of health, on the 25th of January, of this year, to lay the corner-stone of this Masonic temple, and I am thankful to the G.A.O.T.U. that I have been spared to-day to see its completion. You have now a lodge room which only needs Masonic ornamentation to make it all that you reasonably require; and you have suitable accommodation where, when occasion needs, you may hospitably entertain your Masonic friends.

But, brethren, never forget the object and purpose for which this building has been projected. It is to carry out honourably and faithfully the principles of Freemasonry. What those principles are, and what is involved in the dutiful realisation of them, I have frequently endeavoured to pourtray to you and to others, to the best of my ability. But I cannot let this opportunity pass—this occasion which may be my last—without once more briefly reiterating some of my former words of counsel and warning.

Freemasonry is an institution, a parallel to which does not exist throughout the civilised world. It is the one grand organisation which is in no sense self-seeking. Its great purpose is to establish the brotherhood of man and to relieve distress wherever it may be found. Its foundation is the volume of the Sacred Law. Polemical and party discussions it will have none of. Within the lodge, when a man has once become privileged to enter, he should find brotherly love and social equality. Political differences, religious dissensions, professional rivalries, and the animosities which the keen competition of trade and commerce may create, should here be laid aside. All meet upon a common level, and all should act upon the square.

But, brethren, our principals are not to be confined to the four walls of our lodges. We must carry out into the world what we have been taught in our ceremonies. We are an unassuming and by no means a proselytising society—but our responsibilities are nevertheless great. We have to maintain and uphold—at a time when religion is openly derided, when political economy is scoffed at, when the recognised and time-honoured bonds of Society are sought to be ruthlessly burst asunder—we have, I say, to hold fast by the doctrines which Freemasonry teaches, and steadily to rally round the banners of the Craft upon which are inscribed the noble mottoes of our Order.

To do all this is only a part of the responsibility which we assume when we enter the Masonic Fraternity. We should also be modest in our demeanour and exercise self-restraint, since the actions of a few may readily bring our Brotherhood into contempt. How necessary then does it become that we should use the greatest caution and exercise the fullest enquiry before we admit new members within the portals of our lodges. On this point I feel most strongly, and would for that reason impress you most earnestly.

One last word, for I wish not to weary you. My part is played, my active Masonic life is over. I have done what I could—little I fear—yet my humble best. I have tried to make a homogeneous province, and to make it well thought of by the Grand Lodge of England. I have lived to see the Lodge of St. Oswald thrive and mature, to see it establish itself in an abode which is worthy of it, and I leave it in good hands. The Past Masters, many of whom are with us to-day, will, I am sure, give their time and attention and watchful care to all its interests and concerns; and the lodge will I trust succeed in the future even as it has prospered in the past.

Strive my brethren to carry out the beautiful principles of our Order, and seek, even as I at this moment entreat, that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may fall upon you, that it may keep you steadfast in your duties, that it may enable you to act your parts as true men, good patriots, dutiful citizens, and worthy Masons, you and your children after you from generation to generation, until time and Pontefract shall be no more.

Let me again thank you not only for your cordial welcome, for your flattering attention, and for the generous support you have ever accorded me in Provincial Grand Lodge, but also for the many acts of courtesy of which I have constantly been the recipient.

At the conclusion of this address, which was received by the brethren with many manifestations of approval, the new rooms were declared to be duly and properly opened for the purposes of Freemasonry, the brethren in full harmony responding in the usual Masonic manner and the lodge was duly closed.

The following is the inscription on a shield attached by a massive silver chain to the key used on this occasion:

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Masonic Notes.

It is gratifying to find from our report last week of the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, that the prosperous condition of the Craft in that part of England has been fully maintained during the past year. True, it has suffered some heavy losses during that period, notably through the death of Bro. Chirgwin, who died in harness as Prov. G. Secretary, after holding that important office for a long term of years. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master, referred in his brief address to the eminent services which our late brother had rendered to the Province, and expressed a hope that the pressure of the duties he had so ably and conscientiously discharged for so long a period in conjunction with the many others he had fulfilled had not proved too severe a tax upon his strength.

But though Cornish Masonry has sustained these losses, there is no reason why its heart should be disquieted within it. Sundry of its members who have laboured diligently and with a will in its behalf have passed away, but there remain others who are both able and willing to accept the duties and responsibilities which have become vacant. Bro. Chirgwin has gone and only the memory of his good work remains, but Bro. E. D. Anderton presides in his stead in the Secretarial chair, and we may be sure that under the latter's auspices the honourable traditions which have been left behind them by Bro. Chirgwin and his predecessors will suffer no detriment.

As regards the numerical strength of the Province, there is just a slight increase over the previous year, while in respect of the funds, the Prov. G. Treasurer was in a position to announce a balance of £211 as compared with the £192 with which the accounts of the previous year had closed. As for the Cornish Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, its capital now amounts to the substantial sum of £5445, while the year's account shows a balance at the Cornish Bank of £273, the present charges on it comprising seven male and five widow annuities and six educational grants, and amounting to £295.

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There is only one other matter to which reference need be made. A few weeks since we had the pleasure of announcing that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.P.G.M. of England, and Grand Master of this Province, had promised to act as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival which will be held next year in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and, in consequence, Provincial Grand Lodge voted a donation of 100 guineas in support of his lordship's presidency. This generous contribution will have an encouraging effect upon the lodges and chapters throughout the Province, and we have no doubt that when the time arrives it will be our privilege to announce that in 1895 as in 1894, the Province has loyally supported its respected chief.

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We regret to announce the death of Bro. John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B. of England, who till quite recently was one of the leading Masons in the Province of Hertfordshire. Bro. Dawson who, we believe, was initiated in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, joined the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in 1871, was installed its W.M. in 1878, and the same year was appointed Prov. S.G.W. Hertfordshire. From 1879 to 1884 he served the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, and from 1884 to 1889 that of Deputy P.G.M. In 1887 he received brevet rank as P.G.S.B. of England and the Province presented him with his Grand Lodge clothing. He was also a P.Z. of the Watford Chapter, Past Prov. G.H. of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter; P.M. of the Watford Mark Lodge and Past Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Herts, in Mark Masonry; and P.E.C. of the Stuart Encampment, and Past G.S.B. in the Order of the Temple. During the past summer he returned from a long sojourn abroad, whither he had been ordered for the benefit of his health. He was present at the last annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts and received a most cordial welcome, Bro. Halsey, P.G.M., expressing a hope that he might again resume at an early date his active duties in Masonry. This hope, however, has not been realised, and Hertfordshire having welcomed the return of Bro. Dawson in July is now lamenting his death.

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The 54th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the Chicago Central Music Hall, on the 3rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Leroy A. Goddard, M.W.G.M. There was a very large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers and representatives of private lodges, and the reports, both as to membership and funds, were more than ordinarily gratifying, there having been an accession of over 1000 new members, while the dues collected during the year amounted to 37,000 dollars (£7400).

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We greatly sympathise with our Liverpool brethren. They have in their neighbourhood a veritable Paul Pry, who busies himself about their affairs, purloins or otherwise becomes possessed of their private papers, pursues them to their favourite haunts, and by currying favour with a waiter or a kitchen-maid finds out what they have had for supper, and what it cost them. Having acquired all the information he can about their private acts, he pieces it all together and charges them with wine-bibing, log-rolling, cliquism, and whatever else in the way of mean and dirty tricks his malevolent spirit is able to suggest. In former days, fellows of this class were sent to Coventry, or ducked in the nearest horse-pond; but now, to the disgrace of Englishmen, they meet with ready encouragement, and those speeches they deliver and those articles they write are listened to and read the most eagerly which contain the largest amount of objectionable innuendo.

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South Australia is getting on in years, and the celebration of jubilees by its leading institutions is an illustration of the fact. Already there have been two such commemorations by Masonic lodges in the Colony. One was held as early as 1884, and the second has just been honoured at Port Adelaide, with

enthusiasm in no way misdirected. Before the first-born of these lodges entered into life there were only a score or two of Masons in the Colony. Now the lodges number 40 and the subscribing members 2500, and the career of the Friendship Lodge, which has just celebrated its jubilee with such success, has well reflected the progress of the Craft in that distant Province.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Scotland.

POLLOCKSHIELDS.

Lodge Pollok (No. 772).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th ult., in the Burgh Chambers, Pollokshields, and was largely attended, the business on the circular being Second and Mark Degrees. Among the visitors were Bros. G. C. H. McNaught, S.G.D. and P.G. Sec. Glasgow; J. McNaught Campbell, G. Marshall and P.J.G.W. Glasgow; Wm. Munro Denholm, G.I.G.; and Robert Kennedy, P.S.G.D. Glasgow. Bro. J. W. Ruddock, R.W.M., supported by Bro. Morris Carswell, P.M., and by Bros. J. P. Laidlaw, S.W., and D. Murray, acting J.W., and assisted by a full complement of office-bearers, after transacting the business of the First Degree, passed the lodge to the Second Degree, when the R.W.M. conferred this Degree upon Bro. Alex. Macdonald. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree. At this stage the R.W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, informed the brethren that Bro. J. MacNaught Campbell had very kindly come forward at his invitation to work the Mark Degree, and he now had pleasure in handing him over his emblem of office, and in asking him to preside over the lodge. Bro. Campbell, in accepting the mallet and the chair, thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given him, and for the honour they had conferred upon him by asking him to preside over their lodge during the Mark Degree. He then called upon Bros. R. Kennedy and J. A. S. Kerr to occupy the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, and Bro. G. C. H. McNaught to act as Inner Guard. With these office-bearers in their proper places, the lodge was passed to the Mark Degree, when the following ten brethren were conducted in by Bro. W. Munro Denholm, viz.: Bros. Rev. D. Jamieson, D. Murray, P. Pringle, J. Z. King, M. M. Graham, W. B. Macquie, R. Dickie, W. Laidlaw, A. L. Black, and J. B. Turner, and instructed in the work of the Degree. Bro. Campbell then returned the mallet and the chair to R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Ruddock, who thanked the Mark office-bearers, on his own behalf, and in the name of the lodge, for the excellent and efficient manner in which they had worked the Degree, and in token of their appreciation of that work and of the good services they had rendered to the Craft in general, he moved that Bros. Campbell, Kennedy, McNaught, and Denholm be received as honorary members of the lodge (Bro. Kerr was already a member of the lodge.) This motion was seconded by Bro. Morris Carswell, and carried with acclamation, and the four brethren stepped forward and took the oath *de fide*, and then thanked the members of Pollok Lodge for that high honour, and pledged themselves to render any further services to the lodge that lay in their power. The R.W.M. referred to the honour that had been done to the lodge by Grand Lodge appointing him as one of the Grand Stewards. Particular reference was also made as to the absolute necessity of the representatives of daughter lodges attending faithfully to their duties in Grand Lodge, in order to keep themselves posted up as to what was going on there.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Burgoyne Lodge (No. 902).—One of the most successful gatherings of this prosperous and ever-growing lodge took place on the 22nd ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. S. Rashleigh, a highly esteemed member of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Rouse Larter, W.M., supported by Bros. S. Rashleigh, S.W.; C. Cowland, E. W. Pillinger, G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; C. Butcher, F. Rees, W. Bean, E. S. White, P.M.; J. J. Fifield, G. J. Brown, C. Horton, W. Wilkins, P.M.; H. A. Pocock, P.M.; J. Beddoes, P.M.; H. Norrington, P.M.; Walter Smith, P.M.; Morris, Pratt, Bryant, Bishop, Bonyhey, T. Burrell, Snow, Emerton, Ponsford, F. Butcher, Merrett, Leury, Phillips, Abrahams, Brogden, Fox, J. Oscroft, J. Knights, A. C. Jenkins, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Baldwin, P.M. 1632 and 1949, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; F. Kedge, P.M. 749, 1219, and 2460; W. Kedge, 749; Turner, P.M. 1216; Jenkins, P.M. 1260; Coltart, P.M. 749; R. Burtleon, P.M. 860; Ewington, 172; Hardiman, P.M.; Duncan, E. Harris, Mitchell, Taners, and Cockton, of 1446; Juby; Robertson, 2345; Hon. J. McCarthy, P.M.; Fountain, Bradbury, Langdon, 2345; Laws; Tucker, 1441; Cooper, G. Horton, W.M. 72; Wills, Stone, Garnham, Tucker, Pettipher, Dawson, Ellington, James, Haddon, Galey, W. Hiles-Smith, Drewett, Pownhall, Dray, and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and a satisfactory balance sheet adopted, the W.M. passed Bro. J. Emmerton. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. Rashleigh, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. W. Rouse Larter in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Cowland, S.W.; E. W. Pillinger, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; C. Butcher, S.D.; F. Reeves, J.D.; W. Bean, I.G.; E. S. White, P.M., D. of C.; J. J. Fifield, and C. J. Brown, Stwds.; C. Horton, A.D.C.; W. Wilkins, P.M., Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably rendered by Bro. W. Rouse Larter, for which he is to be congratulated. Messrs. John Oscroft, J. Knights, and A. C. Jenkins were initiated by the new W.M., Bro. Rashleigh, and his working of the ritual was appreciated by the goodly number of brethren present. A gentleman was afterwards proposed for initiation at the next meeting. In eloquent terms Bro. G. Gabb, P.M., proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the representatives of Bro. Dunn, deceased, the oldest lay member of the lodge. There was plenty of work for an installation meeting, but the W.M. was equal to the occasion.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. A. Clemow, and was admirably served, for which Bro. Evans, the manager, was responsible.

