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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Worthing was selected as the place of meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex this year, and the inhabitants made the visit the occasion of a hearty welcome to his Royal Highness. The Duke, contrary to usual custom, kindly consented to receive an address at the hands of the Mayor and Corporation; Colonel Sir Henry Fletcher promised a guard of honour of the 2nd Sussex Volunteers, and the tradesmen fell in to a large extent with a suggestion by the Corporation that the day should be made one of general holiday. Very many visitors found their way to the town, and Worthing looked her best, the sun shining gloriously at mid-day on the waving flags and banners, while the streets were full of people. The Duke arrived at 1.35. His Royal Highness was accompanied by his equerry, Col. Egerton, and Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C. He was met on the platform by Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., M.P., and Lord Henry Thynne, the former of whom introduced the Mayor (Councillor W. H. B. Fletcher) to his Highness. His Worship, of course, wore his robes and insignia of office, and was accompanied by the mace-bearers.

A guard of honour, consisting of 100 men of the Arundel, Chichester, and Worthing Companies of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, was formed up in line in the roadway.

As the Duke came from the station the regimental band struck up the National Anthem, while a resident in the neighbourhood, who had improvised some light artillery on his premises, fired a royal salute.

Mr. VERRALL, having been presented to the Duke, with whom he shook hands, read the following address:

To his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Worthing, respectfully offer to your Royal Highness a most sincere and hearty welcome to our town.

We cannot but remember that the popularity of the health resorts of the Sussex Coast had, to a very great extent, its origin in the favour shown to them in former years by members of your illustrious house, and we look upon the fact that your Royal Highness has to-day departed from your usual custom when visiting a town in the capacity of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this Province, by graciously accepting our loyal address as a signal mark of the continued interest of the Royal Family in the welfare and prosperity of the rapidly-increasing town of Worthing.

We beg to thank your Royal Highness most heartily for this proof of your interest in our town of Worthing, and to assure you of the loyalty and affection which we, in common with all her Majesty's subjects, feel for her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, your Royal Highness, and the other members of the Royal Family.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Worthing, this 17th day of November, 1894.

W. H. B. FLETCHER, Mayor.
W. VERRALL, Town Clerk.

The Mayor having handed the address and case to his Royal Highness, the latter said: I desire to thank you, Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, for the very kind address you have presented to me on this occasion. I am glad to have this opportunity of visiting Worthing, and hope the expense and trouble you have taken to make Worthing as good a health resort as possible will be very amply repaid, and that the town will thoroughly prosper.

Afterwards the Duke inspected the troops drawn up near the station, and a long procession, which included some 30 carriages, then made its way to the Assembly Rooms. The Masonic dignitaries came first in order, followed by the members of the Corporation, the members of the Committee who had arranged for the reception, and lastly, the Duke and Mayor, with the troops.

The Assembly Rooms had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion, the walls being festooned and tapestried with coloured fabrics, while the stage was decorated with flowering and foliage plants, and choice hot-house flowers embellished the tables. The brethren, who, to the number of nearly 150, had secured seats at the luncheon, and the ladies who occupied the gallery, gave their Prov. G. Master a very enthusiastic reception as he entered the room with the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., the applause being continued until he had taken the chair. The post-prandial proceedings were of a brief but very hearty character.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT opened the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft." A toast which he said he was sure would be received with enthusiasm.

That toast having been duly honoured, he next submitted "The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." For many years, he said, the Prince of Wales had been at the head of the Craft, and as years rolled

by the brethren had learned to appreciate more and more his great efforts on behalf of Freemasonry. He was now with the Princess of Wales in Russia under sad and painful circumstances, and he was sure that both the Prince and Princess had the entire sympathy of the whole Masonic Craft.

His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT then proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The Craft were, he said, deeply indebted to the Grand Officers for their help and support on all occasions, and the Sussex Freemasons, he knew, appreciated the frequent visits which many of the Grand Officers had made to the province.

Bro. Lord HENRY THYNNE, in briefly thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, congratulated the Province of Sussex on their grand gathering that day.

The Mayor of Worthing, Bro. Councillor W. H. B. FLETCHER, who was greeted with cordial applause, proposed "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught." As a very young Mason, he said he felt that in submitting such an important toast in the presence of so many brethren of high standing his words would be weak, but he wished in all sincerity to acknowledge the admirable manner in which the members of the Royal Family discharged the duties lying before them. As Freemasons all present appreciated the work of his Royal Highness that day as Provincial Grand Master. As Mayor of Worthing he wished to heartily thank his Royal Highness for his visit to the town, and to say how glad he felt in having the opportunity of testifying to the deep loyalty and devotion of the burgesses of the town to the Royal Family, and also to express, on their behalf, their warm appreciation of the high compliment which had been paid them that day by the visit of his Royal Highness.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, on rising to respond, was greeted with hearty and prolonged cheers. In acknowledging the toast, he thanked the Mayor of Worthing for the kind manner in which he had proposed it, and the brethren for their cordiality in responding to it. He said he was accustomed to be received by the Freemasons of Sussex in the kindest and most friendly manner, and, in his own name, and on behalf of other brethren, he expressed the pleasure he felt in holding the Provincial Grand Lodge at Worthing. He desired to thank the Mayor, the W.M., and the brethren of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship and the local Committee, for their preparations and arrangements for their comfort, and also to thank the citizens of Worthing for the cordial reception they had extended to him. He then proposed "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., P.G. Steward." He said they were all indebted to their Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the interest he took in the province, and for the ready manner in which he came amongst them. He (Bro. Marriott) was a busy man in his profession and in politics, and personally he was much indebted to him for the ready support and assistance which at all times he gave him.

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, in responding, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the too kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. He had little time for Freemasonry, but whatever spare time he had was at their service. He had received invaluable assistance from the Prov. Grand Officers, and it was his pleasing duty to propose "The W. Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. W. E. Morrison; the W. Prov. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Dr. J. Ewart; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. W. E. MORRISON, in responding, said the enterprise and progressive character of the town of Worthing had undoubtedly been communicated to the compilers of the toast list, for he believed it was the first occasion on which a future Prov. Grand Officer had been asked to respond for the Prov. Grand Officers. He, however, desired to express the devotion and loyalty of the officers to the Craft and to the province.

Bro. Sir RAYMOND BURRELL, P.P.G.W., in briefly proposing "The Visitors," gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Dr. STRONG, in responding, thanked H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught for his presence that day, remarking that his visit would be the best recommendation the town could possibly have.

Owing to the pressure of time, "The Swards," and the Tyler's toast were omitted.

Time did not permit of a lengthy musical programme. Bro. H. Chapman sang the solo of the National Anthem, and Miss Edith Chaplin sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," and also one song, the duties of accompanist being in the hands of Bro. F. D. Carnell.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The brethren then adjourned to the Drill Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The room had been superbly decorated, and was crowded by the large gathering of Masonic brethren, many of whom had been present at the luncheon. The Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, presided, and the Prov. Grand Officers present were:

Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Richard Clowes, Acting Prov. S.G.W.; A. M. Brookfield, M.P., Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. A. Rivington, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. R. Wood Loosemore, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. M. Reed, Prov. Grand Treasurer; T. P. Harker, Acting Prov. Grand Registrar; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; T. Burne, Prov. S.G.D.; F. V. Paxton, Prov. J.G.D.; W. E. D'Albrac, Prov. G.D. of C.; H. Endacott, Dep. Prov. G. D. of C.; M. Lelcw, Prov. G.S.B.; B. Burfield, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.; H. Cheal, Prov. G. Purst.; G. C. Vernon Inkpen, W. Carless, and E. Histed, Prov. G. Stwds.; H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; and many Present and Past Prov. G. Officers of Sussex and other provinces.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY called the roll of the lodges in the province, and it was ascertained that each lodge in the province was represented.

The report of the Board of Finance, with the Treasurer's accounts, and the report of the Charities Committee, were presented and adopted.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY read statistics showing that the brethren in the province numbered 1332.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren as follows: Brethren,—Once more I have the pleasure of being present amongst you to congratulate you upon the quiet prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, and am more particularly pleased to be able to pay a visit to the town of Worthing, which, having gone through a period of great distress, is now showing signs of a return to prosperity, which will, I trust, be rapid and satisfactory. The returns do not exhibit a large increase in the number of members, but steady progress has been made. I do not want the lodges to be anxious to receive any but those who express a desire to join, and are likely to prove worthy. The number of initiates has been quite satisfactory. I am glad to find that the alterations in the by-laws, providing for four meetings during the year of the Board of Finance and of General Purposes, has had good results. I quite agree that the books signed by the members should not be available for the use of the Press. I sympathise with those who object to the publication of names so freely, and fully endorse the precept; at the same time, I think it is a question which must be left to the good taste of the various Masters, and do not feel that I should exercise my authority by actually prohibiting any particulars of the proceedings from being published. The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee is most satisfactory, and must be a source of considerable congratulation to the Secretary, Bro. J. M. Reed, whose enthusiastic efforts in the cause of the Masonic Institutions are so highly appreciated. The amount subscribed is very large in comparison with the number of members, and more especially so when I am told that the amount is arrived at much more by the renewal of old subscribers than by the receipts from new ones. I know that many young Masons are brought into the list every year, but I should like to see a still further addition to the number of those who take a monetary interest in those remarkable and valuable Institutions. I am informed that a Masonic Club for the Province of Sussex has now been started in Brighton. I sincerely trust it will prove a means of uniting the brethren of the various lodges in daily intercourse, and strengthen those bonds which should bind the Craft.