After full justice had been done to this part of the proceedings, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in an adequate manner.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. R. Larter, I.P.M., who stated that he was well-known to everyone present as a very jolly good fellow, and one of the best of friends. He had no doubt that he would receive the support from all, which would enable him to carry out the duties of his office and add lustre to the lodge.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Rashleigh received a hearty greeting on rising to respond. He said: This is one of the occasions of my life which will ever be remembered by me. I scarcely know how to find words in which to express my feelings in an adequate manner on the position I now hold. That position I owe, I am sure, to the good feeling and sincere wishes of the members, but I hope they will forgive the many shortcomings that no doubt will occur during my term of office. From the time that I was first initiated in the lodge—12 years since—it has always been my study to attend the meetings, and I am proud to say that once only have I been absent, and that through illness. Might I mention that I have been strictly punctual, and I should like especially to impress this on my officers, and to ask them as a favour to be the same, so that the business may be carried out at the times mentioned on the summonses, and this will greatly assist me as W.M. Since I joined the Craft I have found many great and invaluable friends, and several of those which I had hitherto known have by the force of circumstances been scattered over the four quarters of the globe, but Masonry has made for me good and substantial substitutes, and I doubt not that many of those present have found the same. I can testify that during the last 12 years the rise of the Burgoyne Lodge has been so rapid that we now stand second to none in the Metropolitan, and the cause of this I need hardly say lies in the fact that good and sound men only have been introduced, and while we continue in their footsteps the lodge will hold its well-merited pre-eminence and become known far and wide.

The W.M. gave "The Initiates." He said that he was proud to have commenced his year of office by having three initiates, who were of excellent quality.

Bro. Oscroft replied in eloquent terms, remarking that he was more than surprised with the beautiful ceremony of initiation.

Bro. Knights also responded. He appreciated the kind sentiments of the W.M. His father had been a Mason for many years, and his great aim would be to follow in his footsteps. He certainly thought that he had made no mistake in joining so excellent an order.

Bro. Jenkins also said that he was proud to have joined the lodge, and he hoped to do credit to it and the Craft.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. W. Rouse Larter," the W.M. stated that all the members were pleased with his great services, and in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, observed that no one deserved it more than he did for what he had done for the lodge, and he was one they could look to for assistance at any time.

In replying, Bro. Larter said that six years ago that night he was initiated in the lodge, and having, as he thought, in so very short time, to respond as I.P.M., he was indeed proud. His year of office had been the happiest time of his life, and he thanked the officers for their great support and the members for all their kindness towards him. He should esteem the handsome jewel, and in concluding a good speech, given with much feeling, he said he hoped next year his son would be made a Mason, and if he was allowed to initiate him it would be the height of his happiness.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed, coupling, out of a long list, the names of Bros. the Hon. J. A. McCarthy, P.M., and F. Kedge, P.M.

Bro. the Hon. J. A. McCarthy, Queen's Advocate, Sierra Leone, responded. It was an immense pleasure to him to be present to meet such a splendid gathering and it was the first time he had seen an installation in England, and he was happy to say he endorsed the excellent working he had witnessed. He was there as a stranger, but from their kind treatment he felt quite at home, and if he had been called upon to assist in the ritual he could have done so. He had been a Mason for thirteen years and had passed the chair in 1890 in the Free Town Lodge, Sierra Leone, and in glowing language he gave some interesting details of Masons' proceedings in that part of the world.

Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., also replied. He said, speaking on behalf of the other visitors, they had enjoyed the splendid working and the grand hospitality of the members, and, referring to the installation ceremony, he thought the lodge should be proud that they had such an efficient member as Bro. Larter the I.P.M.

Bro. H. Baldwin, P.M., also said that the visitors were glad to have met Bro. the Hon. J. A. McCarthy, whom they thanked for his interesting speech.

The W.M., in very felicitous terms proposed "The Past Masters," and "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. J. Beddoes, P.M., responded. He was glad to see Bro. Rashleigh installed, and his working that night was a good augury that his future as their ruler would be a bright one.

Bro. Gabb, P.M., Treas., also replied. He had held his office for a number of years, and to each W.M. he had served he had been able to hand over a balance, and concluding a happy speech he observed that the W.M. would keep up the well-known reputation of the lodge.

Bro. Byng, P.M., Sec., stated that he appreciated being re-elected Secretary of the lodge, of which he was the "father" and he hoped his "sons" would give the same support in future as in the past.

The W.M. gave, in happy terms, "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. C. Cowland, S.W.

Bro. Cowland suitably acknowledged the toast, remarking that he and his colleagues were only too anxious to assist in any way. He had been very intimate with Bro. Rashleigh, they had worked together to go forward, and he was proud to greet him as W.M., and he hoped some day to be in the same high position.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy meeting, for which the W.M. is to be congratulated.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided, in which the following took part: Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, J. L. Haddon, D. James, Sidney Galey and Faulds.

The portrait of Bro. S. Rashleigh, the W.M., appears in our portrait gallery of Worshipful Masters in this issue.

Beacontree Lodge (No. 1228).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 10th ultimo. There was a large attendance of the members, amongst whom were Bros. H. D. Kemp, W.M.; L. J. Powter, S.W.; S. D. Wade, J.W.; C. Vile, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Chillingworth, P.M., Secretary; G. C. Chillingworth, J.D.; F. W. Bird, I.G.; W. S. Emden, P.M.; W. Dawson, P.M.; J. Pigé, W. J. W. Cole, C. A. Tharp, E. R. Evans, H. Bradshaw, E. R. Ray, E. Wilson, J. Mills, J. Jackson, W. Rendell, E. Bare, P.M.; J. W. Neave, P.M.; and A. K. Turbifield, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; H. W. Sharp, 49; F. Baker, 31; W. A. Tharp, 49; W. Holloway, P.M. 1457; W. Hamsher, 1139; D. G. Beddall, 49; B. Bridgman, W.M. 144; R. Birkett, 509; C. A. Reeve, 809; A. E. Gooding, 809; A. Buck, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. C. Osterstock, W.M. 1185, I.P.M. 2266; E. J. Anning, P.M. 1625; A. Smythson, 1067; C. J. Miller, P.M. 1672; G. S. Manuelle, 45; H. L. Wearing, 2374; G. Clarke, P.M. 1950; A. Blanché, 49; W. Jennings, 1598; H. Robbin, 1364; W. R. Bentley, W.M. 957; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the usual routine business, Bro. L. J. Powter, the W.M. elect, was presented and installed into the chair by Bro. W. S. Emden, P.M., who afterwards gave the addresses in good form. The new W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. C. Vile, P.M., Treas.; S. D. Wade, S.W.; G. Chillingworth, J.W.; R. J. Chillingworth, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Bird, S.D.; E. R. Ray, I.G.; W. S. Emden, P.M., D.C.; and A. K. Turbifield, Tyler. The next duty of the W.M. was, as he remarked, a pleasing one, to present to Bro. H. D. Kemp, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which he did in a few appropriate words. Bro. Powter, the new W.M., then initiated Mr. Wm. Rendell in excellent style, for which he is to be congratulated.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet which gave credit to the establishment, and was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. F. W. Smith.

The Worshipful Master gave in brief but eloquent terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Kemp, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was the toast of the evening and would be cordially received. He was very popular in the lodge, and the brethren could see from his work that night that he was perfect in the ritual, which was evidence that he had attended many lodges of instruction, but it must have taken him away from his happy home at nights. The W.M. was a very old and dear friend of his, they were at school together, and there was not the slightest doubt that his year of office would be a happy one.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. Powter, W.M., on rising to respond. He thanked the members for having placed him in the chair, and he was indeed proud of his exalted position, and when he went out of office he hoped to leave with the same enthusiasm as he had been received that night.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. observed

that he was a good one, and he hoped in due course he would become W.M. of that his mother lodge, and that all who were then there would be present to honour him when that event arrived.

Bro. Rendell replied. He should never forget the beautiful ceremony of his initiation, nor the kind words of the W.M. He was too young in the Craft to think of aspiring to the chair, but if ever he came to that high position he hoped the W.M. would honour him, his first initiate, with his presence.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. H. D. Kemp." He stated that he was always the one to give life to Masonic proceedings. He had had a happy year of office, and he felt sure the members had enjoyed themselves under his genial presidency.

Bro. Kemp, who was well received, replied. He said that the jewel he had received that night was a splendid token for the very little he had done, and he hoped to be with them for many years to wear it. He felt comfortable on the shelf of Past Masters, and did not think he should fall off. During his year of office he was dubbed as a great talker, but with his successor they would not have simply a talker, but a more than excellent worker of the ritual.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said that they had a goodly array, and he gave them all a hearty welcome, coupling the names of Bros. Buck, G. Clark, Anning, Osterstock, and B. Bridgman.

Bro. Buck responded. He said visitors were always pleased to take shelter under the Beantree Lodge, and hoped all would receive instruction under such a good tree. The working they had witnessed was grand, and they appreciated the lavish hospitality of the members.

Bros. Clark, Anning, Osterstock, and Bridgman also replied in some good and appropriate speeches.

In eloquent terms, the W.M. gave "The Masonic Institutions," remarking that he was going up as Steward for the Old People, and he earnestly hoped that the members would help to send him with a big list in amount. He coupled the name of Bro. James Mason, who had honoured them with his presence.

Bro. James Mason responded. He felt sure that when the W.M.'s list went round the members would comply liberally with his request. He gave some interesting details of the three Institutions, and remarked that after 30 years' experience in the Craft that of the Old People was dearest to his heart, and he instanced several cogent reasons why the brethren should support the Old People to enable them to finish their few remaining years in happiness. They were never in greater straits, and concluding a lengthy speech, given with great feeling, which was listened to with marked attention, he said give all you can afford and a little more, it would never be missed.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters and Installing Master," making special reference to Bro. Emden for his great services that day, and he coupled his name and that of Bro. Dawson's with the toast.

In response, Bro. Dawson said that if the W.M. needed any assistance the Past Masters would be happy to do anything.

Bro. Emden also replied. It was a great pleasure to him to install Bro. Powder who was a good fellow.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been duly honoured,

Bro. Vile, Treas., replied. That was the 26th installation meeting at which he had had to respond as Treasurer, and he hoped to do in the future as the past.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. observing that he was proud of them, and they would give him every assistance.

Bro. Wade, S.W., responded. They were all working hard, and hoped before long to become shining lights under the Beantree.

Bro. G. Chillingworth, J.W., also replied. He was proud that he was nearing the chair of W.M., which was the height of his ambition to attain.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful and pleasant meeting.

The vocal and musical entertainment was one of the very best and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following took part: Mr. F. Faulstich, Mr. Gladney Wolff, Master E. J. Powder (son of the W.M.), and Bro. W. G. Churcher, who gained an enthusiastic and well-deserved encore for his pianoforte. Bro. A. Smythson ably presided at the pianoforte.

Loyalty and Charity Lodge (No. 1584).

This lodge assembled (after the summer vacation) at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday the 27th ult., when there were present: Bros. E. Parke Seaton, W.M.; Arthur R. Hodson, Prov. G.D. of C., Herts., S.W.; Wm. Stennett, J.W.; T. Drew Bear, P.M. & Treas.; W. Dodd, Sec.; R. F. Stephens, S.D.; F. Watson Smyth, J.D.; J. Peeke Richards, D.C.; Dr. Herbert Mc. D. Philpotts, I.G.; T. Bouchier Chilcott, P.M.; F. T. Reade, P.M.; Dr. Walter G. Walford, P.M.; T. Herbert Baker, and Astley Smith. Bro. Tattershall, 28, was a visitor. The lodge was opened and Bro. Smith passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Chilcott, P.M., who also gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Herbert Glendower Williams was then initiated by Bro. Walford, P.M., who delivered the charge, all the work being excellently rendered. The brethren partook of an excellent dinner, enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Williams and Hodson, accompanied by Bro. Tattershall. In the course of the evening the host, Bro. Bennett, was invited and his health drunk as he was leaving the house, to which he responded and thanked the lodge for the kindness and good feeling always shown to him by the members. We are glad to see this lodge progressing and that four professional gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 20th ult. The members in attendance included Bros. Wm. W. Lee, W.M.; Horace G. Banks, S.W.; W. J. Ball, J.W.; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G.Org.; J. H. Gaslin, P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. J. Davison, P.M.; P. Young, I.P.M.; J. J. Wrathall, S.D.; G. Watts, J.D.; W. White-side, D.C.; G. P. Pilon and J. Rae, Stewards, and others.

Lodge was opened, and the preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Junkes was raised to the Third Degree, and the traditional history given. Bros. Lavington and Appleton were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft,

and the lecture on the tracing board was delivered. Mr. A. E. Horstead, a candidate for initiation, was unavoidably prevented from attending through illness. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the Prov. G. Master, Dep. Prov. G. Master, Prov. G. Sec., and others.

Permission was accorded Bro. Bird, P.M., to form a lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, which was served in a manner reflecting the highest credit on Bro. Lander, the host.

The usual toasts were subsequently given in a hearty manner.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B., replied for "The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in an effective speech, stating that the Prov. Grand Master had signified his intention of attending the Elliot Lodge installation meeting on the following Saturday, which was a further proof of the interest he took in the welfare of the province.

Bro. P. Young, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a cordial manner, referring in complimentary terms to the working of the ritual in the lodge that day. Their W.M., he said, had had the experience of the duties of the chair in another lodge in the province, and that had doubtless served him in good stead in his present Master-ship. If the same unanimity and good feeling between the members existed at the end of the year, the W.M.'s term of office would indeed have proved a happy and successful one.

Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M., briefly replied, expressing his indebtedness to the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and his intention of exerting himself to the utmost to carry out his duties in a manner satisfactory to the members and creditable to the lodge.

"The Visitors" having been heartily honoured, "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Young, I.P.M., in excellent style.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M., also replied, thanking the lodge for the permission given to start a lodge of instruction. He said it was his desire that the new venture should not only prove of assistance to the members, but also be a credit to the lodge.

Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., Sec., replied for himself and his colleague, the Treasurer, and Bro. H. G. Banks, S.W., effectively answered for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and successful gathering.

Bro. Willie Wright, Org., presided, with his well-known ability, at the pianoforte, and was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. Lander, Banks, Wrathall, and Lee.

Broxbourne Lodge (No. 2353).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, when there were present Bros. H. G. Holland, W.M.; H. Monson, S.W.; H. J. Ahern, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; W. Staples, J.D.; T. J. Phillips, D.C.; J. W. Hunt, I.G.; T. Wilson, Org.; T. J. Patrick, Stwd.; R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; H. Lichtenfeld, P.M.; Nicholls, Ramsbottom, Max Hummel, Knight, Setterfield, C. G. Ridgway, H. Roberts, A. A. Hunt, R. Ridway, Willis, A. Long, W. Bennett, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Setterfield, Willis, Knight, and R. Ridgway were raised to the Degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. W. Bennett and Alfred which, proving unanimous in each case, these gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, thereby inaugurating in an auspicious manner the first meeting of the lodge at its new home.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge (No. 2432).

This lodge, which was established in 1892 for the convenience of brethren connected with the tobacco trade, held its third annual meeting for the installation of a Worshipful Master on the 25th ult., at its regular place of assembling, the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London. It was presided over by Bro. George Ransford, the second Master of the lodge, who was supported by Bros. George Emblin, S.W.; D. Phillips, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; A. F. Scholding, Sec.; T. W. Lightfoot, S.D.; W. E. Lowry, W.M. 1839, J.D.; W. F. Bates, I.G.; C. Ransford and Thomas Rayner, Stwds.; O. W. Baur, Alex. Jones, W. H. Pink, J. F. Pink, S. Maier, O. C. Moore, E. Grahert, H. Cosins, T. M. Bell, W. C. Lightfoot, A. Zicalotti, H. Mayor, N. Mayor, A. F. Jones, A. S. Benjamin, J. H. Custance, H. Otto Winter, and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Clark, W.M. 1512; H. Massev, 160, P.M. 619 and 1923; A. Macchi, S.W. 1503; W. B. Glasier, 65; E. S. Caton, 507; W. Woodroff, 1929; W. A. Buxton, 1513; and F. Whicher, 1512.

Letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were received from Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Std. Br.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; and W. H. Bullock, the first Master of the lodge. The balance sheet of the lodge, which was laid before the brethren and adopted, showed that the lodge was not only out of debt, but that it had a substantial amount of assets, an evidence of the admirable manner in which the lodge has been conducted. After the preliminary business of the lodge had been transacted, Bro. Ransford installed Bro. George Emblin as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ransford was invested as Immediate Past Master. Bros. D. Phillips was invested as S.W.; T. W. Lightfoot as J.W.; W. Klingenstein for the third time as Treas.; and A. F. Scholding as Sec.; W. H. Lowry, S.D.; W. F. Bates, J.D.; C. Ransford, I.G.; S. Klingenstein, D.C.; T. Rayner, A.D.C.; J. F. Pink, Org.; W. H. Bullock, H. Anderson, C. H. Peddell, T. M. Bell, and H. Mayor, Stwds.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was admirably conducted, the new Master initiated Mr. Hans Otto Winter, performing his work in perfect style.

Bro. Ransford was presented with a handsome and valuable jewel of a Past Master, a gift which he gracefully acknowledged, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to a choice banquet, and honoured the customary toasts. Bros. Woodroff, Buxton, Nestle, Pink, and Moore enlivened the proceedings with capital music.

Bro. Emblin, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Master," pointed out that during the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership Masonry had made great progress, and warrants for 1075 new lodges had been granted

during that time. He then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and made a strong appeal to the brethren to support the three Institutions of the English Craft, informing them that Bro. Ransford was going to be Steward for the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School. He hoped all the brethren would support Bro. Ransford's list, but told them he would like to see every one of them individually a Life Governor for each Institution.

Bro. Ransford, I.P.M., responded, and said Freemasons were banded together for the furtherance of Charity. The lodge had already supported Charity, and it ought to keep on pegging away. He exhorted the brethren to give whatever they possibly could without detriment to themselves or connections. The Masonic Charities were all well worthy of support. The present W.M. was the premier Steward of the Girls' and of the Boys' Institutions. For the Boys' School he (Bro. Ransford) hoped all the brethren would give him something; it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. He next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who had given the brethren that evening a specimen of the admirable manner in which he could do his work. Bro. Emblin was a Past Master of a very old lodge—the Lodge of Justice, No. 147—and in coming forward as one of the founders of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, he had done his very, very best to further its interests. He would continue to do so as long as he lived.

Bro. G. Emblin, W.M., responded, and said he could not lay claim to all the virtues Bro. Ransford had pointed out, but he could say he was second to no one in the interest he felt in the lodge. He could assure the brethren, as he had often said before, that as far as his time permitted, he should be present at every meeting of the lodge and assist in doing its work. He admitted that he had been very zealous in Masonry in his time. He had passed through the chair of the Lodge of Justice, and had tried to establish correct working. He had taken up the large list for the Girls' School, £2124, and was the premier Steward of England. In 1891, he took up £350 for the Boys' School. He hoped he should meet with the support of the brethren again. But passing from this branch of his subject, whatever he could do for the lodge he should do; he should try to do his work thoroughly, and long might the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge live and flourish.

After Bro. Winter had responded to the toast of "The Initiates," Bro. G. Emblin, W.M., proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Ransford," who, he said, had done a great deal for the lodge; he assisted in bringing the members together, but he had now become I.P.M. His services had been so great to the lodge that the brethren unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel, and it would be a great pleasure to him to present it. He hoped it would be an honour to say "I am a Past Master of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge." Bro. Ransford had richly earned the jewel, and it was to be hoped he would live many years to wear it.

Bro. Ransford, I.P.M., replying, said he promised when the lodge was first founded to do his best for it and for Freemasonry in general. The brethren would admit he had done all he could. He had tried to carry out his duties as well as Bro. Bullock, the first Master, who, through business engagements, was not able to be present on this occasion. He did not wish any gentleman brought into the lodge who would not be a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. Under those circumstances, after the very nice language of the W.M. about him and his performance of the ceremony of initiation, all he could say was that the W.M. had the ability to follow him, and if each succeeding Master did the same, fifty years hence the lodge would not be very far wrong. He again thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had voted to him.

The other toasts were afterwards honoured and responded to, and the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult. The brethren present were: Bros. F. C. Collingwood, W.M.; Oldfield, S.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., acting J.W.; Anneveld, S.D.; Tibbatts, J.D.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. F. Young, P.M., D.C.; Haskins, Org.; Mason, C. Ellis, Cranston, Inglis, Baddeley, Bilson, C. H. Ellis, and others, both members and visitors. Lodge was opened, and after the usual business had been transacted, Bro. Charles Henry Ellis was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Norman Davy, which resulted unanimously in his favour, and he was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with his usual impressiveness.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together, and the usual toasts with some good songs well rendered, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

BRADFORD.

Lodge Acacia (No. 2321).—The installation meeting of this young lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 4th ult., when Bro. J. T. Last, the retiring W.M., was supported by Bros. John Haigh, as I.P.M.; C. H. Ellis, S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; E. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec.; R. S. Hird, as S.D.; S. A. Auty, P.M., as J.D.; A. E. Harris, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; and a goodly number of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Foster, P.M. 974, P.P.G.D.; H. Mitchell, P.M. 387, Prov. G.S.B.; F. Read, P.M. 1034, Prov. G.D.C.; F. C. Robinson, P.M. 1648, Prov. G. Std.; T. Denby, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Davis, 61; W. Jackson, W.M. 387; H. Telford, I.P.M. 387; Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387; E. H. Ingram, 387; E. Hanson, 448; W. Vaux, 600; W. B. Sewell, 600; John Thompson, 603; Wm. Ellis, S.W. 753; J. H. Collins, I.G. 759; F. Johnson, W.M. 974; H. Sawyer, P.S.W. 974; C. Dean, W.M. 1034; J. Akam, S.W. 1034; G. H. Field, P.M. 1018; F. Brooke, 1445 (S.C. Callao); T. E. Greenough, J.W. 1545; F. W. H. Durant, I.P.M. 1648; J. W. Hainsworth, 1648; John Cromack, W.M. 2330; and A. Holmes, W.M. 1522.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. J. Paul, which proving in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. The Treasurer having presented his annual

balance sheet, it was adopted and directed to be entered on the minutes. Bro. G. Root, who had removed to a distant town, was placed on the non-resident list of members. Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C., then presented Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and, in the presence of a Board of 24 Installed Masters, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Last, the retiring Master. The proclamations were made by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., D.C., who also gave the address to the W.M., the addresses to the Wardens and brethren being given by Bros. T. Wainmain Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., and S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. T. Last, I.P.M.; J. Morton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Robinson, Sec.; A. E. Harris, S.D.; R. S. Hird, J.D.; J. A. Drake, I.G.; J. W. Bland, Tyler; A. Stephenson, P.M., D.C.; A. Swaine, Org.; J. Harland, Supt. of Wks.; and J. S. Marsland, J. S. Hedley, H. Bowler, and T. H. Bedford, Stewards. Bro. J. Niven, P.M., was elected the Representative of the lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee. After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed.

Bro. C. H. Ellis, the newly-installed W.M., presided at the well-served banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. G. E. Green, Prov. Grand Secretary, responded on behalf of the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge." He referred to the good work already done in the province by their esteemed chief, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; also to the recent very successful Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Brighton, at which the Prov. Grand Master had presided, when he was so generously supported by West Yorkshire. He also hoped the brethren would support the Prov. Grand Master at the autumn meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge to be held at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield. Bro. Green reported that the esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, had returned from his Canadian tour in excellent health, and had resumed his labours in the province. He paid a compliment to the retiring Master, who, he understood, had had a very successful year of office, and he heartily congratulated the newly-installed Master on attaining the chair of the lodge.

"The Masonic Benevolent Institutions" was ably proposed by Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., who referred to the great interest the Province of West Yorkshire took not only in the support, but also in the management of all the Masonic Charities. He was also glad to be able to state that as the lodge was now deriving a benefit from the Girls' Institution, the lodge was doing its duty as regards the Charities. The lodge was proud very recently to have entertained as its guest Bro. George Heaton, 258, who had so generously purchased during the present year a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. Niven, P.M., the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and a Life Governor of all the Institutions, responded. He hoped the brethren would support him liberally during the coming year.

"The Visitors" was submitted by Bro. E. P. Peterson, P.M., who, on behalf of the brethren, gave a very cordial welcome to all the visitors who had on that occasion honoured the lodge with their presence.

Bro. Wheatley Jackson, W.M. 387, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present, when another old member and initiate of the Airedale Lodge, 387, was installed into the chair of that lodge. He gave him his hearty congratulations.

Bro. S. C. Dean, W.M. 1034, and others also responded. "The Retiring Master" was proposed by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas., and, in doing so, stated that Bro. Last had had a very successful year of office. There had been a great deal of work, and he was sure the retiring Master had discharged the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. J. T. Last, I.P.M., stated that he was extremely gratified at the cordial manner with which the toast had been received. He regarded the remarks made by Bro. Bailey—usually a man of few words—in proposing the toast as a great compliment to himself. There had been 16 meetings of the lodge during the year, and nine initiates had been admitted to membership. He thanked the officers for the assistance they had rendered, and the brethren for the manner in which they had supported him throughout his term of office. Another very pleasant feature was the goodly number of visitors that had honoured the lodge during the year. He had experienced a very pleasant term of office, and it was with reluctance that he resigned the gavel to his successor, although he had every confidence in handing it over to such a worthy Mason as the W.M., if he had succeeded in discharging the duties of the chair during the past year to the satisfaction of the brethren he was more than repaid for any efforts he had made, and they all knew how much he had the well-being of the lodge at heart; he had every confidence that the W.M. would have a successful year of office and would be well supported by all the officers and members of the lodge.

Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed the next toast, "The Worshipful Master." He stated that as the senior P.M. of the lodge he had very much pleasure in introducing this toast as they had just installed a worthy brother into the chair, one who had creditably discharged the other offices he had held in the lodge, and who he was sure would efficiently fulfil the duties of the chair for the coming year.

Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., remarked that he was gratified at the hearty manner in which the toast had been received; he would try to deserve the good opinion of the brethren, and his best efforts would be given to make his year of office successful.

Several other toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening spent, enlivened by songs and music by Bros. Sykes, Durant, Fearnley, Hanson, and others.

BRIGHTON.

Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday, the 18th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Arthur Loader, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. T. Bullock, J.W.; B. Burfield, Treas.; A. P. Dollman, Sec.; J. Hamlin, S.D.; W. H. Brown, J.D.; T. Berry, D.C.; R. Strong, I.G.; H. Geere, Org.; E. J. Miles and E. Tebbs, Stwds.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; J. Billing-

hurst, P.M.; R. Pearce, P.M.; G. S. Godfree, P.M.; H. W. Ingledew, E. W. Townner, H. L. Reed, V. W. Burden, W. W. Welling, A. Habens, J. Casson, S. Penzer, J. M. Mennick, H. Youens, W. Harris, T. S. Carter, J. J. Abell, T. H. Burrell, T. C. Grevatt, G. J. Calton, W. Burke, M. Nias, E. Loader, T. Chapman, F. Hart, R. Sherington, M. W. Wormald, W. Wise, A. Colling, H. Hart, J. L. Davis, and J. Palmer, as well as a large number of visitors.