Bro. J. M. Reed was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their respective offices as follows:—

Bro. W. E. Morrison, P.M. 916, 1110, 2334	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Ewart, W.M. 811	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. P. Crick, P.M. 851	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Wood Loosemore, P.M. 1184	...	
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Carless, P.M. 1848	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. E. Saunders, P.M. 1465	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" R. L. Thornton, P.M. 2459	...	
" R. Piper, P.M. 851	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" H. Pearce, P.M. 1797	...	
" G. C. V. Inkpen, P.M. 38	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. Histed, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Longman, P.M. 56	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" A. F. Lamette, W.M. 1947, P.M. 2187	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Weston, J.W. 311, P.M. 1303	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. C. Edwards, P.M. 40	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Creighton, P.M. 1110	...	
" W. C. Newsam, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. J. King, P.M. 1141	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Hosken, P.M. 1610	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Smith Stone, P.M. 311	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. N. Masters, P.M. 341	...	
" J. H. Whatford, P.M. 916	...	
" W. E. Raper, P.M. 1184	...	
" J. Wood, P.M. 1636	...	
" R. P. Clowes, P.M. 2201	...	

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A word of praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. G. C. Vernon Inkpen, E. Histed, R. Piper, H. Pearce, and W. Carless, for their admirable arrangements. Necessarily the burden of the work fell upon Bro. R. Piper, ex-Mayor of Worthing, who, in conjunction with the Mayor and the brethren of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, had laboured with energy and zeal to

make the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught a success, and it is gratifying to record that their united efforts proved a triumphant success.

The Duke was escorted to the station after the gathering by a large crowd, who cheered him heartily as he took his seat. The Mayor accompanied his guest, and, shaking hands with the Duke, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to welcome him to Worthing. As the train left the station the people cheered again most lustily.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, the 1st inst., under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53. Present:

Bros. Charles Letch Mason, P.G.M.; John Barker, D.P.G.M.; W. E. Smithies, P.S.G.W.; Charles Woollons, P.J.G.W.; John Unwin, jun., P.P.G.W.; Vernon G. S. Dearden, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Myers, P.G.S.O.; J. E. Darling, P.P.G.O., as P.G.J.O.; Rev. Geo. H. Stock, M.A., P.G. Chaplain; Capt. H. G. E. Green, P.G. Treas.; A. E. Kikham, P.P.G. Reg, as P.G. Reg; Joseph Matthewman, P.G. Sec.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.P.G.O., as P.S.G.D.; E. Billington, P.P.G.O., as P.J.G.D.; H. I. Garnett, P.G.D. of E., P.P.G.W., P.G.I. of W.; Thomas Robertshaw, P.G.D. of C.; J. P. Hewitt, P.P.G. Reg, as P.A.G.D.C.; William Cockroft, P.G.S.B.; H. S. Holdsworth, G.S.B. of E., as P.G. Std. Br.; John Brook, P.G. Org.; George Edwards, P.P.G. Org.; George Wragg, P.P.G. Org.; F. Cleaves, P.G.S.B. of E., P.P.G.W., as P.G. I.G.; T. G. Howell, as P.G. S wd.; M. J. Dodworth, William Senior, and Charles Middleton, P.G. Stwds.; and J. H. Newton, Tyler. Also W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens, and Overseers from Lodges Old York, T.I.; Prince Edward, 14; Britannia, 53; Fernley, 58; Integrity, 110; Copley, 111; Portal, 127; Truth, 137; St. Chad, 374; and Danum, 398.

Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Pro. G. Master, presided, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The roll of lodges was called, and all the lodges in the Province were represented except one.

Bro. JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN, Prov. G. Sec., in presenting the minutes of the Provincial Meeting held at Halifax, on the 2nd May, 1894, which had been printed and circulated, called attention to the fact that the name of Bro. T. W. Embleton as the donor of 10 guineas for the endowment of the Senior G. Warden's chair in the Mark Benevolent Institution, had inadvertently been substituted for that of Bro. Fred Cleaves, by whom the money had actually been given; That he (the Prov. G. Secretary) had made the alteration, and that with that correction he presented the minutes for confirmation.

Bro. H. J. GARNETT then proposed "that the minutes with the correction be taken as read." This was seconded by Bro. V. S. DEARDEN, and carried. The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Bro. JOHN BARKER, seconded by Bro. EDWIN BILLINGTON.

The PROV. G. MASTER then delivered an address, in which he congratulated the brethren of West Yorkshire on meeting again in the City of Sheffield, and under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, and the more so under the peculiar circumstances that had arisen on that occasion. As they all knew they hoped to have had the pleasure of a visit from the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, but as that visit was, in the first instance, in connection with another Order of their honourable Craft, great difficulty arose in fixing the day. Their thanks were specially due to the brethren in Sheffield for so readily waiving their claim for the meeting in favour of Leeds, and then, when the visit of the Pro Grand Master fell through, so kindly renewing their invitation. Since their last meeting at Sheffield they had to mourn the loss of Bro. William Kelly, for 34 years Prov. G. Master of the Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland, and Derbyshire. He was appointed at the constitution of the province in 1858, held the position of Prov. G. Master up to the day of his death, and was the senior Prov. G. Master under the English Constitution. Bro. Kelly was a worthy representative of their Order, and one they felt it hard to part with. With all reverence, he hoped that when he presented his life's work to the Great Overseer, he was found worthy to form part of that spiritual temple, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." He was happy to announce that their Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthewman, had opened a register of the donations of the brethren to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it was much to be desired that all subscriptions in the future should be sent through the Provincial Grand Secretary, although it did not necessarily follow that promises must go through the same channel. Referring to the 26th annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund, which took place in June under the presidency of the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and which resulted in £1894 being collected, he said that of that sum West Yorkshire sent up £112 6s., more than one-half of which was contributed by the lodge under whose banner they were assembled. He, the Prov. Grand Master, fully described the objects and working of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and strongly urged upon the brethren the desirability of giving a regular and steady support to that Charity. In conclusion, he said there was one other subject to which he must refer. At the suggestion of his Deputy, and entirely without his knowledge, a sum was raised, and the chair of that province endowed in support of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. That very handsome donation, to which every one of the 12 lodges in the province contributed, amounted to 50 guineas, and conferred five votes upon the Provincial Grand Mark Master for the time being in perpetuity. He thanked the brethren for that further proof of their confidence. It was very gratifying to him also that the Mark brethren of this province should so unanimously have helped in raising the noble amount

of £4500, which their R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, as Chairman of the Festival, was able to announce.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER also addressed the brethren.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then announced letters of regret at inability to attend from Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W., and A. W. Walker, Prov. G. Sec., N. and E. Yorkshire; also from Bro. R. F. Morton, Prov. G. Sec., Lincolnshire, as well as from other brethren.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY next read a letter from Bro. T. Tomlinson, W.M. of Copley Lodge, Leeds, conveying a most cordial invitation on the part of himself and his brethren to Prov. Grand Lodge, to hold its next meeting under the banner of No. 111.

The PROV. G. MASTER said that he hoped and believed we should at our next meeting have a visit from the Pro G. Master, the Earl of Euston, that he would give him all the vacant days for six weeks after Easter to select from, that it would be the annual meeting, and that for the convenience of the province generally, he thought it should be held in Leeds, and that unless something at present unforeseen occurred, he had little doubt the kind invitation of Bro. Tomlinson and the Copley Lodge would be accepted.

The WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. George Wragg, W.M., the Past Masters and brethren of Britannia Lodge, particularly to Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., for the excellent arrangements they had made for this meeting, and for the comfort and convenience of Prov. Grand Lodge. He congratulated them upon the complete success of their labours.

This was seconded and carried, and Bro. GEO. WRAGG having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

A tea à la fourchette followed. This was excellently served and thoroughly appreciated. Upwards of 40 brethren partook. The after proceedings were of the usual loyal and Masonic character, the meeting from beginning to finish being a great and undoubted success.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Wisbech, on the invitation of the United Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 809, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., for the appointment of officers and the despatch of other Masonic business.

Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. Grand Master, was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. Rev. Joseph H. Gray, Deputy P.G.M.; G. Carrick, acting P.S.G.W.; H. Thorn, acting P.J.G.W.; Revs. L. R. Tuttiatt and H. T. Cronin, P.G. Chaplains; W. Bray, P.G. Treasurer; Oliver Papworth, P.G. Secretary; W. Grover, P.S.G.D.; G. Whitehead, P.J.G.D.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; R. F. Percy W. Simpson, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Berridge, P.G. Org.; and J. R. Bambridge, P.G. Parst.

The attendance also included Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B. Eng., Secretary R.M.I.G.; J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.D.G.M. Westmorland and Cumberland; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; A. S. Coxon, W.M. St. Peter's Lodge; J. Sheppard, P.P.S. G.W. Suffolk; M. Cox, J. Clark, and others.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was called, and also the roll of the lodges.

The P.G. Treasurer's accounts were of a satisfactory character, showing a balance of about £35.

The P.G. Registrar's return of the lodges for the past year showed a slight decrease in membership, due mainly to the considerable number who had left Cambridge.

Bro. W. W. Rouse Ball, P.M. 1492, was elected P.G. Treasurer for the year.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers as under:

Bro. John Leach, 809	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. H. Sharman, 441	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. S. Cronin, 859	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. C. Crossfield	...	...	...
" W. Rouse Ball, 1492	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Oliver Papworth, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. J. Elworthy, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. H. Ruston, 2107	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Hill, 859	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Sindall, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" J. Dewberry, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. E. Boughton Leigh, 859	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. E. Priddle, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. E. Girling, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. W. Redin, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. F. Charlton, 88	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. W. Potts, 441	...	...	...
" N. Symonds, 859	...	...	...
" H. C. W. Windley	...	...	...
" A. J. Briggs	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. H. Ellis	...	...	...