The chief feature of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Thomas Bullock as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. B. Burfield, P.M., who also delivered the addresses. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follows: Bros. A. Loader, I.P.M.; A. P. Dollman, S.W.; J. Hamlin, J.W.; Rev. Seymour Penzer, Chap.; B. Burfield, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; Treas.; J. M. Mennick, Sec.; W. H. Brown, S.D.; R. Strong, J.D.; H. Geere, D.C.; E. Tebbs, Org.; E. Miles, I.G.; and H. W. Ingledew and J. Chapman, Stwds. The retiring W.M., Bro. Arthur Loader, was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. Bro. T. Berry, P.M., was appointed to represent the lodge on the Masonic Rooms Committee, and was also elected a Charity Steward. A banquet afterwards took place.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The last regular meeting for the year was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. E. H. Moore, the following being present: Bros. H. T. Nell, P.G.D., I.P.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. Blenkhorn, P.M., S.D.; F. Page, acting J.D.; J. W. Rattenbury, I.G.; J. Gravatt, and A. Ingram, Stwds.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. W. Tompkins, C. C. Renaud, A. J. Robinson, E. N. Benningfield, and H. R. Bower. Visitors: Bros. J. Palmer, I.G. 1472; F. Richards, 1426; J. Brittan, 2063; F. S. Plowright, J.W. 193, Sec. 2509; and C. Isler, I.G. 1471.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the next business was the raising of Bro. F. W. Tompkins, which was performed by the W.M. in a most admirable manner. Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed.

After a short interval the brethren sat down to a very enjoyable dinner, to which ample justice was done, after which the ordinary toast list was gone through.

Bro. H. T. Nell, P.G.D., replying for "The P.G. Officers." And later, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," he complimented him highly on the excellence of the work he had shown them, and regretted that no proposals had been made that evening to ensure work for the W.M. at the next meeting.

Bro. E. H. Moore, W.M., in response, said that he felt grateful to the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He was pleased to have had the opportunity of working the ceremony that evening for the first time in a regular lodge. He was anxious to do his best, and was pleased to have the commendation of the I.P.M.

To the toast of "The Visitors," who received the hearty welcome which is always extended to visiting brethren in that lodge, each of them present said a few words in reply.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," [was replied to by Bro. Petch, P.P.G.S.B.]

Bro. Cobb, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Officers," and Bros. R. W. Nicole, S.D., and E. Blenkhorn, P.M., J.D., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable meeting to a close.

Bro. W. E. Goodwins, Org., was unfortunately unable to be present, but his duties were most ably discharged by Bro. J. Brittan, 2063. Quite a number of the brethren assisted at the after-dinner entertainment, which included songs by Bros. Bell, Brittan, Bower, Benningfield, Renaud, Nell, and Ingram, and a recitation by Bro. C. M. Coxon.

CARDIFF.

Tennant Lodge (No. 1992).—On Thursday, the 18th ult., the installation of Bro. John Sheridan to the office of W.M. to the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, the interesting ceremony being performed by Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M., in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Craft. A cordial reception was given to the newly-installed W.M., who subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; Bro. T. P. Kerman, S.W.; Bro. B. D. Jenkins, J.W.; Bro. the Rev. E. W. Shepherd, M.A., chaplain; Bro. David Williams, Prov. J.G.W., Treasurer; Bro. Charles Jones, Secretary; Bro. W. J. Vaughan, S.D.; Bro. Geo. Durston, J.D.; Bro. J. T. Hogg, P.P.G. Treasurer, D.C.; Bro. G. H. Cole, F.C.O., Organist; Bro. Samuel Jones, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Arthur Roberts, I.G.; Bro. W. A. Beer, and Bro. Robert Evans Lee, Stewards; and Bro. Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Lesser Park-hall, Bro. Sheridan, W.M., presiding. The toasts included "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master H.P.H. the Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge," "The R.W. and Prov. Grand Master, Brother Lord Llangatock, and W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Mar-maduke Tennant and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," "The Worshipful Master," "The Retiring and Installing Master," "The Ladies," "The Visitors," and "The Officers."

During the course of the evening a well-selected musical programme was carried out by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Bro. T. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Miss Emily Sheridan, Bro. the Rev. E. W. Shepherd, M.A., Mrs. Pudge, Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; the Kerman Family, and Bro. John Sheridan, W.M., the post-prandial proceedings concluding with a dance in the crush-room at Park-hall, which was very enjoyable.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 18th ultimo, at the Royal Forest Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, C.C., W.M. The

attendance of the brethren was very large, including Bros. Shurmur, P.M.; Holmes, P.M.; Bromhead, P.M.; the officers of the lodge, Bros. Lennox Browne and T. J. Ralling, Honorary Members, and the following visitors: Bros. George Graveley, P.M. 898; Lionel Budd, 2472; G. H. Clark, J.D. 1766; G. Cannington, I.G. 1607; Albert E. Cook, 1744; R. N. Nicholls, 2353; H. Roberts, 2353; H. Bird, I.G. 231; W. J. C. Waller, 2108; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. M. Jones, P.M. 704; W. G. Holloway, P.M. 1842; W. Winfield, 2128; J. W. Perry, 969; L. F. Pool, 2472; G. Emblin, S.W. and W.M. elect 2432; J. Davis, 2501; Edwin Knott, 2250; W. W. Morgan, 177; T. Betterworth, 1693; A. Ireland, 1571; Tom Taylor, S.D. 45; J. Siegenberg, 1668; and J. G. Gordon, J.W. 969.

Bros. Thomas Tremaine, Jabez Piper, Alfred Iszard, and John Thomas Payne were passed by Bro. Ffrench Bromhead, P.M., and Messrs. Arthur Satchell Wilson, Charles Pateman, and George Henry Barnes were initiated by the W.M., Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, C.C. Afterwards Bro. Lennox Browne installed Bro. Richard Kershaw as the Worshipful Master of the lodge, the place of Installing Master being kindly ceded to him by Bro. Fortescue, Bro. Lennox Browne having initiated Bro. Kershaw in Freemasonry, and been a long and intimate friend of his. Bro. Fortescue was invested as I.P.M.; James Speller, P.P.G.D., S.W.; Charles Bestow, J.W.; William Shurmur, P.P.G.T., Treasurer; James Pinder, P.P.G.T., Secretary; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., Assistant Secretary; Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar and Rev. W. Langhorn, Chaplains; S. C. Kauffman, P.M., S.D.; Joseph Holland, J.D.; P. Trickett, I.G.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G.O., Organist; W. Fortescue, D.C.; T. H. Lloyd, A.D.C.; J. Clark, Wm. Gower, Seigenberg, Carter, Bleik, S. Fortescue, and John Hamilton, Stewards; and John Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Lennox Browne delivered the charge to the Master, and Bro. Shurmur the charge to the Wardens and brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Provincial Grand Secretary, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," remarking that an immense impetus had been given to Freemasonry by the Prince of Wales becoming Grand Master. His Royal Highness took the position at a great crisis, when many brethren were very anxious for the welfare of the Craft. He was ably assisted by Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, and now the Earl of Mount Edgumbe was doing his best to forward the interests of the Order. His lordship was going to take the chair at the next Festival of the Girls' School. Some of the brethren present were specimens of what the Grand Officers were. One of them—Bro. Lennox Browne—who was the Installing Officer that day, had shown what Grand Officers could do. Bro. Lennox Browne was also a Past Provincial Grand Officer.

Bro. Kershaw next proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Warwick," and, referring to the strides Freemasonry had made generally, mentioned the particular strides it had made in Essex. From Bro. Ralling he had obtained the information that when Lord Brooke became Provincial Grand Master 12 years ago there were 19 lodges in Essex and 866 subscribing members. There were now 38 lodges and 1662 subscribing members. On the practical side of Masonry in the province, he might mention that when Lord Brooke was installed the county had subscribed to the three Charities £3009, but up to the present time it had subscribed £13,809. The William Shurmur Lodge could boast of having among its members two Past Provincial Grand Treasurers, two Superintendents of Works, a Provincial Grand Organist, a Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Lennox Browne, who initiated him in Freemasonry.

Bro. Lennox Browne, in responding, said that it was quite impossible for himself or Bro. Shurmur to respond for the Prov. Grand Master; his lordship's works in the province answered for themselves, and it would be mere impertinence on their part to do more than express their gratification that his work in the province received such a striking exemplification that evening in the figures which had been placed before the brethren. As to the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Philbrick, he only came back from a much-wanted holiday on Wednesday (the 17th ult.) which prevented his now being present. The brethren, however, knew how thoroughly his heart was with them. As for himself (Bro. Lennox Browne), his honours came largely by favour; but he had done his best to deserve them, and he was quite confident that the favour he had had in Essex had been in a large measure a passport to the higher honours the Grand Master had been pleased to bestow on him. He could not forget how well he had been treated in Essex. Certain brethren desired to name a lodge after him. He could not forget how, when he first came to Essex, he received great assistance from such brethren as Bros. Shurmur, Speller, Pinder, Bromhead, and Fortescue; they had all contributed to his Masonic success. He was happy to say that all of them received honours at the hands of the Prov. Grand Master. The province was a reflection of Grand Lodge, and its Grand Officers a reflection of the Grand Officers. He congratulated the Masons of Essex on recognising the merits of the Prov. Grand Master, because if they did not they would not be worthy of their places.

Bro. William Shurmur also responded, and said it was the earnest wish of all present that the Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master might for many years continue in the offices they filled so worthily. Speaking as a Past Provincial Grand Officer, he was never tired of thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him in electing him Prov. Grand Treasurer. He earnestly hoped they would confer the same honour upon a distinguished brother of the lodge, Bro. Fortescue. He considered it a great honour to nominate him for that position at the forthcoming meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge in 1895.

Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said that although many brethren could propose the toast in better terms than he, no one could do it more heartily. All the brethren would admit they could not have had a better W.M. than Bro. Kershaw, and they must have been very glad to get rid of him (Bro. Fortescue) when they saw how well Bro. Kershaw had worked the lodge and presided over the banquet table. Nevertheless, he (Bro. Fortescue) had done what little he had done to the best of his ability, and he thanked the brethren for bearing with him. It gave him great pleasure to be there as their W.M., and anything he

could do for the William Shurmer Lodge, or for Masonry in general, he should be pleased to do. He was pleased when he was unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge, and from that time till now—and he thought before that time the lodge had gone on prospering. He was quite sure it would prosper under its present Master; there was no fear for this year, which no doubt would be a great success.

Bro. Kershaw, W.M., in reply, said that during his year of office he should use his best endeavours to attend every meeting of the lodge, and would follow the footsteps of his predecessors in the rendering of the ritual perfectly. He thanked the brethren for electing him and for placing him in his present proud position. He could not quite say with his distinguished predecessor that he was unanimously elected, because while there were a very large number of brethren present, two brethren, who did not vote against him would have preferred another to occupy the chair. However, during his year they would not be disappointed. He thanked the brethren again very heartily for their reception, but he would now propose the toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge." The Installing Master had told them in the lodge that he considered it a very great personal compliment and an honour that he who initiated him in Freemasonry should also install him, and thanked Bro. Fortescue for waiving his right to take part in that ceremony. He (Bro. Kershaw) had been associated with the Installing Master for over 16 years, and that intercourse had not been just here and there, but a daily one. He was not ashamed to acknowledge that that was a long period for a young man, and that he was under much indebtedness to the Installing Master for many kindnesses. Whatever success had attended his efforts he was indebted to the Installing Master. To show the brethren the great energy of the Installing Master, not only in Freemasonry, but in the profession of which he was such a distinguished member, he might tell the brethren that Bro. Lennox Browne was the founder of one of those institutions in London of which all had a right to be proud—he meant a hospital. Passing on to the Past Masters, in a lodge that had not been established many years, of course, they could not have quantity, but what they lacked in quantity it had in quality. There was its first Master, Bro. W. Shurmer, a walking Masonic encyclopædia; next Bro. Holmes, and then Bro. French Bromhead, whose delight it was to do the ceremonies faultlessly. Next came the I.P.M., than whom they could not have a more perfect Freemason, and in testimony of the value the brethren put on his services they voted him a Past Master's jewel, which he (Bro. Kershaw) now had the honour of presenting him with.

Bro. Lennox Browne, replying as Installing Master, said he had already spoken in lodge and at the banquet table, and he should not now trespass on the enjoyment of the brethren by saying many words. What he had said he stuck to, and they had heard from the W.M. that there was a mutual respect between them, which he thought should excuse any further compliment. He had had the very greatest pleasure in coming to instal Bro. Kershaw, and was much indebted to Bro. Fortescue for giving him the opportunity. It could have been as well done by any of the Past Masters, but he wanted to do it to testify to the brethren his respect for Bro. Kershaw, as well as to the continued interest he took in the William Shurmer Lodge.

Bro. W. Shurmer, who also replied, said he regarded it as a very honourable distinction to be a P.M. and the Treasurer of that lodge. Seeing that it had been constituted less than four years, he thought they might fairly congratulate themselves on having become Patrons of the Benevolent Institution with 600 votes in perpetuity; and also Vice-Patron of the Boys' School with 30 votes in perpetuity. He hoped in a few days they would be Vice-President of the Girls' School. He regarded their distinctions as very brilliant diamonds in their crown. It must be allowed that they had not neglected to maintain in their fullest splendour those Masonic ornaments—Benevolence and Charity. No honour afforded him greater pleasure than being Treasurer to give effect to generosity in favour of the Institutions. He hoped that they would continue in well doing.

Bros. Holmes and Bromhead having responded, Bro. N. Fortescue, I.P.M., also replied, and while acknowledging the kindness which prompted their intended proposition of him as Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex, thanked the brethren for voting him the jewel, which he should always regard with the greatest pride.

The other toasts were afterwards honoured and responded to.

The programme of music consisted of performances well rendered by Bros. T. H. Lloyd, Selwyn Davies, Jefferson Davies, and Tom Taylor.

COLCHESTER.

Angel Lodge (No. 51).—The members of this lodge celebrated their 150th anniversary on Thursday, the 25th ult., when there was a large gathering to witness the installation of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, I.P.M. 2477, and P.G. Treas., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Harold Francis, I.P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. F. Wright), and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the arrival of the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., was announced, and he was admitted to the lodge, escorted by a goodly array of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, the honours due to his exalted rank in the Craft being heartily accorded him. The D.P.G.M. then took the chair, and performed the installation ceremony with the impressiveness for which he is so distinguished. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as under: Bros. George F. Wright, I.P.M.; Harry Becker, S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; Charles Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Secretary; J. W. Start, S.D.; Maslin Smith, J.D.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; J. S. Fitzjohn, I.G.; Thomas W. Brown, Steward; and A. Wright, Tyler. Bro. Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., was reelected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

At the conclusion of the business the new W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day, which he esteemed a great compliment to himself and to the lodge. The motion, having been seconded by the S.W., was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Philbrick, in response, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception of him, and said it gave him unspeakable pleasure to be present and see the prosperity of the lodge. They had just heard a speaker at the Oyster Feast remark that the looker on often saw most of the game, and when one came to the lodge, as it were, on these birthday occasions, one could judge, of how the lodge was progressing. It had been a particular pleasure to him to instal a friend and brother who would so worthily occupy the chair as Bro. Egerton-Green; and whilst every Mason looked upon the lodge as his home, no place could ever seem more like a home to himself as the Angel Lodge in his native town.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and between 50 and 60 brethren subsequently dined together at the Cups Hotel, the repast being well served as usual by Bro. and Mrs. Brown. In responding for the toast of his health, the D.P.G.M., in a happy speech, spoke of the strides that Freemasonry had taken since his first connection with the province, the number of the lodges having risen from 19 to 37, and he was happy to know that they were all actuated by the true Masonic spirit.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; J. Smith, I.P.M., as S.W.; Trotter, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Hopkins, S.D.; G. J. Tagg, J.D.; P. Cronin, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; C. Wheatley, A.D.C.; C. F. Davis, H. Webster, and W. Hill, Stwds.; W. Spearling, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; H. Wheatley, P.P.A.G.D., P.M.; W. Fisher, P.P.G. Treas., P.M.; and H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M. 834; S. Abell, W.M. 2032; C. Welch, W.M. 2120; M. T. Tuck, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M. 1343; A. Tucker, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M. 1733; H. F. Nash, P.M. 1769; Trask, P.M. 2312; Neal, 1348; Amey, 1401; and Bowers, 1638.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Towner was raised to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. George Ridgwell and William Golding Carrington, they were duly initiated by the W.M., whose correct working was highly appreciated. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. H. J. Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M. The following resolutions were passed: "That the thanks of this lodge are pre-eminently due, and are hereby accorded to W. Bro. J. W. Matthews, P.G.A.D.C. of England, &c., for his kind exertions in promoting the election of Ethel Eales, daughter of the late W. Bro. R. Eales, P.M. 1512, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex." "That the members of the Hemming Lodge desire to convey to the Board of Management of the R.M.I. for Boys their thanks for the consideration shown to Arthur Ernest Davey, by extending to him a further period of time at the Institution in order that he may obtain a higher education. The brethren are also pleased to know that the son of one of their late most highly respected members has, by his work and good conduct, won the above gratifying recognition by the Board of Management." The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided most ably. Among the speakers were Bros. Room, Jessett, Williams, Abell, and Welch.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Wycombe Lodge (No. 1501).—The installation ceremony of this flourishing lodge took place at the lodge room on the 25th ult. A large number of brethren assembled, including Bros. F. Johncock, W.M., P.P.G. Org.; G. J. James, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Morris, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., acting S.W.; Rose, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Tottle, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. H. Hunt, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Bliss, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec. and W.M. elect; H. Hambling, J.W.; J. J. Simcox, P.G. Org., S.D.; C. Batting, J.D.; T. Rees, I.G.; C. Skull, Org.; B. Wright, Stwd.; F. Payne, Tyler; C. T. Baines, H. Bayfield, J. Smith, J. Williams, F. Miles, W. Hearne, H. Flint, J. C. Coppock, H. T. Dickens, R. S. Wood, W. E. Cole, S. Flint, H. Harvey, Dr. McKay, J. Thurlow, and B. L. Reynolds. Among the visitors present were Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap. England, D.P.G.M.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. England, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Rev. O. J. Grace, P.M., P.G. Chap. England; H. J. Mount, P.M. 1566, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Gardner, P.M. 1566, P.P.J.G.D.; Arrowsmith, P.M. 1566, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. H. Major, W.M. 1894, P.J.G.D.; J. Williams, P.M. 501, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Bowen, P.M., P.G. Sec.; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 2421; J. W. Burgess, W.M. 2421; J. W. Burgess, W.M. 2492, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. A. Ball, W.M. 840; Jarvis, Swanell, Gibbs, and others.

The lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and approved, and a substantial balance reported. Bro. J. Williams was passed to the Second Degree, and the Grand Officers were duly saluted. Bro. J. Bliss was then installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Johncock, I.P.M. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hambling, S.W.; Simcox, J.W.; C. H. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; Rev. O. J. Grace, Chap.; C. Rose, P.M., Secretary; C. Batting, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; R. S. Wood, I.G.; Skell and Flint, Stewards; Johncock, I.P.M., Organist; F. Payne, Tyler. Mr. Wilson was then initiated by the W.M. On the motion of Bro. Bliss, Sec., Bro. the Rev. O. J. Grace, P.G. Chap. England, was made an honorary member of the lodge, and the reverend brother returned his thanks. The W.M. then presented to Bro. F. Johncock, the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to the banquet under the presidency of Bro. Bliss, W.M.; the dining hall having been very elaborately decorated, the table was tastefully laid out and a most *recherché* repast was provided by Bro. J. Bowden, who was indefatigable in his efforts to secure the comfort of the brethren.

The W.M. gave "The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Officers," to which Bro. Rev. Grace replied, and "The Prov. Grand Officers," to which Bro. Brownrigg responded.

The D.P.G.M. next gave "The Worshipful Master," and said it gave him extreme pleasure to be there that evening, and he was very proud of the Wycombe Lodge.

He well remembered consecrating the lodge, and it was a fact that not one of the brethren at that time belonged to Wycombe, but he felt confident the lodge would flourish, and now he believed there was not a single London brother connected with it; he was pleased to think the Wycombe Lodge was one of the most flourishing lodges in the province.

The W.M. suitably replied. He was proud to be in that position, as it showed the confidence and esteem he was held in by the lodge to put him in the chair for the third time.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," Bro. Bowen responding.

Bro. Rev. O. J. Grace gave "The Charities," and said he was proud to be in that position that evening, especially having two of the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions present. He had served the office of Steward several times, and he hoped the several Charities would be heartily supported. He was pleased to see that the candidate for the Girls' election, the late Bro. Sherman's child, was duly elected the first time of trying. Bro. Sherman died whilst in office of W.M. of Aylesbury Lodge, No. 591, and the case was taken up strongly and successfully by the province, and it proved to the brethren what could be done by unity.

Bros. Jas. Terry and J. M. McLeod responded, both giving some stirring instances of past elections.

The W.M. gave "The Initiate," to which Bro. Elsom responded.

Bro. Williams, Prov. G. Sec., gave "The Past Masters and Officers of the Wycombe Lodge," to which Bros. Hunt and Morris replied.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful lodge gatherings ever held in Wycombe.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the singing of Messrs. Noyce and Harmer.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Alexandra Lodge (No. 985).—The 31st installation meeting was held at the Bridge Hotel, on Monday evening, the 15th ultimo. Present: Bros. S. J. Coupland, I.P.M., as W.M. (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. E. Sunderland, who is seriously ill); Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G.C., as Chap.; M. Cox, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas., as S.W.; A. H. Brookes, J.W.; J. R. Clarke, P.P.A.G. Purs., Sec.; C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; G. P. Hobson, S.D.; Percy Jenner, as J.D.; H. Healey, Org.; W. Garthwaite, I.G.; R. P. Mossop, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. H. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C. Visitors: Bros. J. E. West, W.M., W. Fletcher, I.P.M., C. C. Bimrose, P.M., Sec., J. T. H. Brogden, and E. F. Bonner, of 469; A. J. Elworthy, W.M., G. W. Whitehead, P.M., and Bambridge, S.W., of 809; T. Peake, S.W. 107; and S. A. T. Coxon, W.M. 442.

Lodge having been opened by the I.P.M., the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and apologies received from Bros. S. S. Mossop, P.M.; W. Porter, P.M.; J. E. Townsend, P.M.; E. Sunderland, W.M.; and J. G. Dunlop, S.W., who were kept away through illness; also Bros. H. F. Pollock, P.M. 4, P.G. Stwd.; and Buckridge, 1658. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. E. Ward, D.C., and Bro. Coupland presented the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Healey, who was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers, others being unavoidably absent: Bros. A. H. Brookes, S.W.; Percy Jenner, J.W.; Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G.C., Chap.; M. Cox, P.P.G.S. of Works, Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; G. P. Hobson, S.D.; H. Garthwaite, Stwd.; and D. Oliver, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Chas. E. Ward. Bro. Ward, Charity Correspondent, then announced that advice had been received from Bro. B. Vickers, Prov. G. Sec., of the election of Florence Candwell to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

"Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the visitors, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, served in host Bro. Clarke's best style, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. Harry Healey, a very pleasant evening being spent.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. and received hearty response, being honoured musically with the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. P. Jenner, J.W., proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Smythe, J.P., D.L.; W. Bro. W. Harling Sissons, P.A.G.D.C. England; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. R. P. Mossop, P.P.G.S.B., proposed the toast of the evening—that of "The W.M., Bro. Healey," speaking highly of his energy in Freemasonry and attention to the lodge, though having 10 miles to drive to it, and was sure the brethren would not regret having placed Bro. Healey in his present proud position of W.M.

Bro. Healey responded in a few feeling words, and said he would do his best to continue the good record held by his predecessors in the chair, and felt sure that he would have the support of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren generally.

Bro. J. H. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C., proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Chas. E. Ward," of whose assistance in the working of the various ceremonies the brethren were proud.

Bro. Ward, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty reception given him, and stated that was the sixth Master of Alexandra Lodge he had had the pleasure of installing, and would always be pleased to give any assistance he could at installation meetings of the lodge.

Bro. J. R. Clarke, P.P.A.G. Purs., proposed, what he considered one of the chief toasts at all Masonic gatherings, "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so coupled the name of Bro. C. E. Ward, P. Prov. Charity Steward, whose work amongst the various Charities in the lodge and provinces was well known, and he believed that when Bro. Ward took up the Charity work of the lodge in 1889, there was only one—Bro. S. S. Mossop—who held life votes in the central Charities, whereas now, out of a membership of 38, the Alexandra had 30 brethren holding about 120 votes.

Bro. Ward considered it very appropriate that Bro. J. R. Clarke should propose that toast, it being owing to hints from him that the Benevolent Association was worked up, and had been the means, through liberal contributions of the brethren, of placing the lodge in its present position as regards the Charities; unfortunately the lodge had during the past few years had heavy calls to assist the education of children of deceased brethren, but with the help of provincial and central Charities they had been well met.

Bro. Cox proposed "The Visitors," whom the lodge were always pleased to see at their gatherings, and regretted so many had left by train. Bro. Bonner, 460, responded, and was pleased with the reception the visitors had enjoyed, they were all pleased with the working, and had passed a pleasant evening; speaking for himself, it was his first visit, but he hoped it would not be the last.

Bro. J. G. Dunlop, Past S.W., Org., proposed "The Immediate and other Past Masters of No. 985," and although he regretted the absence of four through illness, was pleased to see so many present; they had all done good work in the lodge, and hoped they would continue to take that interest they had hitherto done, and the fact of twelve Past Masters being present at the Board of Installed Masters was a proof of the interest they took in the lodge and the respect they had for the new W.M.

Bro. Foxton responded, and assured the W.M. of the very hearty assistance the Past Masters would give him during his year of office.

The W.M. proposed "The Newly-appointed Officers," and hoped those brethren would support him well during his year of office, as he felt that the regular attendance of the officers, and smart working of the ceremonies, went a long way towards ensuring a successful year of office, and that he felt sure the officers would endeavour to carry out.

Bro. Percy Jenner, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. H. Brookes, S.W., replied that for himself, although living 100 miles away, the W.M. might depend upon his doing his best to be present on all occasions, and was sure the officers of the lodge who had been that night appointed would carry out the duties of their offices in a satisfactory manner, with honour to themselves, and credit to the lodge.

Bro. J. H. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C., having obtained the permission of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Lodge Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. F. H. Foxton," than whom the lodge never had a more genial Chaplain, he was pleased to see him accept office again, and was sure the brethren joined with him in that view.