The officers having been saluted, the report of the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association was received.

A Charity jewel was presented to Bro. P. H. Young, P.P.G.S.B., and a Charity jewel clasp to Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.

On the motion of Bro. P. H. YOUNG, it was agreed to vote 15 guineas to the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association for current expenses.

On the motion of Bro. W. BRAY, P.P.G. Treas., it was agreed to vote 10 guineas to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Oliver Papworth was nominated to serve on the Board of Management of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. Rev. J. H. Gray and

Oliver Papworth were elected Trustees in place of Bro. A. H. Moyes, deceased, and Bro. C. Galdard, who has left the province. A sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a late brother of No. 441.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor for the use of the hall and to the Charity Stewards. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren, to the number of sixty, afterwards partook of a banquet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Chippenham on Saturday, the 10th inst., in the Lodge Room of Lodge Lansdowne, No. 626. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Radnor, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, and more than 100 Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of the various lodges of the province, including Bros. Harry Bevir, P.S.G.W.; W. S. Bambridge, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. England, Prov. G. Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.G. Reg.; H. Leaf, P.J.G.D.; J. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; H. Millington, P.G. Org.; S. Snell, P.G. Purst.; H. D. Evans, P.A.G. Purst.; and W. Dean, P.G. Tyler.

After the transaction of business the Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. W. J. Mann	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Merrick	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. D. Dunlap	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. B. Merriman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. H. Phillips	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Harry Bevir	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. K. Read	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Neale	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. Waters	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Chandler	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. J. Hibberd	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. B. Oliver	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. H. Baker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Wallington	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Turner	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. T. Coleman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Bishop	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" B. W. Cries	...	...	...
" G. W. Knight	...	...	...
" W. Dean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge received with regret the resignation of Bro. F. H. Goldney, as Prov. G. Treas., and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his past services extending over 14 years.

The usual banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, over 80 brethren sitting down.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Dudley on Monday, the 19th inst., under the banner of the Godson Lodge, No. 330, when there were present Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Abraham Green, D.P.G.M.; Murray Haynes, P.G.O.; W. T. Page, P.G.O.; Rev. W. J. Down, P.G. Chap.; W. E. Walker, P.G. Treas.; T. F. Bland, Sec.; M. Smith, P.G.D.; J. W. Roberts, P.G.D.C.; Duncan Shedden, P.G.S.B.; W. Stansfield, P.G. Org.; James Jones, P.G.I.G.; and many officers and members of the respective Mark lodges in the province. Visitors: Bros. Wright Wilson, P.G. Sec. Warwickshire, and Harry Clark, 340.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and, after the usual routine business, the P.G. Treasurer's accounts were approved, showing a credit balance, and Bro. W. E. Walker was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The P.G. CHAPLAIN having delivered a well-considered and appropriate address, the alms were collected for the Mark Benevolent Fund, Bro. W. A. Campbell volunteering as Provincial Charity Steward.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was invited to Worcester for the next annual meeting under the banner of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59. Several Charitable grants were made from the funds.

The Prov. G. Master appointed his officers as follows:

Bro. A. Green	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" T. F. Bland	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" M. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. T. Page	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Jones	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. J. Surman	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. J. Down	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. E. Walker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Duncan J. Shedden	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" Murray Haynes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Stansfield	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. A. Campbell	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. M. Harlow	...	...	...	Prov. G. I. of Wks.
" J. W. Roberts	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Newey	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. A. Hatfield	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. S. Morris	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. G. Dobbs	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" T. W. Knott	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren banqueted under the genial chairmanship of the Prov. G. Master, at the Saracen's Head Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
NORTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at Rhyl. Bro. Col. Hunter, P.G.M., presiding over an exceptionally large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. The Prov. Grand Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gordon-Warren	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" Coxhead	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Thomas Williams	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Captain Ashley Randolph	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. B. Farrington	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" John Hughes	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Pugh Evans	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Thomas Edwards	...	...
" Richard Bellis	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Haworth	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. D. Henderson	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Jones Roberts	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. Fisher Jones	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. M. Gunn	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. L. Woods	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. G. Jones	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Owen	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. T. K. L. Davies	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Burwell	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Ellis Jones	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. Magrath	...	...
" J. Vincent	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The banquet was served at the Westminster Hotel.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in response to the toast of his health, referred to the great increase which had taken place in Mark Masonry, no fewer than 40 lodges having been added to the Order in England last year.

CONSECRATION OF THE FITZWILLIAM MARK
LODGE, No. 477, AT PETERBOROUGH.

Peterborough can now claim the distinction of having formed and opened the first Mark Lodge since the inauguration of the new provinces, which Grand Mark Lodge has considered it desirable to create, on the decease of the lamented Bro. Kelly, late P.G.M. of Leicester, and the gathering at the Freemasons' Hall, Peterborough, on Monday, the 19th inst, was worthy of this occasion.

The ceremony of consecration was conducted by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, who is also Prov. Grand Master of Norths Hunts, and Beds.

Lord Euston was accompanied by the following Grand Officers: Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M. Middx., as S.W.; C. FitzGerald Matier, P.G.W., G.S. as J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gray, G. Chap., as Chap.; J. Balfour Cockburn, G.D.C. as D.C.; Jabez Church, P.G.O., as J.O.

The ceremony was carried out with all the ease and masterly skill and impressiveness which great experience in their special duties has made this distinguished Head of our Order familiar.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Richard Croft, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Leicester, &c., and in such able hands these were simply perfect.

A word of praise must also be given to Bro. Clarabut, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*, who has been indefatigable in his exertions to start the lodge.

The ceremony of consecration being ended, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., and G. Sec., took the chair and installed Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam as W.M.

The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers, and they were duly invested: Bros. T. Phipps Dorman, P.M. 245, S.W.; W. H. Pike, P.M. 292, J.W.; Geo. C. Caster, M.O.; J. Hardy, S.O.; J. B. Vergette, J.O.; Rev. P. Royston, Chap.; J. Clifton, Treas.; R. D. Adkins, R.G.; H. C. Clarabut, Sec.; J. C. Royce, S.D.; J. S. Loweth, J.D.; W. Beyer, Org.; R. W. Elsey, I.G.; F. Caster, Stwd.; and H. Plowman, Tyler.

Amongst the numerous visitors present we noticed: Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire; G. Ellard, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 245; Paget, Croft, Hart, Hodges, Fletcher, and R. Binson, W.M. 245.

The usual banquet took place at the Angel Hotel.

THE POETRY OF MASONRY.

It would indeed be a sorry world if we were able to deny that there is a Poetry of Life; and he who denies the Poetry of Masonry in the same sense, has studied it to very little purpose; his intellect is dull indeed. As in the poetry of life, it is believed in at one period, the happiest, viz.: in our youth. The Masonic youth of every man (I speak with some years over a quarter of a century's experience, passed as a keen observer of men and things), is passed in mixed wonder, with gratitude for the knowledge that a Society exists with such professions toward God and man. This admiration of the principles of a *human* institution, so instinctively interwoven with thankfulness towards a *beneficent* Creator—that elevation of the soul above the ordinary routine of life awakened at our initiation—combined with the willing acknowledgment in the presence of our friends, and, as it were, in the presence of God, acceptance of those principles and avowal of trust in Him—spring from what may very aptly be called the poetry of Masonry. It has reached the heart *then*, and however long or short may be the period of its duration there, runs on exactly parallel lines to what is called the poetry of life. The latter circumstance is the only reason why it is being subject to partial extinction, which could never have happened had the Craft occupied its proper and original place as a *leader* instead of *following* the outside world.

As the best part of man is the poetic, so it is in Masonry. Nobody will deny the latter, because as long as it has existed nothing has been said in favour or praise of Freemasonry without reliance on its aid. The Craft universal has acknowledged it, stamped it with the seal of approval, and must either stand for it or acknowledge the institution worthless, as it would be whom eliminated from it.

So far as the ordinary acceptance goes, poetry is little appreciated in the bustling hurry of our nineteenth century competition to live, into which most of us can hardly avoid being drawn; but to own that the suppression of humanity in the breast, and honesty in one's dealings, enables a man to be the better equipped to earn his living, is a confession few men would make!

Many people, I know, regard any kind of poetry, if they acknowledge appreciation of it, as an inspiration of the mind more or less elegantly expressed; but this is no poetry, and certainly not the kind I would wish to always find in a Masonic Lodge and want preserving. If poetry does not stir our nobler qualities, which the jostling hubbub of life or the hardness of our surroundings may have deadened—if it does not touch the chords which responded so melodiously when the true poetry of life awoke in our youth—if it re-animates none of those lofty, ideal inspirations which the untrammelled enthusiasm of boyhood produces, but have long lain dormant under the cold calculating influences of the world—in short, if it speaks not from the soul in tones indicative of the source, and neither stirs our hearts in some degree to our betterment, nor inspires our souls with gentle, noble or sublime feelings (and I am deeply conscious myself of having been most likely a great sinner in this respect), it is no poetry at all, but worthless doggerel!

Prosaic man says "I like *facts*—no poetry for me!" while deep away in the recesses of his heart he constantly yearns for it! The prosaic Mason says, "if we don't get on, the supper will be cold; can't we skip a bit?" and yet the latter will leave the said supper-table with a scowl if the poetry of Masonry be left out in proposing his health.

As I have more than once asserted, Masonry might travel on still wider lines, but is influenced by the prosaic tendency of the world which it *follows*. It has all the qualifications of a *leader*, and everything to lose with nothing to gain from outside. It might be a great social power; but we older Masons do exactly to our children in the Craft as parents generally too often do in these days, wilfully neglecting their need of encouragement, good example, love; and then with hardened hearts looking around to find on whom or what to throw the blame for the consequences. Is it any wonder that we have the daily horrors in the newspapers, when by sapping child-life and crushing out the poetry of life in youth we are forming the man that is to be? The same hardness of heart that prompts to train a youth to regard money-getting as the sole purpose of his existence, cannot fail to have its baneful effect. Similarly shut out the poetry of Masonry and ignore its teachings, and what is left? The coming manhood is just as serious a contemplation for the Masonic, as the society future, and "to be forewarned is to be forearmed."—A. J. *Leader in the Freemasons' Repository.*

THE FREEMASONS AND MEDIEVAL ART.

Architects are apt to forget that by the very fact of copying their predecessors of the Middle Ages, they become most unlike them in that particular circumstance which is the life and soul of all material art, the principle on which it is carried on. The present generation endeavours to recover, like a dead language or a lost science, what the men of old exercised as a living, progressive, self-developing thing. We have, indeed, the body, decayed and worn out as it is, but they had the spirit which quickened it. It is a mistake to suppose that that spirit was identical with, or even the necessary result of, the Medieval faith. The two things are quite distinct in themselves, as is evident from the fact that we retain the latter, while we had utterly lost and are now only recovering the former. Gothic architecture was immediately and essentially suspended by the dissolution of the Freemasons, in whose hands it was vested like a vast monopoly, rather than by the rupture in the unity of the Christian Church which took place in the sixteenth century. Without such an organised system as that wonderful confraternity supplied, no amount of religious feeling or enthusiastic faith could have achieved the great ecclesiastical works of the Middle Ages, because (as at present) it would have been unable, so to speak, to embody itself in any definite, methodical, scientific way. At the present time few men of genius supply a want and, as it were, a vacuum in the department of ecclesiastical art which was unknown and unfelt in the days of the Freemasons. Our bond of unity, so far as it exists in giving the preference to a particular style, is nothing more than a common consent to admire and copy their works. What, indeed, but a kind of rivalry to be foremost in reviving a lost art could now insure anything like an agreement or uniformity in building and decorating churches? Where each one strives to be the best copyist of an existing model it is obvious that at least a very close approximation to uniformity will be the result. But this uniformity is a totally different thing from that which formerly prevailed through the influence of co-operation and the restrictions of actual rule. It is just as different as the voluntary and independent attempts of five or six fellows of colleges to imitate the old monastic life would be from the working of an actual religious community living under the ancient rule. In the one case monasticism is a thing extinct or at least merely traditional, in the other it is a living reality. So it is with modern church building; the selection of a style is arbitrary, and it is only to a general movement and a kind of fashion (induced no doubt by the best feelings of love and reverence for the mighty past) that we owe the improved character and furniture of the churches which we see rising everywhere around us. Of the history, organisation, rules and craft of the ancient Freemasons next to nothing is known. But we cannot contemplate their works without being filled with amazement at the perfection of a system which for many centuries together could cover the face of Europe with buildings wherein every detail was, for the time being, in the strictest unison, a system under which every advancement and improvement of the art was spread simultaneously and adopted unanimously by the working thousands throughout a wide Continent. Not but that Christian architecture had national developments, or rather, perhaps took national directions according to climate, material, and other external circumstances. For instance, the early English and the contemporaneous continental geometric-decorated, our perpendicular, and the gorgeous flamboyant of our neighbours are instances of these diverging tendencies, though all are essentially subordinate to one rule and evidently animated by one spirit.—*Architect.*

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The November meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottbrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs, while the Grand Secretary's department was represented by Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; William Dodd, and W. H. Lee. Among the other brethren present were Bros. George B. Chapman, Charles J. R. Tijou, Charles Dairy, S. Valentine, David D. Mercer, Major-General F. Gadsden, James Bunker, George Read, Henry Garrod, W. P. Brown, S. V. Abraham, William Bywater, George Graveley, George R. Langley, F. Hilton, H. Williamson, S. H. Goldschmidt, E. C. Mulvey, Robert H. Gowan, Walter Martin, Charles Frederick Hogard, Walter Hopekirk, W. F. Smithson, Thomas Minstrell, H. French Bromhead, W. J. Barnes, Thomas R. Cass, Richard R. B. Staveley, J. Pickett, S. Quitmann, S. G. Sevin, A. E. Sallaway, R. F. B. Lennard, R. A. Moody, W. Fincham, J. Vine, J. K. Gwyn, T. E. Taylor, I. H. Gluckstein, G. Waterall, W. P. Hubbert, H. Massey, T. Harper, W. L. B. Seagrave, W. T. Warner, J. S. Tamburini, W. Harris, J. Whitehead, C. S. Mote, Wm. Shurmur, George V. Rice, N. Fortescue, R. W. Mugeridge, George E. Fairchild, T. Bateman Fox, John Rawle, E. Francis, A. J. Wilks, Thomas Sims, Saml. E. Southgate, J. H. Matthews, F. Gallizia, C. E. Collins, Thos. Pickett, Wm. F. Smithson, J. F. Knibb, Howard Sammons, John G. McEwen, Joseph Bolton, Henry Times, Henry Stiles, Henry Roberts, W. P. Barnshall, C. W. C. Jones, R. Pain Walkden, N. Goodchild, Harold J. Harper, R. Gillard, W. M. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, R. Alaway, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge, or "Board of Masters," was first held for the adoption of the agenda of Grand Lodge on December 5th, and the following proceedings took place.

Bro. ROBERT GREY said he should like to ask the Committee as to whether it would not be better that some minutes of the Committee should be kept. There was no Committee he knew of that had not a record of its proceedings. There might be at times a question of what did or did not take place, and he thought it would be very much better that this Committee should always have some record of the proceedings, some shorthand note of what transpired. He was sure it would be as fair to those who thought that they were perhaps not treated as they might have been at that Board as it would be to those who were members of the Board. He would like to ask the Board if it was their wish that in the future a minute of their proceedings should be made.

Bro. W. P. BROWN enquired whether it was meant that there should be a record of the proceedings at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. ROBERT GREY said no, but only of the Quarterly Meetings of the General Committee of Grand Lodge, because some discussion might take place at Grand Lodge on what had occurred at the Committee. In 19 cases out of 20 the proceedings were merely formal about the business to be transacted at the ensuing Grand Lodge, and the minutes would be merely for information. But it might happen that something would take place which might appear to be invidious. At all events, he thought it would be very much better that there should be a record. He therefore would make a motion to that effect.

Bro. MERCER and Bro. LANGLEY both thought it would be well that such a record should be kept.

Bro. J. BRETT seconded the motion.

Bro. ROBERT GREY then put the motion "That minutes of the proceedings of the General Committee shall be kept regularly and be confirmed at the next General Committee."

The motion was carried unanimously, and the agenda was then settled.

The Board of Benevolence was thereupon opened.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, S.V.P., said that as that evening was the last occasion when the meeting of the Board for the present year would be held, he thought that as Stewards of the important Fund of Benevolence, it was desirable that they should look back and review the result of their year's labours. He thought they could do so with much satisfaction to themselves, when they considered that in that time, with some thousands of pounds, many poor Masons in distress and trouble had been relieved by the Board; in addition to whom many widows and children of Masons had also been relieved. That was to the brethren who formed the Board a great privilege as well as a great pleasure. But to do this spontaneously, effectively, and with equal justice to all—with as much liberality as possible—it was necessary to give not an occasional, but a constant attendance at the Board, because it was not possible to form a correct opinion of the distribution of the funds at the disposal of a Board without the knowledge of its income, and whether it would last out the year. On that Board they had seen, on some occasions, distinguished brethren come forward to support cases, and by great ability and elocutionary power, had so advocated those cases as to lead the Board to vote larger sums than they otherwise would, and that to the detriment of very strong cases. As he had said, to do the work well, required not only constant attention, but good government, and that was the point to which he wished to draw the brethren's attention, and was the purpose for which he rose. He was going to propose a vote of thanks to the President of the Board, Bro.

Robert Grey. He (Bro. Brett) did not profess to have the wisdom of King Solomon, but he knew one thing—that all the brethren of the Board were proud of their President. There was an old proverb—"Like master, like man," and he believed there was great truth in it, for when a president set a good example it had great force and influence on those over whom he presided. It was not possible to find a brother more able or more attentive—giving his time constantly at that Board—more painstaking or patient than Bro. Robert Grey; he was the same Bro. Robert Grey now as he was when he first took the chair nearly nine years ago. Ever since he first took the chair he had displayed great judgment, ability, and firmness, but at the same time with consideration, patience, helpfulness, and great kindness. Considering the long list of business there was before the Board that night, he would not be justified in taking up the time of the brethren with further remarks, more especially as Bro. Robert Grey was not only so well known to himself (Bro. Brett), but to all the brethren both at that and all other Boards at which he gave his assistance. He sincerely proposed "That a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to our Bro. Robert Grey be recorded on the minutes," and in doing that he was quite sure he expressed the feelings of the brethren when he said he hoped that the Board might be honoured and petitioners benefited by his being spared to preside over the Board for many years to come.

Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., and Bro. C. A. Cottbrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, rose together, but the latter gave way.