Bro. Foxton responded, and was taken a little by surprise on hearing the somewhat flattering remarks of Bro. Carter, but thanked him and the brethren generally for the reception given him. He was very pleased, indeed, that his friend, Bro. Healey, invited him to be Chaplain, and was pleased to in any way assist the working of the lodge. He felt they had got a good W.M. to preside over them.

The Tyler's toast having been given, a very happy evening ended.

Bro. Percy Jenner, J.W., presided over the musical arrangements, songs being sung by the W.M., and Bros. J. G. Dunlop, A. J. Elworthy, Percy Jenner, and Master Willie Clarke.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 17th ult., when there were present among others: Bros. R. Perry, W.M.; E. W. Davis, S.W.; A. Macchi, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas.; Brown, D.C.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., Prov. G. Org.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., Prov. G.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. E. W. Davis, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. The resignations of the brothers Davis were received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Std. B., Sec.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., &c.; L. O. S. Saunders, S.D.; W. Fisher, P.P.G. Treas. I.G.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.W., P.M., and others. The name of a candidate having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—The installation meeting of this chapter, which is now firmly established and boasts many energetic Royal Arch Masons on its roll of membership, was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on Thursday, the 25th ult. The proceedings in the chapter were of a highly enjoyable nature, the ceremony of exaltation being admirably exemplified by the officers named below, and the installation of the three Principals being carried out by Comp. G. R. Langley, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas. Middx., in a manner worthy of all praise. The hospitality afterwards dispensed in the banquet room was worthy of the hospitable traditions of the mother lodge and of the chapter itself. The companions present included Comps. F. Kedge, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; W. Hancock, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Coltart, P.Z., as J.; Geo. Reynolds (M.E.Z. elect 1326), Scribe E.; Samuel Hewett, P.Z., H. elect; Geo. H. Foan, J. elect; C. O. Burgess, as P.S.; J. Rowe, W. J. Thrusell, and others. Visitors: Comps. A. Wilson, P.Z. 889, P.P.G.S. Surrey; W. Dehane, P.Z.; Geo. R. Langley, Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; Orton Cooper, 1928; and W. W. Lee, H. 1524. The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Robert Love, 1987, was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The following companions were then installed into their respective chairs: Comps. Walter Hancock, M.E.Z.; Samuel Hewett, P.Z., H.; and G. H. Foan, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. George Reynolds, Scribe E.; A. L. Bullen, Scribe N.; J. Coltart, P.Z., Treas.; C. O. Burgess, P.S.; J. D. Graham, 1st A.S.; G. C. Bond, 2nd A.S.; J. Woodward, D.C.; J. T. Blyth, Steward; and R. F. Potter, Janitor. The audit report was adopted, and the chapter was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were given. Comp. J. Coltart, P.Z., in rising to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said that pleasing duty having fallen upon him, he was sure they would not require him to dilate upon the excellencies of Comp. Hancock, as they were all well acquainted with his good qualities and his work. They had seen the present M.E.Z. perform many functions in that chapter, and they now had the pleasure of wishing him a pleasant year of office, feeling confident that the destinies of the chapter would be safe in his hands, and that its traditions would be fully maintained. In drinking the toast they would also combine with it "Success to the Covent Garden Chapter."

Comp. Walter Hancock, M.E.Z., said he had to thank Comp. Coltart, P.Z., for the very kind and far too flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast. He thought

he might fairly say they knew him well enough to know that in the various offices he had held he had always tried by every honest effort to do his duty, and he was naturally pleased that his efforts had been satisfactory. He had never shirked any duty he had had to perform, but, for the first time in his life, he began to tremble, on account of the heavy responsibilities attaching to the difficult portion of the ritual allotted to the M.E.Z. However, they might rest assured that at the next meeting he would do his best. He had to thank them for the kind and generous way in which he was elected by those who had been his cheery, friendly companions for many years. He would do his best to maintain the reputation for working established by the Past Principals, to do justice to the companions and their confidence.

Comp. R. Love responding for "The Exalte," thanked his proposer and seconder, and said he could not but feel it a compliment and a great honour that he had received so much kindness on his entry to the chapter. The courtesy of the P.S. (Comp. Burgess) was more than he could possibly have expected from any brother or brethren, and he was particularly struck with the manner in which this companion did his work.

In proposing "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. said that if he was to do his work well in the chapter, he should have to rely upon the assistance and instruction of Comps. Dehane, P.Z. They were also glad to welcome Comp. Wilson, who had visited them many times, introduced by Comp. Hewett, H. There was another companion whose voice they had heard and whose work they had seen that evening, Comp. Langley, Prov. G. Treas. Middx. If there was one companion they knew well, and to whom they were indebted for his readiness and cordiality in coming to assist them, it was Comp. Langley. He would not endeavour to gild refined gold by further reference to the visitors, but wish them every happiness, and ask them to repeat their visit.

The visiting companions having replied, the M.E.Z. gave "The Past Principal," and said the chapter was fortunate in securing companions who took a pride in their work and in their endeavour to keep up the dignity of the Order. These coming forward could only hope to follow in their footsteps.

Comp. J. Coltart, P.Z., returned thanks, and said he had the interest of the chapter at heart, and had taken a considerable share of the work since the consecration.

Comp. F. Kedge, P.Z., said that that night he had had the pleasure of exalting a personal friend whom he had known for a considerable time as a worthy Mason and a worthy man. With reference to Comp. Love's remark as to the courtesy of the P.S., there was no doubt he could not have been introduced under better auspices than of the P. Soj. of the occasion.

Comps. Hewett, P.Z., H., and Foan, J., replied for "The H. and J.," the latter thanking Comp. Langley for the excellent manner in which he had been installed, and expressing the hope that succeeding occupants of the chair would be as fortunate in having the ceremony so impressively rendered.

The toast of "The Officers" afforded the M.E.Z. an opportunity of which he availed himself in graceful terms of referring to the excellent services rendered by Comps. Geo. Reynolds, S.E.; Burgess, P.S.; Coltart, P.Z., Treas., and others.

The Janitor's toast closed one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings yet held by this young and flourishing chapter.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Comp. W. J. Thrusell, assisted by Comp. Harry Tipper, Bro. C. Clark, Mr. J. Whitcomb, and Miss C. Bruce.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 4).—A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. E. W. Lewcock, Grand Steward, the W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Smith, as S.W.; F. A. Powell, J.W.; H. Loevgrove, P.G.I. of W., Treas.; C. Pulman, Secretary; J. Shilcock, P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M.; J. Read, P.G. Org., Org.; James Reid, and others. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the lodge was closed, and the brethren attended the consecration of the *Justicia Mark Lodge*. The resignation of Bro. Bate was received and accepted with regret.

GOSPORT.

Gosport Lodge (No. 305).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, on the 16th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and P.G. Overseer Eng. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. A. Rowe, P.G.R. of M.) By special request of the W.M., Bro. Lancaster conducted the ceremony of installation, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Hazzard, S.W., P.P.G. Std. Br., as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Rowe, I.P.M.; E. G. A. Nash, S.W.; T. J. A. Pearce, J.W.; C. F. Gale, M.O.; C. Martin, S.O.; Leaver, J.O.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. A. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., Treas.; R. H. Platten, P.M. 6, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, Sec.; T. Taylor, S.D.; S. Renfree, J.D.; T. J. Hill, I.G.; P. W. Jones, R. of M.; and A. Sewell, Tyler.

A telegram was received from Colchester, from the W.M., expressing his regret at not being with them at the installation, but that he would arrive later on. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. E. G. A. Nash, S.W., seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lancaster, Installing Master, for his kindness in conducting the ceremony, and the very impressive manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, which was put to the brethren, and carried unanimously. Bro. Lancaster replied that it gave him a very great deal of pleasure to come amongst them again to conduct the ceremony, but regretted he was suffering from a severe cold.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet provided by the worthy host, Bro. T. Taylor, presided over by the W.M., when the usual toasts were given.

Bro. Rowe, I.P.M., having arrived, the W.M. then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved, as a mark of the high esteem in which he was

held by the brethren, and the very great interest he had always taken in promoting the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Rowe, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him, and that he should always be ready and willing to do all he possibly could for the best interests of the lodge.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The meetings of this lodge have been resumed, and the winter session fairly started on Friday evening the 19th ult., at the Old Swan's Nest, Moorgate-street, E.C. There were present: Bros. W. Denins, as W.M.; J. H. Mayers, S.W.; E. S. Garrish, J.W.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., Preceptor. Treas.; C. Burrows, Sec.; F. Grierson, S.D.; Lionel Hudson, J.D.; J. R. Francis, I.G.; L. W. Harvey, and several other brethren.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. H. R. Driver being the candidate, and was performed in a most excellent style by the W.M., who is only S.D. in the mother lodge.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Rymer, W.M.; Winsbrow, S.W.; Royal, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Thomas, S.D.; Olive, J.D.; Squires, I.G.; Coomb, P.M.; Batterill, Bradley, White, May, Ham, Marriott, Matthews, Nicholls, Rice, McNair, Fayers, and Sharpin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. May, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sharpin being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, Bros. Rice, Sharpin, McNair, and Coomb were elected joining members, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Winsbrow was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed and seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner he had occupied the chair for the first time in the lodge. The lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. Paul, P.M., W.M.; W. Fowles, P.M., S.W.; T. Smale, P.M., J.W.; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Parker, S.D.; S. C. Cross, J.D.; N. Dukas, I.G.; A. J. Bellis, P.M., Tyler; Hy. Lendfield, P.M.; David Osocki, P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M.; W. Hoggins, P.M.; W. Haslett, P.M.; J. H. Evenden, P.M.; R. Barnes, P.M.; O. Lamare, A. Terry, A. B. Bayfield, J. Aikman, W. Brett, T. Pringle, J. Mason, C. J. Wright, A. Narten, J. Bazzi, Meurriel, A. Carlstrom, G. Fehrenbach, F. G. Evans, G. A. Sturgess, L. Gunzel, Isaac Goulston, Hy. Keen, S. Wharman, E. Niel, Chas. Ortnor, H. C. Parker, and M. Gooneratine.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and resumed in the First Degree. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. H. C. Parker; 2nd, Bro. W. Hoggins; 3rd, Bro. N. Dukas; 4th, Bro. A. Terry; 5th, Bro. W. E. Wilby; 6th, Bro. W. Fowles; and 7th, Bro. W. Haslett. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, the five Sections were worked respectively by—1st Section, Bro. T. Smale; 2nd, Bro. J. Thom; 3rd, Bro. G. Hill; 4th, Bro. E. Niel; and 5th, Bro. A. Carlstrom. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising seven brethren became joining members. Votes of thanks were recorded to the W.M., Bro. Paul, P.M., Preceptor, to Bro. Fowles, the S.W., and the brethren who had assisted in the working of the different Sections. After the second and third risings, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; P. F. Holmden, S.W.; H. J. Kembell, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts. Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Rapsley, S.D.; R. P. Upton, J.D.; R. Gillard, I.G.; G. Wheeler, J. W. Clarke, J. H. Whadcoat, D. C. Ritchie, C. Isler, R. W. Nicole, H. R. Bower, J. Amand, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; A. Oliver, P.M.; G. Gregory, P.M.; J. E. Widgery, A. H. Robertson, and G. T. Peall.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Whadcoat, when Bro. Isler answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Isler being the candidate. Bro. Widgery was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Holmden was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed. The final arrangements for the lodge supper on the 30th ult. were made. Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D. Herts, took the chair on that occasion.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. J. W. Malham, W.M.; Barnard, S.W.; O'Brien, J.W.; W. Roots, P.M., Preceptor; W. Bird, Sec.; O. Dea, S.D.; Cullpitt, J.D.; Atkin, I.G.; Wright, P.M.; Bate, P.M.; T. R. Williams, P.M.; Baumann, Polak, Morley, Lonsdale, Jackson, and Shuter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Shuter having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge

was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shuter being the candidate. Bro. Baumann took the chair of W.M., and resumed the lodge in the First Degree. Bro. O'Dea having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. O'Dea being candidate. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wright acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the usual times, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were present: Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Lewis, J.; T. Grummant, acting Preceptor; Stone, S.F.; Dunn, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; North, Cureton, Eedle, Benedetti, Jos. Cohen, and Nightingale.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Benedetti personating the candidate. Comp. J. Cohen, 72, was elected a joining member. Comp. T. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Stone for ably rehearsing the ceremony of M.E.Z. for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Invicta Chapter (No. 10).—The election meeting was held on the 19th ult., at 33, Golden-square. At the request of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. G. Edwards, 30°, the chair was taken by Ill. Bro. W. M. Bywater, 30°, and Bro. Captain Hastings Jones, J.P., was duly perfected. Bro. Chas. E. Keyser was elected as M.W.S., for the ensuing year. Ill. Bro. Bywater was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Austin, Outer Guard. Among the members present we noticed Ill. Bro. G. Mickley, M.D., 31°; Ill. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, 31°; Ill. Bros. J. Read, 30°; H. C. Heard, W. Woodford, F. S. Weiden, Major Allen; Ex. and P. Bros. G. Powell, Recorder; Rev. Dr. Fraser, Prelate; and J. M. Batstone.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter No. 107.—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 24th ult. The chair was taken by Ill. Bro. N. Goodchild, M.D., 30°, and there were present Ill. Bros. Henry Lovegrove, 31°; J. Read, Recorder; W. A. Scurrah, J. Purrott, T. P. Dorman, Ex. and P. Bros. E. Storr, W. M. Stiles, J. W. Stevens, A. H. Scurrah, and Thos. Parker. Visitors: Ill. Bros. G. Mickley, M.D., 31°; W. J. Ebbetts, W. E. Chapman, and Ex. and P. Bro. Nash. Bro. W. Metcalf was perfected. Bro. Edwin Storr was installed as M.W.S., and invested the officers as follows: Bros. Liversedge, Prelate; W. M. Stiles, 1st Gen.; A. H. Scurrah, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, Treasurer; J. Read, Recorder; Bro. Chas. H. Fry, Marshal; Ill. Bro. G. Capel, Raphael; Bros. J. W. Stevens, D. of C.; J. Purrott, Herald; T. Parker, Capt. of Guards; H. Graham, M.P., Stwd.; and G. Austin, Outer Guard.