Bro. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., said, as one of the oldest members of the Board of Benevolence, he would like very much to second the motion. He knew Bro. Cottbrune would like to do so as he had on previous occasions; but he hoped he might be allowed to second it as one of the oldest members of the Board. It would, however, be needless for him to make any lengthened remarks, Bro. Brett having spoken so fully on the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, then said he felt by the remarks which had fallen from Bro. Brett that this was not merely a formal vote of thanks, but a sincere expression of the feelings of the brethren. Some little time ago the Board resolved that their meetings should open at five o'clock, instead of six, in the evening. He was afraid however that that night the regular business would not commence till long after six, and therefore he would say only a few words as a consideration of fuller expressions, and he hoped the Board would accept them as his thanks. Bro. Brett had been kind enough to call him "the same Robert Grey to-day that he was the first time he sat there." In spirit he was the same; he was very proud and thankful to say he did not feel himself so very much older, and he only hoped he might continue so. He trusted it would be his great honour, as it would be his extreme pleasure, to preside over the brethren for many years. He should only be too pleased to do so if it was the will of the M.W. Grand Master to again appoint him to that distinguished post. It was a position of which he was justly proud, for he considered that that Board, and the Board which was so ably presided over by his brother on his right—Bro. Loveland Loveland—the Board of General Purposes—were the two Boards, which were the essence of Masonry, the backbone of the whole Craft. He had done his best here, but that best would have been utterly useless had it not been for the universal kindness, assistance, and moderation he had received from every brother who attended the meetings of the Board. It was not given to everyone to have the gift of patience; he did not possess it himself, but he could only say that if at any time he had said a word that might have been taken as a little sharp, or unbrotherly, or unkind, there was no feeling of that sort in his mind, and he asked their pardon. He looked forward to the future with as much pleasure as he looked back on the past—the pleasure of bestowing and extending relief to those who had not been so fortunate as the members of that Board. That was his idea, to extend relief to the distressed, and as long as they carried out that principle of loyalty to the precepts of the Craft so long would they stand at the head of the Craft which stood at the head of the world of Masonry.

Bro. DAVID DIXON MERCER, P.G.P., said that before considering the cases on the paper he would like to ask the opinion of the President whether the time had not arrived for the Board to take some steps with regard to those petitioners who had ceased to be paying members of lodges for some time. At the last meeting they had some cases before them where the petitioners had not paid for 30 or 40 years. There were some such cases before them that night, where they had subscribed two or three years, and then ceased for years. He thought they ought to take their circumstances into consideration, and he would like to take the feeling of the Board whether there should not be a limit of time when a brother should be allowed to come to the Board for relief.

Bro. JAMES BRETT said they could not do it without getting the law altered.

Bro. D. D. MERCER said according to the law a brother must have paid two years to his lodge. He could see nothing in the book with regard to altering the rule.

Bro. C. J. R. TIJOU, P.A.G.P.: We cannot alter it. Bro. D. D. MERCER. There is nothing to prevent us limiting the time.

Bro. ROBERT GREY read Rule 234, and said it was perfectly clear—and he thought Bro. Loveland, whom he would appeal to, would endorse what he said—that they could not go beyond that. The Book of Consti-

tutions would have to be altered if they varied their present principle. They could not make a rule of their own. In the opinion of the Board, there were frequently cases that were worthy of relief, although the petitioners might not have subscribed more than two years at a distant date. If they were to alter their rule as suggested, they might have urgent cases where they would be prevented relieving them. The remedy was in the hands of the Board, as they had the power to deal with every case on its own merits.

The subject then dropped, and the brethren confirmed recommendations made at the October meeting to the extent of £570. The new list contained 41 cases. Of these only one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1040. They came from London, Malton, Havant, Bocking, St. Helena, Pembroke Dock, Dewsbury, Leicester, Hartlepool, Hexham, Aldershot, Wighton, Shrewsbury, Chingford, Plumstead, Norwich, Crewkerne, Gosport, and Bermuda. There were five amounts of £50 each, five of £40 each, eight of £30 each, 14 of £20 each, six of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

CITADEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1897.

A preliminary meeting of brethren living in the neighbourhood of Stoke Newington was held at Farleigh Hotel, Anhurst-road, Stoke Newington (proprietor, Bro. Jas. Cole, 1158), on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., for the purpose of formally resolving upon forming a lodge of instruction, appointing the necessary officers, and framing by-laws.

Bro. I. I. Bird, P.M. 1567 and 1897 (of which he is senior P.M. and founder), having received the authority of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, in the Province of Middlesex, to hold a lodge of instruction under their title, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., kindly consented to inaugurate the lodge on Friday evening, the 16th inst., by a rehearsal of the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

Bro. Terry was ably assisted in the work by Bros. John Mason, P.M. 1567, &c., P.G.S.D. Middx., as S.W.; James Bunker, P.M. 1158, as J.W.; the Rev. W. B. Robinson, 1491, as Chap.; T. I. Bird, P.M., &c., as I.P.M.; Willie Wright, P.M. 1897, M.E.Z. 1602, P.P.G. Org. Middx., as Org.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., as D.C.; J. R. Cordell, P.M. 813, P.Z., as I.G.; Harry Willsmer, 1567, as Secretary.

The following members of the lodge formed on the 13th instant were present: Bros. J. H. Gaskin, P.M. 1897, P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; C. J. Davison, P.M. 1897; J. Osborne, P.M. and Sec. 1897, P.Z.; P. Young, I.P.M. 1897; W. Whiteside, D.C. 1567, and Sec. Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge of Instruction; C. J. Robinson, 1897; R. Emery, 27, 1923; Geo. Keobell, S.W. 1662; T. H. Palmer, 1708; C. H. Dittenman, 1567; Fred. Kebble, S.D. 1662; G. Clark, P.M. 1679; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326, Preceptor of Citadel and Dalhousie Lodges of Instruction; E. G. Platt, 1327; D. J. Witte, 1327; J. Cole, 1158; T. Fiessel, 171; A. Wyatt, 1567; and F. V. Fenn, 1567, and others. Visitors: Bros. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; A. S. Fodd, I.P.M. 27; R. J. Campbell, P.M. 1439; S. Pardue, P.M. 1585, 1567; G. S. Denney, P.M. 167; F. Flood, P.M. 1929; S. C. Kaufman, P.M.; J. C. Yates, P.M. 1366; S. Crane, P.M. 933; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; W. S. Harvey, P.M. 1216; W. Hicklin, P.M. 1201; N. Edmunds, P.M. 1894; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; W. Harding, P.M. 2168; R. S. Taylor, W.M. 1929; W. Gray, P.M. 1489; and about 60 other brethren.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Terry addressed the brethren upon the object of the meeting, the usual ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, after which Bro. F. Dunstan, P.M., one of the Preceptors, was installed as W.M., and appointed his officers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Terry and the officers who had so ably assisted him in the performance of these most beautiful ceremonies, on the proposition of Bro. Bird, I.P.M., who spoke in high terms of the great service rendered to the Citadel Lodge of Instruction by the presence of so prominent a brother, and Bros. Terry, Mason, Rev. W. B. Robinson, and W. Wright were unanimously elected honorary members.

The permanent officers of the lodge are Bros. O. J. Von Holtorp, P.M. 1897, P.G.D.C. Middx., and F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326, Preceptors; T. I. Bird, P.M. 1567, 1897, P.Z., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Rev. W. B. Robinson, 1491, Chap.; C. J. Robinson, 1897, Org.; and Harry Willsmer, 1567, Sec.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

We congratulate our Royal Arch companions of
Middlesex on the installation of Comp. Lord George
Hamilton, M.P., as Grand Superintendent of the Pro-
vince. It may not always be possible, but it certainly
is eminently desirable, that the two branches of con-
stitutional Masonry—the Craft and the Arch—should
be in charge of the same person; but where, as in the
case of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the Craft ruler
has been successful in his administration, and it is
known that he is eligible to preside over the Arch, it
would be an act of singular unwisdom to select any
other companion, however distinguished a Mason he
might be, for the appointment. Happily for Middle-
sex, his lordship did not press his unwillingness, on
the score of inexperience, to accept the post of Grand
Superintendent, and as it has now resumed its place

among Royal Arch Provinces, we are confident that
Middlesex will become as prosperous under the new
regime in this branch of Masonry as it has been in the
Craft. For one thing it has a goodly muster-roll of
chapters, while his lordship will have the advice and
assistance of two capable R.A.'s in Comps. Thrupp
and Mead, the newly-appointed Prov. G.H. and Prov.
G.J.

There are few men in our ranks who have worked
harder and are better deserving of being honoured
than Bro. G. W. Speth, the indefatigable Secretary
of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and the
editor of its Transactions, and it was with sincere
pleasure that last week we published a report of the
proceedings which recently took place—in connection
with the installation meeting of the lodge—under the
auspices of Bro. Sir Charles Warren, when Bro.
Speth, in recognition of his valuable services, was
presented with a gold watch and chain. Here, indeed,
there can be no doubt that honour was paid to whom
honour was due, and we congratulate both Bro. Speth
who received the testimonial and the members of the
lodge who presented it.

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand
Lodge of Worcestershire, held at Malvern, the bre-
thren attended Divine service in the fine old Priory
Church. Amongst other good things a new Masonic
anthem, entitled "Bear ye one another's burdens,"
was well rendered, and met with general approval.
The composer is Bro. Walter F. Newton, S.W. 1204,
and Prov. Grand Organist; and we are glad to see he
has published the anthem, which is sure to be a success
at consecration and other meetings.

In our report last week of the installation of Bro.
F. H. Macklin as W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, we
omitted to notice the very beautiful card of invitation
that had been issued for the occasion. It speaks well
for the zeal and interest shown by individual members
that an artist of the reputation of Bro. Glendon should
have devoted so much time and skill to the execution
of a special design for this meeting. The result was a
charmingly dainty etching, which all will treasure as a
memento of the occasion.

In this connection also a novelty was provided, and
much dignity was lent to the proceedings by the per-
formance of an entirely new musical ritual by Bro. Dr.
J. Hornsey Casson. This was sung most impressively
by four brethren, who are the chief soloists at St.
Paul's Cathedral. One knows of the ordinary anthem
which is occasionally introduced into the Masonic
ritual, but we think this is the first time that a special
Masonic service has been composed using the words
of the ritual. The music is very good, and we believe
that Bro. Casson is about to publish it.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Lodge of St. John (3 Bis.).—A funeral
lodge in memory of the late Bro. John Dick, P.M.,
Glasgow, was held on the 15th inst. Bro. Peter Brownlie,
R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by a large
number of brethren, including Bros. R. A. M'Gilvray,
I.P.M.; J. L. Cowan, S.W.; P. Bland, acting J.W.;
Geo. W. Sellars, B.B.; Alfred King, S.D.; Geo. Kean,
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jun.; ex-Deacon-Convenor Thomas Mason, John Anderson,
jun.; James M'Millan; Bros. Wm. Cochran, A. L. Wright,
J. A. S. Kerr, Deacon Andrew Gray, Deacon James Laird,
E. C. Morgan, Jonathan Campbell, Wm. Dick, Wm. L.
Dick, and Jas. William, R.W.M. 360.

The lodge having been opened, the R.W.M. intimated
apologies from Past Masters Bros. Major Johnston, Wm.
Kyle, Colonel Menzies, Rev. Thos. Somerville, Rev. Moses
Taggart, John Ferguson, A Bissett, S.M.; Alex. Leitch,
R. Kyle, Sec., and others. The proceedings, which were
printed, were then gone through, in the course of which
Bro. ex-Deacon-Convenor Mason, P.M., delivered the
oration. Bro. Mason in eloquent terms referred to the
deceased, whom he had known for 40 years. He dealt
with his early youth, the indomitable perseverance and
energy which characterised him in his business, and indeed
in all the affairs in which he interested himself, the peace
and happiness of his home life, the nobility of character
and goodness of heart which distinguished him as a Free-
mason, and finally the courage and patience with which
he strove against the disease which ultimately caused his
death.

The R.W.M. endorsed Bro. Mason's well chosen
remarks. He had been in office with the late Bro. Dick,
and knew the loss which had been sustained by his death,
and he felt gratified that the lodge had now conferred the
highest honour it was in its power to bestow. He expressed
the pleasure it afforded him at seeing so many members
present as a mark of respect to the departed P.M., and he
felt sure that the deceased's family would appreciate the
honour which had been done to his memory.
The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Correspondence.

A MURDERED FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following clipping from *The Pennsylvania Grit* of October 17th last may interest many of your readers. Perhaps some of our American brothers will be able to furnish further information on the subject, and I hope they will do so.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley,
November 16th.

"A woman with a remarkable history—a history that would make many brave men shake—resides near Muncie, Ind., and is at present quite prominent in an extensive lawsuit against the United States. The woman in question is Mrs. Sarah Barker, nee Morris. Her suit against the United States was brought on by the massacre of her husband and children, destruction of her home, and other injuries she received personally at the hands of the Cheyenne Indians, for which she wants in the neighbourhood of \$20,000.

"A short time ago Hon. John W. Jones, of Boneman, Mont., arrived in Muncie to secure evidence to be used in this claim. In her deposition she says:

"We carried on a hotel and store business for several months, when the Indians attacked us, killing my husband and three other men and capturing myself and my little boy Charlie, who was 15 months old. The Indians burned the house and took all the stock, burned the wagons and everything on the place, including the hay."

"Speaking of her own experience when captured, she says: 'During the day the Indians would place me on the pole drags and cover me with buffalo robes. Often they would not go into camp until 10 o'clock at night, eating only once a day, and then sometimes only dog meat.'

"My child was brought to me in about three months. My babe was brought to me only to be taken in a heartrending manner. About one month after they brought him to me the chief got angry at him because it was afraid of him, would cry and would not go to the chief. This made the chief so mad that he took it by the neck, threw it upon the ground, and stamped upon it, so it died soon afterwards. They wanted to bury it before it was quite dead. Two squaws and I buried it in a coffee sack. This was the morning before we broke camp.

"A friend went to the place after the Indians had left, and found my husband's body in the river and the body of the other man near. Their heads were cut off. He sent me a Freemason pin which he had on, and a piece of his scalp the Indians had dropped. I kept the piece of scalp as a bloody reminder of my terrible agony. My brother-in-law wrote me that the Freemasons went out from Denver and buried the body.

"Mrs. Barber is now very feeble at the age of 57. She is also covered with large white scars, which corroborates the story of her sufferings. Should her claim be allowed, the government will deduct the amount from money due to the Cheyenne Indians from the United States.

"To think this woman's history over, she would surely be judged a marvellous woman, and not many can be found who have had the frightful experiences and endured the sufferings she has."

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* of the 29th September last appeared the following:

"Is there any authority for the following:—A brother holding Provincial Grand rank, who ceases to be a subscriber to any lodge in the province loses such rank, and if he again joins a lodge in the province is not entitled to wear Provincial Grand clothing until he receives a new Provincial appointment."

To this no reply has yet appeared in your columns. I am, however, officially informed that—"A Past Provincial Grand Officer is entitled to wear Provincial Grand clothing on all occasions when attending Masonic meetings, whether he continues to subscribe to a lodge in the province or not.—See Rule 96, Book of Constitutions." I shall be glad to have the opinion of "Lex Scripta" and others on this point; also whether a brother who ceases for 12 months to subscribe to any lodge, in or out of the province, is also entitled to wear the clothing, whilst a non-subscriber, and after he re-joins a lodge? A Past Master loses his rank, and so do other officers by ceasing to subscribe. Why should not a Provincial Grand Officer?—Yours fraternally,

H. R. G.

November 20th.

FENCING UP MASONIC HALLS.—We have thought for a good while that the fencing up of Masonic halls has been carried to a ridiculous extent. Once, in Maine, the refusal to allow Masonic funeral services to be held in a church dedicated to the worship of God was received with intense indignation, and yet within a very few years the same doctrine came to be applied to Masonic halls, but later a more common sense view of the matter has prevailed.—*J. H. Drummond.*

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As usual, our worthy Bro. Hogg is well to the front with his gift books for Christmas, nor have we, as usual, the slightest doubt they will prove acceptable to the public. Of the half-dozen we have received as specimens of his enterprise, the most important is the work entitled

"From Snowdon to the Sea." It contains some 20 stories, the scenes of which lie in different parts of the principality. They are, without exception, admirably told, and those who delight in reading folk-stories and the weird tales and curious superstitions of an old country like Wales will find material enough in these pages to gratify their taste. Among those we have read with the greatest pleasure are "The Master of Llantysilio"—a story of the Dee Side; "Till the Day of Judgment"—a night in the Chair of Idris; "The Flight of the Merlyn"; "The Man of the Moat House"; "Bound for Llandovery"; and "The Legend of Rhitta the Giant." But each tale has its special merit, and we have selected the few we have specified haphazard as illustrating the several merits of the author's style. We may add that the book, which is dedicated by permission to Lord Windrom, Lord Lieutenant of Glamorganshire, is neatly bound in cloth and printed in capital type.

Mr. Davenport Adams's "The Makers of British India" is a new edition of a work which has already found favour with the public. It has been carefully revised and brought down to date, and should be very popular with those who love to read of the adventurous doings of the warriors and statesmen to whom is due the establishment of our rule in India. The rise and growth of the East India Company is dealt with sufficiently in an introductory chapter covering the period from 1600 to the middle of the last century, and then are described in a series of separate chapters the principal events of successive Governors-General and Viceroy, from Clive to the Earl of Elgin, the present occupant of the Vice-regal throne. Mr. Adams has the great merit of being able to record events without bias, and a glorious record it is which he has set before us, and in which will be found faithfully and concisely described all the great achievements of Clive, Warren Hastings, the Marquis Wellesley, the Marquis of Hastings, the Marquis of Dalhousie, and Viscount Canning; of Sir Arthur Wellesley, Lord Lake, Sir George Pollock, Havelock and Outram, Lord Clyde, and others. There is an excellent map in which the progress of our empire may be traced, while the illustrations, though few in number, are well chosen. Here again the work is presented by both printer and binder in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired.