This chapter is making great progress. After the completion of the business, the brethren dined at the Criterion.

Royal Ark Mariners.

GOSPORT.

Gosport Lodge (No. 305).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, 16th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.C.N., in the absence of the W.C.N., Bro. W. A. Rowe, who was unavoidably prevented from attending. By the special request of the W.C.N., Bro. G. F. Lancaster carried out the ceremony of enthroning the W.C.N. elect, Bro. F. Hazzard, J., in a very impressive manner. The W.C.N., Bro. F. Hazzard, then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Rowe, I.P.N.; C. F. Gale, J.; T. J. A. Pearcey, S.; W. A. Rowe, Treas.; R. W. Mitchell, D. of C.; R. H. Platin, Scribe; C. Martin, S.D.; E. G. A. Nash, J.D.; T. J. Hill, Org.; R. Renfree, Guardian; and A. Sewell, Tyler. The W.C.N. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lancaster for his kindness in conducting the ceremony, which was seconded by Bro. C. F. Gale, J., and carried unanimously. Bro. Lancaster, in reply, said he was only too pleased to assist in any way. A telegram was read from Bro. H. Crisp, P.C.N., and late Treasurer of the lodge, expressing his hearty good wishes to the W.C.N. and brethren of the lodge. A letter was also read from Bro. Crisp, thanking the lodge in very feeling terms for the very suitable present they had sent him after leaving Gosport.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet table, with the brethren of the Gosport Mark Lodge, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The above lodge of instruction, which holds its meetings at the Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, every Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m., celebrated its anniversary at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, the 20th ult. In order to keep up the continuity, the lodge was, as usual, opened under the presidency of Bro. Waterman, P.M., assisted by the brethren, and duly closed, it being a significant fact that this old and prosperous lodge of instruction has not failed for a great many years to hold its weekly meetings.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a very nicely spread banquet, which was presided over by Bro. W. Martin, P.M., P.Z., &c., and in the vice-chairs were Bros. Ellinger, P.M., and Sykes, P.M. The other officers of the lodge supporting were Bros. T. D. Wilkinson, P.M., and G. C. Blanchard, P.M., Secretaries; and W. J. Newell, P.M., Org. There were also present Bros. Samuel Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; J. M.

McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; together with about 45 brethren representing many lodges, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Nightingale, P.M.; T. D. Leng, P.M.; Stewart, P.M.; Penrose, P.M.; Eadle, P.M.; Thompson, P.M.; Drew, P.M.; Pickering, P.M.; Norris, P.M.; James, P.M.; Faulkner, P.M.; and others.

A short toast list was gone through after the usual loyal expressions.

Bro. COCHRANE, as Past G. Treas. Eng., and Bro. McLEOD, as representing the Boys' Institution, responded in connection with their interests at Grand Lodge, the latter more particularly referring to the beneficial work of the three Institutions.

Bro. WALTER MARTIN, in responding to the toast of his health, dealt with his long officership of the lodge, and expressed in feeling terms the kindness he had always received, and was pleased to know that by the votes given to him from time to time he had used them and been successful in getting many widows, aged Masons, boys, and girls into the various Benevolent Institutions.

"The Health of the Secretaries" (Bros. Wilkinson and Blanchard) was then given by the CHAIRMAN, and stress was laid upon the excellency of the work done by them, but more particularly he asked for the brethren's good wishes to Bro. Blanchard, who was about to proceed to Japan, trusting he might have a prosperous voyage there and back, and also, as it was business that took him to that part, he sincerely hoped he might be successful in the execution of the work entrusted to him.

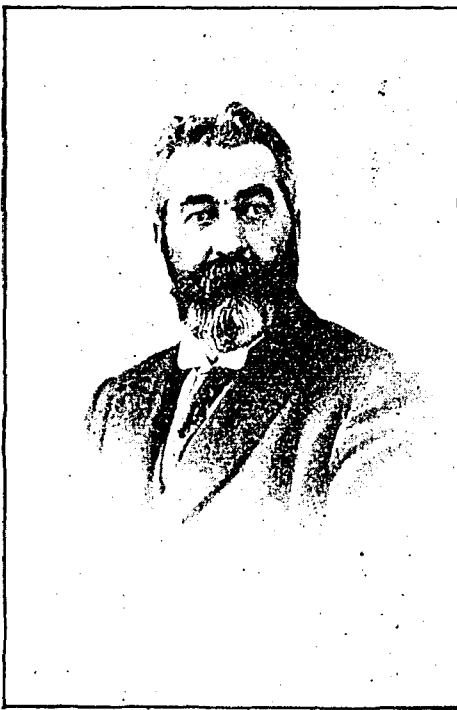
It is needless to say that, Bro. Blanchard being such a popular officer, this toast was cordially drunk with Masonic honours.

Bros. WILKINSON and BLANCHARD respectively responded, the latter saying he hoped all the good wishes as to his safety and prosperity might be fulfilled, and that on his return in about six months' time he would meet all the happy faces and good friends of those whom he now had to thank for their extreme kindness.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Visitors" and "Bro. W. J. Newell" (Organist for the past seven years), which were duly honoured.

The company having spent again a very happy reunion, "Auld Lang Syne" completed the evening's enjoyment, that had been liberally interspersed with harmony.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. S. RASHLEIGH,
of Clapham Rise,

whose installation as W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, is reported in another column, was initiated in that lodge in 1882, in which he filled all the principal offices. Our brother was founder of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345, and he takes a great interest in the Craft in the Metropolis, where he is well known.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh Chapter (No. 1).—The annual meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Comps. Robert J. Jamieson, M.E.Z.; James Simpson, M.E.H.; F. Duncan, M.E.J.; Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart., Depute Z.; R. Kirk Inches, Substitute Z.; J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, Sec.; J. Sime, N.; Peter I. Henderson, Treas.; W. A. Davis, Chancellor; J. Rex, 1st Soj.; Alphonse Louis Reis, 2nd Soj.; Edward Sang, 3rd Soj.; James Simson, Excellent Master; John Walker, Excellent S.W.; A. L. Thomson, Excellent J.W.; J. O. Fraser, Capt. of 1st Veil; Thomas Wardale, Capt. of 2nd Veil; George J. McCraw, Capt. of 3rd Veil; John Sime, Mark Master; Walter Kirkland, S.W.; James Smart, J.W.; John Martin, Chamberlain; James Thomson, Architect; Charles Stocks, Inner Guard; and Walter

Rule, Janitor. The Committee consists of the first 13 office-bearers, with Comps. Lindsay Mackersy, A. Mitchell, Wm. Peck, John M'Intosh, W. Bowman Macleod, and R. G. Simpson.

Thereafter the companions dined together, Comp. the Earl of Haddington, First Grand Principal, presiding, and being supported by Comps. Jamieson, M.E.Z.; L. Mackersy, D. Murray Lyon, and over 40 members of the chapter.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were intimated from Comps. Lord Saltoun, P.G.P.Z.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Depute Grand Z.; Major F. W. Allan, Grand H.; C. C. Nisbet, W.S., Grand J.; Sir Allan Mackenzie, Bart., ex-Provost G. Christie, Stirling, Sir James G. Maitland, Bart., Lord Elphinstone, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, and the Rev. Canon Skinner Wilson.

Ireland.

PRESENTATION AT THE MASONIC HALL, DUBLIN.

At a dinner in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult.—Bro. Rev. Ben. Gibson, Grand Chaplain, in the chair—Bro. Henry E. Flavelle, Asst. Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, was the recipient of a very handsome presentation on the occasion of his marriage.

The proceedings were of a very enthusiastic character on account of the great popularity of Bro. Flavelle, who, owing to his official position, has been brought into contact with the leading Masons in all parts of the country.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. THOMAS BUTLER, W.M. 153, Hon. Secretary of the Presentation Committee, read an address, which was beautifully illuminated by Bro. M'Connell. It stated that the happy occasion of Bro. Flavelle's marriage gave the Masonic body throughout Ireland an opportunity of expressing and recording their very cordial feelings of regard for him. They gladly embraced the occasion to assure him of their esteem for his character as a Mason, a brother, and a friend, and their high appreciation of his genial qualities, and the courtesy and kindness that had ever distinguished his intercourse with his brother Masons, as well as the great ability with which he discharged the important official duties of Assistant Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. With the gifts they asked him to accept was accompanied the fervent prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe might bless him and Mrs. Flavelle with a long, happy, and prosperous wedded life.

Bro. W. H. ROBINSON, W.M. 666, the Hon. Treasurer, then presented Bro. Flavelle with a purse of sovereigns and a silver salver. He mentioned that over 700 brethren had subscribed to the presentation, including his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, G.M., and Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy G.M.

Bro. FLAVELLE, who was received in the most cordial manner, on rising to reply, said he was most deeply sensible of the unvarying kindness which had been extended to him during his twenty years' service in the Grand Secretary's office, and which had culminated in their too flattering address and valuable presentation. It was gratifying to find that those for whom he worked regarded him with such friendly and paternal feelings. It was characteristic of the benevolence of the Masonic Brotherhood to show such a substantial interest in his welfare at so important an event in his life. He had been always proud of his connection with the Order, and reflected with sincere gratification on the fact that at no previous period in Ireland had it been so flourishing and influential a Body. He tendered his sincere thanks to one and all for their good wishes, and especially to those brethren who had so ungrudgingly given their time and trouble to make the presentation worthy of the Order but far beyond his own deserts.

Several other speeches followed, and "The Health of Bro. Butler and Bro. Robinson," who had worked so energetically in the success of the movement was drunk amid great enthusiasm.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE BAKER.

We regret to announce the death, on Monday last, of Bro. George Edward Baker, who for 30 years had occupied a responsible position in the establishment of Bro. George Kenning, at Little Britain. Bro. Baker was well known and highly esteemed, not only in his business relations, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, whose respect he had won by a singular charm of manner and disposition, as well as by a self-sacrificing readiness to render services to all who sought his help and advice. A funeral service was held at St. Saviour's Church, Hanley-road, Crouch-hill, on Thursday, and the body was afterwards cremated at Woking. Bro. Baker was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, in 1865, and continued a subscribing member until his death.

Deaths.

BAKER—Bro. George Edward Baker, age 53, Oct. 29th, at 8, Stapleton Hall-road, Crouch Hill.

WILLS—At Bristol, on the 30th ult., Bro. Thomas Wills, Moira Lodge of Honour.



[A copy of the present issue of the *Freemason* has been posted to several thousands of Freemasons whose names and addresses have been kindly furnished by Secretaries of lodges and others, in the hope that many who have hitherto not subscribed to a Masonic paper may, by a perusal of this number, be induced to do so, and thus keep in touch with all that is of importance in Freemasonry from week to week. An order form will be found on page iii of cover, which if filled in and returned to the office, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., will secure the delivery by post for one year.]

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT has consented to officiate on Tuesday, 20th inst., at the opening of the St. Bride's Foundation Institute, the memorial stone of which was laid by the Prince of Wales just a year ago.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH SAVORY, Bart., and Mr. Alderman Evan Spicer, L.C.C., attended the meeting of the governors of the Royal Holloway College, held at the Institution, Egham, on Saturday last.

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 Henriens" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

THE QUEEN, who has been a patroness and generous supporter of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick since her accession, has sent an admirably executed photograph of the painting by Von Angeli, bearing the inscription "Empress of India, 1891," to aid the object of the committee in procuring a collection of portraits of their presidents and patrons since the origin of the society in 1784.

THE LIVING OF NEWBOLD-ON-STOUR, Worcestershire, value £400, with glebe, has been offered to, and accepted by Bro. the Rev. Richard Colvin Lewis, M.A., rector of Eglwys-Brewis, Glamorganshire. The patronage is vested in the Fellows of Jesus College, Oxford. Bro. Lewis for many years acted as Chaplain in the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, in which he was initiated, and of which he is still a member, though somewhat removed in point of distance from his lodge.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIP GRAFTON, Captain Gissing, recently built under the Naval Defence Act, sailed from Sheerness on Wednesday, for the Cape of Good Hope, with new crews for the third class cruiser Philomel, the armour-plated coast defence ship Penelope, and the first-class gunboat Thrush, which are to be re-commissioned for another term of foreign service. The present crews of the vessels named will return to England in the Grafton, which is making her maiden voyage out of British waters.

THE AQUARIUM.—An interesting addition to the many attractions at the Aquarium is *Edison Kinetoscope*. This instrument presents to the view, photographs of living and moving objects at the rate of 46 per second (2760 per minute), each photograph representing a distinct phase of motion. The speed with which they pass before the vision is greater than makes it possible for the human eye to detect the change from one to the other, hence the effect of absolutely perfect motion.

A MASONIC BALL, under the auspices of the Lodge of the Marches, was held in the Town Hall, Ludlow, on the 22nd ult. The hall had been most tastefully decorated with flags and banners and emblems of the Craft. The orchestra was adorned with palms and plants, the decorations being carried out by Bros. T. J. Salway, E. J. Robinson, W. Blake, A. S. Townsend, S. H. Valentine, R. M. Bean, and J. Lockhart. The music was supplied by the string band of the 1st V.B. King's Shropshire Light Infantry. There was a company of over 150 present.

THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON (Alderman Dr. Ewart, J.P.) was on Saturday last installed W.M. of the Yarrow Lodge of Freemasons, 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, Chaplain; G. de Paris, Secretary; H. Abbey, Treasurer; E. A. Breed, S.D.; W. Whitlaw Scott, J.D.; A. Newsholme, I.G.; H. R. S. Abbey, Steward; F. Holford, P.M., D. of C.; and E. G. Whittle, P.M., Organist.

THE ST. JAMES'S SINGERS, PLAYERS, AND DANCERS, (Director, Bro. W. A. Baskcomb), have been very busy lately. On Saturday they gave an entertainment at the Earl of Sussex Lodge, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when for the first time in public Baby Costello and Master Gordon Victor Baskcomb danced the "Princess May Gavotte" in pretty old court costumes. On Wednesday, the same company appeared at the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex, held at Brighton, and also at York Town, Camberley. The humorous songs and recitations of Bro. Baskcomb, Mr. Frederic Upton, and Mr. Frank Lindo, the refined pianoforte playing of Mrs. Baskcomb, the sweet singing of Miss Nora Grayston, and the clever dancing of Baby Costello and Master Gordon Victor Baskcomb was greatly admired and loudly applauded.

DEATH OF AN OLD FREEMASON.—The death is announced of Bro. John Porter, of Dundalk, on the 19th ult., at the advanced age of 93 years. Bro. Porter was admitted to the Masonic Order in Lodge No. 877, Arklow, on the 26th July, 1826, and was therefore connected with the craft for the long period of over 68 years—possibly one of the longest on record. Bro. Porter rendered most of his services to his country in the Coastguard at Soldier's Point, Dundalk, and, having attained to the highest rank there, retired twenty-nine years ago to reside amongst those by whom he was so well and favourably known during his public career. Since his retirement he has been well known to the inhabitants of Dundalk and neighbourhood for his genial disposition and kindness of heart, and to the Masonic body, of which he had been so many years a member, as a faithful and warm supporter of Freemasonry.

UNDER THE WILL of Miss Eliza Dandy, of Liverpool, the following legacies are received by religious and Charitable organisations, viz.: £2000 by the Church Pastoral Aid Society, £1000 each by the Church Missionary Society and the Society for Promoting Christianity Among the Jews, £500 by the South American Missionary Society, and £100 by Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

We wonder how much capital is lying idle in lodges which possess an expensive organ which is never used. All the outward and visible signs of minstrelsy are present. The lodge is provided with books of Masonic odes, an Organist is duly invested with the silver lyre and there is the organ, and all that is ever heard from it is the occasional squeaking of the tenant.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH of Worthing was conferred recently upon Mr. E. Harrison who last year placed his land at the disposal of the Corporation during the height of the epidemic of typhoid fever for the purpose of a water supply. Water has since been drawn from the site, and has been given gratuitously by Mr. Harrison. After the freedom had been conferred upon him there was a large gathering at the Assembly Rooms, where he was presented with a service of silver plate and Mrs. Harrison with a bracelet. In the evening Mr. Harrison was entertained at a banquet.

THE WILL AND CODICIL of Bro. Alfred Best, of the Chine Hotel, Boscombe, Bournemouth, and formerly lessee of Freemasons' Tavern, who died on August 11th, have been proved by Mr. Charles Best, the brother, and Mr. John Sinclair, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £16,000. The testator, after making some bequests to his wife, son, and executors, leaves the residue of his property upon trust to pay the income to his wife, Mrs. Elinora Macdonald Best, for life, or while she remains his widow; and one-third of the income for life in the event of her marrying again; and subject thereto for his sons Alfred Sinclair and Herbert Charles.

WE HAVE A LETTER from a brother who claims our sympathy in what he calls a case of oppression (suppression seems more nearly to hit the mark). The brother had allowed his dues to accumulate for four months during which he had been absent, and on his return omitted to square matters. On a question being put to the vote about some matter of local interest, the brother in question voted with the majority and the question was carried by one vote. The W.M. proceeded to disallow our friend's vote, and the numbers then being equal, gave his casting vote the other way. Sharp practice possibly, and our lack of sympathy with the brother must not be construed into admiration for the Master.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

THE FRIENDS OF BRO. JOSEPH TICKLE, C.C., will regret to hear of the sad loss he has just sustained. His youngest surviving son, Bertram William Bannister Tickle, aged 15, died on Sunday last after a few days' illness. The lad was a picture of strength, and was a youth of extraordinary promise. Recently, considering his age, he acquitted himself remarkably well at the difficult competitive examination for a naval engineer's studentship. The head master of the St. Thomas' Charterhouse School of Science, writes to say that in his long experience he never remembers having a pupil who was so completely popular amongst his school fellows. The little fellow's death has caused quite a depression throughout the school.

BRO. GEORGE GABB, P.M., and Treasurer of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was entertained at dinner at his London house of business—the Haunch of Vension, Fleet-street—on Friday night, the 26th ultimo, by a party of his Wimbledon friends, on the occasion of his going out of the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Wimbledon, after carrying on business there for 16 years. Bro. Bibra, P.M. 1669, was in the chair, and presided over a most social party. The chief toast was, of course, that of "Host Gabb," and there was a general tribute to his good qualities and courtesy to all who are brought into contact with him. Bro. Gabb has taken a residence at Croydon, but still carries on his business at Deptford, Kingston, and the house before-named.

THE BRETHREN of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, held their annual musical evening in the banqueting room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Sayers. A pleasing programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. G. Cole, P.M., P.G.O., was sustained by Bros. F. J. Cully, F. Clements, A. J. Neall, E. H. Payne, A. Latter, H. Tester, E. Broadbridge, W. Norman Roe, G. Cole, Leverett, Norris, Wilkinson, Lockyer, and J. Eberall, Bro. Norman Roe proving an able accompanist. Bro. J. A. Thilthorpe also contributed a recitation. A few toasts were submitted, Bro. A. J. Hawkes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., proposing "The W.M.," and the Chairman giving "The Visitors," the latter being acknowledged by Bros. Stubbs, Wilkinson, and Swinden. A pleasing feature of the evening was the attendance of the "father" of the lodge, Bro. W. Kuhe, P.M., P.G.O., whose health was drunk with enthusiasm, and who contributed a pianoforte solo.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—Bro. Thomas Davidson, who was killed by a fall from the roof in Gallowistyle Pit, Glenbuck, on the 17th ult., was buried with Masonic honours in Muirkirk Cemetery on Saturday, the 22nd ult. He was a most enthusiastic Mason, and affiliated member, and a P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 245, Glenbuck, but his mother lodge was St. Thomas, No. 201, Muirkirk, where he was made a Mason in November, 1873. Between 40 and 50 of the brethren of the above two lodges turned out on the 22nd ult., in white linen and regalia, to pay their last respects to the deceased brother. At Glenbuck, where he resided, he was carried shoulder high from his house to the hearse, which was in waiting at a short distance, his jewel and apron being placed on the top of the coffin. The brethren then formed in front of the hearse, and marched to Muirkirk. The procession halted about 200 yards from the cemetery, where the coffin was removed from the hearse, and carried by the pall-bearers to the grave, Bro. the Rev. Robert Montgomery, Chaplain 201, performing the ceremony. The brethren then dropped the green twigs which they carried into the grave, formed themselves into a circle, and joining hands around the grave took a final farewell. There was also a very large attendance of the public, which made it one of the largest funerals seen there for a long time. Much sympathy is felt for his widow, who is left with four young children.

The 50th performance of "The Fatal Card," at the Adelphi Theatre, takes place to-night (Friday).

THE SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY of Knights Templar will meet at 33, Golden-square, W., on Thursday, the 15th inst., when the Malta Degree will be worked. Particulars of Bro. Henry Lovegrove, Eboracum, Hernehill, S.E.

THE SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS testimonial prize—a Steinway boudoir grand piano—was competed for by piano pupils at the Royal College of Music on Wednesday last. There were seven competitors, and the prize was adjudged by the Board of Professors to Miss Gwendolyn Toms, who has held the Pringle Scholarship at the College for the last three years.

"THE STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY" is the latest philatelic publication, the appearance of which is guaranteed for six months—at least—by the publishers, Messrs. Harry Hickeys and Co. (Limited), 64, Cheapside. Mr. E. J. Nankivell contributes a paper, "Craze or no Craze," and there are papers on the secret marks of Bremen stamps and English specialism, and a little outspoken criticism of "the auctioneer, broker, dealer."

MASONIC BALL.—On the 27th ult., a Masonic ball, under influential patronage, took place in the Town Hall, Wolverhampton, which was prettily decorated for the occasion by Bros. T. J. Salway, J. Lockhart, W. Blake, A. S. Townsend, S. H. Valentine, and R. McBean. Mr. F. Rowland's Band (Shewsbury) supplied the music. Supper was supplied by Mr. W. Raiswell, of the Elephant and Castle Hotel. The ball was in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and was a great success.

BRO. COLONEL LAMBERT, F.S.A., who is Master of the Glovers' and Tinsplate Workers' Companies, entertained the court of the first-named company and his friends of the last at dinner at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 24th ult. It was a very enjoyable evening, the Colonel being an ideal chairman, his warmth of welcome and benign geniality making a deep impression upon all who were brought within their festive influence. Bro. Sheriff Hand was among the immediate supporters of the Master.

WE ARE ASKED by Bro. Chas. H. Stone, I.P.M. 507, to state he is not the Bro. Stone referred to in our report of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall as having obtained from Bro. Smithson a loan of 1500 votes at the last election of annuitants to the Benevolent Institution. As this transaction has been the subject of much adverse comment, our correspondent, who is well-known in Masonic circles, and takes an active part in connection with the Charitable Institutions, considers that in justice to himself this disclaimer should be made.

LADY BELPER PRESENTED the prizes to the pupils of Nottingham High School for Girls, and Lord Belper, in a short address, noted that rewards were given for athletic proficiency. He observed with peculiar interest, as the commander of a yeomanry regiment largely recruited from the town and neighbourhood, that prizes were offered in every class for drilling. At present they were only able to recruit members of the sterner sex, but no doubt in future, somewhere in the twentieth century, they would hear that owing to the excellent physical training given at that school, and the aspirations towards military success it inspired, a stalwart troop of amazons would be raised in the town.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, who is to pay a Masonic visit to Worthing on the 17th inst., will arrive at 1.28 p.m., and will probably depart by the 4.50 p.m. Luncheon is to take place at the Assembly Rooms at 1.30, and the Provincial Grand Lodge will subsequently meet in the adjoining Drill Hall. Permission has, it is understood, already been granted to connect the two halls, as was done on the occasion of Alderman Patching's ball in the second year of his Mayoralty. His Royal Highness will not, it is expected, be able to stay for the whole of the business. His consent to receive an address at the hands of the Corporation is quite an innovation as far as the Duke's attendance at Masonic functions is concerned, and there is no doubt that the townsfolk will signify the extension in their favour by offering the Duke a most hearty welcome. The route from the station to the Assembly Rooms will be via Chapel-road, South-street, and a portion of the Parade.

ONE OF THE MOST prominent figures in the history of Wales passed away peacefully at one o'clock on Tuesday morning. Clwydfardd would have been 95 in a month's time, and since 1880 he has proclaimed each Welsh Eisteddfod in his position as Chief Arch Druid. He won numerous medals for composition, and since 1889 he was in receipt of an annual contribution from the Queen's Bounty Fund in recognition of his services to literature. In the same year he was presented with a purse of gold for his arduous labours in connection with the Welsh Eisteddfod. His services were also recognised by the committee of the London Welsh Eisteddfod, who presented him with a medal. Deceased was a local preacher in the Wesleyan denomination. At the age of eighty-four he ascended to the top of Snowdon, and his strength and vitality were considered wonderful. The funeral will take place on Saturday at Abergale.

ON WEDNESDAY, Lady Trelawny, in the presence of a large assemblage of ladies, which included the Dowager Lady Dynevor, Lady Dowell, and Lady Sotheby, formally opened, at 33, Maclise-road, Kensington, a branch home of the Theatrical Mission and Institute (Macready House, Covent Garden). The rent of the premises has been guaranteed for three years by a donor who prefers to remain anonymous, but who wishes to see comfortable provision made for the women and girls employed upon the stage of Olympia in the intervals of rehearsing or performing. Col. Griffin presided, and the Secretary (Mr. A. B. Harding) made a short statement, saying that the Duchess of Bedford and Lady Wantage had been among the chief subscribers to the cost of furnishing, which had been £300. Lady Trelawny remarked that her interests in the work of the Theatrical Mission had been aroused by a feeling of gratitude.

STARTLING RUMOURS OF WAR are in the air. The statesman watches the course of events with manifest anxiety. A word from him may precipitate matters and hurl the nations into deadly combat. He must keep his nerve—all depends on that. Once let his nerve fail him and he knows full well some terrible mistake will be made, some hasty word spoken, and then indeed all will be lost. There are times in our daily life when every man finds himself similarly placed. Everything depends upon nerve. Let him be prepared for such times, and by the use of Holloway's Pills keep his head clear, his blood pure, and his frame invigorated.