As regards the smaller works, which are intended for young children, there is little to be said, but that little is in the direction of praise. The task of abridging Mrs. Beecher Stowe's story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been ably and conscientiously discharged. "A Tale told by Two" is simple but interesting, the narrators being a certain Beaufort Marmaduke Erroll and his pretty sister Irixy, while "Up in the Old Pear Tree" and "The Palace of Ideas," the former by S. P. Armstrong and the latter by Louise Alice Riley, are equally meritorious and tolerably certain to make friends among the readers they are intended to amuse. They are all nicely got up, and as they are far from costly, we trust they will receive that measure of patronage to which they are entitled.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Whittington Lodge (No. 862).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., and marked the anniversary of the initiation of the worthy Secretary, Bro. James Weaver, whose introduction to Masonry took place just 25 years ago. Further interest was manifested in the meeting from the fact that the W.M. installed this year is the son of Bro. F. B. Wavell, one of the founders of the lodge, and the W.M. who filled the chair at Bro. Weaver's initiation. The following brethren were present, besides numerous visitors: Bros. J. Weaver, P.M., 1319, P.Z. 177, 862, 1319, and Treas. 1319, P.P.G. Org., Sec.; S. Godden, P.M.; J. Collinson, P.M.; J. Irvine, P.M.; H. Brocklehurst, P.M.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M.; J. T. Collis, P.M.; G. H. Wavell, W.M. elect; W. Bradford, T. H. T. Jarvis, W. Mainzer, H. Kemp, W. C. Tyler, A. Clarkson, C. E. Muller, T. J. Hester, J. B. Bennett, J. B. Baylis, A. T. Rapkin, T. H. Harrison, A. J. Curtis, A. Wench, F. Heywood, E. Muller, J. T. Southgate, J. C. Harwar, H. Williams, J. H. Taylor, A. J. Taylor, W. H. Godden, F. W. Lowe, A. J. Hulbone, and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

After the usual business, Bro. James Irvine, who occupied the chair in the absence of the W.M. installed Bro. Wavell in the chair of King Solomon in an able and

impressive manner. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Bradford, S.W.; T. H. T. Jarvis, J.W.; H. Kemp, S.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D.; S. Godden, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; A. Clarkson, I.G.; C. E. Muller, D.C.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Org.; T. J. Hester, Stwd.; and I. Gilbert, Tyler. Afterwards the chair was occupied by Bro. A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., and five gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. W. G. Butler, Percy J. Driver, A. T. Chamberlain, R. I. Spencer, and G. Geen were initiated. Two brethren were relieved from the Benevolent Fund.

The lodge was closed and a banquet afterwards took place.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and the proceedings were enlivened by Bro. F. C. Bevan, who contributed several songs during the evening.

South Norwood Lodge (No. 1139).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Pavilion, South Norwood Park. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among those present being: Bros. Aug. Beddall, W.M.; Percy H. Horley, S.W.; F. Callam, J.W.; A. H. Evans, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Becker, P.M., Sec.; C. S. Dear, S.D.; H. Moger, J.D.; L. B. Pillin, P.M., D.C.; W. Hamsder, I.G.; F. Livingstone, Stwd.; R. H. Goddard, Tyler; E. F. S. Green, P.M.; G. E. Becker, P.M.; J. J. Kern, P.M.; Churchward, P.M.; Corner, P.M.; Corner, Martin, and others. Visitors: Bros. Wilson, P.G.S.D. Herts; Geen, P.M. 1962; Eckersall, P.M. 217; Hart, Mullen, Childs, Martin, Gurney, and Murison.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the initiation of Messrs. Jennings, Litchfield, Woodd, Galsworthy, and Capt. Galsworthy was proceeded with, the rehearsal of the ritual by the W.M., Bro. A. Beddall, being very impressive. The last named initiate is Capt. Galsworthy of the ship "Kow Shing," sunk by the Japanese soon after the outbreak of the present war with China. Bro. Percy H. Horley, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Kern, P.M. (who acted as D.C., Bro. Pillin, P.M., D.C., being absent through indisposition), to Bro. A. Beddall, who, in due course, performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which gave great satisfaction to all present. Bro. Horley appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Callam, S.W.; C. S. Dear, J.W.; R. H. Evans, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Becker, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Moger, S.D.; W. Hamsder, J.D.; F. Livingstone, I.G.; and J. Sabunje and G. Henry, Stwds. The Installing Master then gave the usual addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren. Notice of motion was given, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Charities.

The lodge was then closed, after the customary "Hearty good wishes" by the visitors, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where the best of good fellowship prevailed.

The usual toasts were given and duly honoured, that of "The Worshipful Master" being very ably proposed by Bro. Beddall, and received with marked enthusiasm, Bro. Percy H. Horley replying very suitably to the compliment paid him.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next on the list, and gave the W.M. the opportunity of saying that since the foundation of the lodge there had never been so many initiates at any one meeting, and that his year of office as Master had commenced by breaking the record. He welcomed them very sincerely, and strongly recommended their attendance at an instruction lodge.

The toast was duly honoured, and each initiate responded.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was well received, and responded to by Bros. Wilson, Eckersall, and Geen.

In submitting the next toast, that of "The I.P.M. and the Past Masters," the W.M. paid a warm tribute to the manner in which the I.P.M. had done the work during the past year, and the great interest he had taken in the lodge. He expressed the great pleasure it gave him to present to Bro. Beddall the Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted to him by the lodge in token of their esteem and regard. This was a signal for great cheering on the part of those present, and Bro. Beddall was much affected by the cordial reception. The W.M. spoke very kindly of the other Past Masters, and bore testimony to their willingness at all times to assist in the work of the lodge.

Bro. Beddall, I.P.M., on rising, received quite an ovation, and thanking the brethren for their kindness, said he should wear the jewel with remembrances of some of the happiest hours he had ever spent. He testified to the able assistance and support he had received from the officers of the lodge and the brethren generally during his year of office.

The next toast submitted was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," to which, Bros. Callam, S.W., and Hamsder, J.D., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Bro. Mullen played very effectively some pinoforte solos, and several brethren enlivened the evening with capital songs.

THE MOZART LODGE, No. 1929.

This well-known Surrey musical lodge, will hold its second annual ladies' night, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 6th prox. The meetings of the Mozart Lodge are always enjoyable from the fact that most excellent music forms so large a portion of the fare provided, and on this occasion the programme is a large one—reception, supper, concert, dance. But what should make the evening specially memorable is that the Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., has promised that if he possibly can, he will be present. The musical arrangements will be under the able direction of Bro. George Pownall, the Organist of the lodge, and as to the catering for the more substantial requirements of the guests, the names of Bros. Clemow and Evans preclude any possible misgivings on that account.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. N. Hearn, W.M.; Dr. Millsom, S.W.; Lundie, I.P.M.; as J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Barry, S.D.; Parrat, J.D.; Chisholm, I.G.; Hopkins, Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., G. Std. Br.; W. P. West, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Westley, P.M.; Foote, P.M.; and Dennis, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. D. K. Price was raised to the Third Degree, Bros. H. Roles and W. Hucker passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Charles Linwood received into Freemasonry, the three ceremonies being ably performed.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed. The preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that day. At the banquet, also, he had presided most ably. The Worshipful Master's year thus far had been a busy one, and there was every probability of its ending so.

The W.M., having replied, then gave "The Initiate." In his remarks he said that the candidate, he believed, would do credit to the lodge. He (the W.M.) was particularly struck with the manner in which Bro. Linwood had conducted himself during the ceremony. The Kennington Lodge was a very strong lodge, and promotion to office was therefore slow, but, as the initiate was a young man, he could hope in time to reach the chair.

The initiate, in reply, briefly said that the ceremony had made a deep impression on him, and although, as the Master said, it might be years before he reached the chair, yet he hoped in the meantime to discharge his duties as a Freemason.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. R. Gillard, W.M. 901, among others, paid a high compliment to the W.M. for his working, and to the lodge for its hospitality so ably dispensed by Bro. George Everett, their distinguished Treasurer, whose efforts to enhance the comfort of the visitors that evening had been so kind and untiring.

"The Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Lundie.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he could not find sufficient words to thoroughly express his personal obligations to both.

Bro. G. Everett, as usual made a humorous speech, and Bro. Stuart followed in the same vein, the respective quaint utterances of both speakers causing much merriment.

The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

A most enjoyable feature of the evening was the excellent instrumental and vocal harmony of Bros. Hopkins, Davis, Lundie, Price, Clowes, and Linwood. The last named has a voice of fine quality thoroughly under control. The Treasurer also contributed towards the harmony "When Joan's Ale was New." Will it ever be *old* as sung by him?

Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).—The installation meeting of this important lodge—which holds such a prominent position in the City of London—was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The civic element was strongly represented by the Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and other officials, whilst the Craft furnished many prominent Grand Officers.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Col. E. T. Rodney Wilde, W.M., the minutes confirmed, and the Audit report adopted. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, S.W.; W. Bruce Clarke, J.W.; Rev. G. J. Scott, P.M., Chap.; H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Col. Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; J. Carlyon Hughes, S.D.; Baron de Bush, J.D.; W. T. Roberts, I.G.; H. Squire, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; and E. Clarke and P. Monckton, Stewards. The W.M., in kindly and cordial terms, presented Bro. Col. Rodney Wilde, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year, and the gift was appropriately acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and, after banquet, the usual toasts were proceeded with.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were first heartily honoured.

Bro. Sheriff George Hand, in giving "The Grand Officers," said that he was so young in Masonry that he would rather that one of his elder brethren had proposed the toast. He was proud of being a Mason, and had always considered that to be a good Mason would mean to be a good man. No man who was a true Mason could be a bad man, for the whole system was founded upon the book of all other books. It gave him great pleasure to offer this toast, and connect with it the name of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in responding, said he would not presume to speak on behalf of Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgumbe—those two distinguished noblemen who shared to a great extent with his Royal Highness the management of their Craft. From the frequent opportunities he had of judging the interest they took, he might say, there were no members who took a keener interest in the welfare of the Craft than those two distinguished brethren. As the very unworthy representative of the Grand Officers, he thanked them on their behalf for the kind reception given the toast. It had given them the greatest pleasure to be present and witness the installation of the W.M. It gave him peculiar pleasure to attend, because he could not but remember that at the inauguration of this lodge both his lamented predecessors—Bros. John Hervey and Col. Shadwell Clarke—took an important part. From what he had seen of the W.M. he felt confident that he would in every way maintain the best traditions of the lodge, and the Grand Lodge hoped he would have before him an extremely pleasant and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Col. Rodney Wilde, I.P.M., next submitted "The Health of the W.M." He said that when they saw a brother like their W.M. coming into an ordinary lodge with his honours thick upon him, and working his way up, it showed they were always willing to help and work for the benefit of the lodge and brethren generally. They were fortunate in having as their W.M. one who had had so

much experience, and at the termination of his year they would agree that he had been one of the most successful and distinguished Masters who had ever reigned over them.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G. Chap., W.M., said the warm reception given to his name was distinctly a great pleasure to him, as were the kindly words of the I.P.M. in proposing the toast. To assert that they were not in accordance with his merits would be an ungenerous act on his part, but he could say he felt personally that he scarcely deserved them. It would not be well for him to make any strong promises, for promises, as they knew, sometimes came to a disastrous end, but, as actions spoke louder than words, he thought it would be wise to leave an estimate of his worth until he had done his work. He was bound to say it should be his endeavour to maintain that lodge in the same eminence and position it had already attained. He thanked them for placing him in that position and the honour done him, and if at the end of the year they could give him an equally kindly greeting, he should then know he had performed his work to their satisfaction and that he had justified the choice made, and if he carried away their good will that moment would be a distinctly prouder one than that in which he was speaking.

Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, Dep. G. Reg., then said the W.M. had honoured him by placing the toast of "The Installing Master" in his hands. They were aware it was usual to pay a compliment to the work, but on the present occasion he should take it to be an impertinence on his part to do anything of the sort. That was the 120th time Sir John Monckton had done the ceremony, 14 or 15 of those occasions being in that lodge. That brother had risen to great rank in Masonry, and his great fame as a Mason was world-wide. They all knew that by reason of the invaluable work done by him in that lodge, and by the interest he had taken in its welfare and business, the lodge had risen to the high position it holds amongst lodges in England. As Cervantes had said "Men are as God made them, only a little worse," and therefore Masons were as their lodge made them, only a little worse. When he saw so many efficient Masons present, he formed a very high ideal of the lodge which had turned them out, and as he knew the lodge owed so much of its skill, and ability, and power to Sir J. Monckton, he felt bound to draw attention to the valuable services he had rendered that evening. They knew his services in detail far better than he did; he could only remind them of his work, and ask them to cordially join him in drinking the toast.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., in response, said that some long time ago he was asked to propose the health of a gentleman he had never heard of before, and on asking the chairman to tell him a little about him, he said "lay it on thick." He did not know whether the Deputy Grand Registrar had the "tip" from the W.M., but he did it exceedingly well. The old Past Masters were proud of that lodge, and liked to hear it spoken well of. Out of 16 Masters, 13 were present at the table, and the others were in the land of the living. He was getting old, and he did not suppose he should do many more installations, but he was looking forward to see the present W.M. install his successor, as Bro. Wright, P.M., had done, and if he could only get an opportunity of prompting a little he should be happy.

Bro. H. Clarke, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and said that when in Paris he bought a book on Freemasonry, and found that every atrocity was attributed to them, but the illustrious names at the head of the Craft should dispel the illusion.

Bros. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.W. Somerset, and Easterbrook responded for the toast, after which Bro. Under Sheriff Phillips gave "The Past Masters."

Bro. Alderman Frank Green, P.M., having replied, was followed by Bro. Garnet Man, P.M., who said he rose with diffidence and pleasure to reply; diffidence in responding before so many efficient Past Masters, and pleasure at seeing so many well-remembered faces. He recollected when Sir J. Monckton acted as accoucheur to this lodge, and there was now no better lodge in Masonry. Time had passed away, and it was with the greatest pleasure he stood there to address the brethren. It was about three weeks ago that he arrived in England, and on Saturday next he started for his jungle home, but the eye of memory was very often glanced over that wide expanse, and he often thought of the pleasant times he had spent among them. He trusted that when he came back to old England again he should be a subscribing member, being only an honorary member now, and enjoy that good fellowship he recollected so well. Men might come and men might go, but he hoped this lodge would go on for ever. He would drink with them the old Masonic toast: "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

"The Officers" toast elicited a cordial response from the executive officers, and the proceedings were closed in the usual manner with the Tyler's toast.

The brethren present included Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, W.M., P.P.G. Chap., and the officers named above; Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, P.M.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D.; T. L. Wilkinson, Deputy G. Reg.; R. Berridge, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.A. G.D.C.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; Alderman Frank Green, P.M., P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Alderman H. D. Davies, Sheriff Geo. Hand, Under-Sheriff T. Beard, Under-Sheriff Phillips, Capt. H. Wright, P.M.; J. Perkins, P.M.; E. F. Fitch, P.M.; F. S. Jackson, P.M.; Ex-Sheriff T. Clarke, E. Garnet Man, P.M.; E. E. Phillips, P.P.G.W. Somerset; C. W. A. Goodfellow, J. E. Turner, Fredk. Hill, W. Westcott, G. A. Pickering, P.G.S.; J. H. Whadcoat, W.M. 18; F. Hobbs, C. J. Andrews, E. Shedd, W. W. Flyer, A. W. Bush, Capt. E. Pugh, W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

EASTBOURNE.

Hartington Lodge (No. 916).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Queen's Hotel, on the 9th inst., when Bro. Benson was installed as W.M., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Councillor Foran, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Colgate, S.W.; Dr. Astley Roberts, J.W.; Viccargi, S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Councillor W. H. Burt, I.G.; Alderman Morrison, Sec.; and J. H. Campion Coles, Treas.

Afterwards the brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by a number of distinguished brethren of the province.

LIVERPOOL.

Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the afternoon of the 19th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. W. W. Mellor, W.M., who presided, installed Bro. J. W. Binks as his successor in the chair, and the following officers were invested: Bros. W. W. Mellor, I.P.M.; J. U. Neville, S.W.; Andrew Woodhead, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Silver, Chap.; Henry Gabriel, Treas. (re-elected); Barnard Levy, Sec. (re-appointed); Andrew Kirkpatrick, D.C.; A. E. Woodhouse, S.D.; S. Woodhead, J.D.; Barnet Lipson, I.G.; George E. Finger, B. Burgess, T. Calderbank, and A. M. Crickett, Stewards; and Reginald Mountfield, Org. In the course of the evening an illuminated address was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Mellor, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his two years of Mastership.

The music after the banquet was given by Bros. Hollis, Heginbotham, Edwards, Platt, Seddon, Clayton, Brown, and Shaw, under the direction of Bro. Reginald Mountfield, Organist of the lodge.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The first meeting of this lodge under the new W.M. was held in the Peace Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Martin, W.M.; G. Kenyon, S.W.; T. Barber, J.W.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; H. Fenton, S.D.; G. Eland, J.D.; E. Hirst, I.G.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; T. Livingstone, E. Shillito, and E. Pine, Tyler.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the balance-sheet of the Treasurer was passed, showing a balance in favour of the lodge of £32 13s.6d. Mr. F. R. R. Marsdin was duly initiated by the W.M., the work being principally performed by the I.P.M. After "Hearty good wishes" the brethren adjourned to the club-room for supper.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Corporation Arms on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The W.M., Bro. H. J. Capon, took the chair, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Major E. E. Stillwell, I.P.M.; Richard Francis, S.W.; W. R. Griffin, J.W.; F. Russell, S.D.; F. C. Golden, J.D.; William Trigger, Sec.; James Wood, I.G.; Edgar Street, Org.; and G. Nicholson, Stwd.; and a goodly number of the members of the lodge. The W.M. initiated Mr. Elom Pierce, and Bro. William Chapman was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the I.P.M.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Jas. Sargent.

WORKINGTON.

Eden Lodge (No. 2285).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, on Thursday, the 8th inst., the principal business being the installation of Bro. Thomas Mitchell, J.W. and W.M. elect, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bros. J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.M. 962, P.J.G.W.; Geo. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; assisted by Bro. Patterson, P.M. 962, P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Burford, I.P.M.; George Atkinson, S.W.; James W. Scott, J.W.; John Jenkinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M., Chap.; James Thompson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Coates Fothergill, S.D.; H. S. Wilson, J.D.; W. Holloway, I.G.; Joseph Cooper, Org.; and W. Whitehead, Tyler.

Amongst the visiting brethren who did honour to Bro. Mitchell on this occasion were Bros. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.M. 119 and 1002, P.G.S.W.; J. Wilson, 1002; Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.B.; Casson, 119; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Chap.; and others.

At the close of the lodge Bro. Mitchell invited the whole of the brethren present to a banquet, which was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson of the Central Hotel. The remainder of the evening was spent in proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.

St. George's Chapter (No. 2025).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 15th instant, to instal Comps. W. Sweet, M.E.Z.; H. Reynolds, H.; and T. J. Cole, J.—the Principals for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Comps. J. Gidley, P.Z.; C. G. Withell, P.Z.; and W. Alisford, P.Z. 202. Among the Past Principals were Comps. J. Gifford, P.Z.; G. R. Barrett, P.Z.; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; J. Allen, P.Z. 1099; C. Dunsterville, P.Z. 189; and G. Dunsterville, H. 189. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. J. Harvey, S.E.; G. R. Stanlake, S.N.; G. R. Barrett, P.Z., Treas.; F. J. Oram, P.S.; Broad, 1st A.S.; Osmund, 2nd A.S.; Palmer, Org.; Harris, D.C.; Hunt, A.D.C.; Cruchett, H-st-r, and R. W. Weale, Stewards; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

At the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to the refreshment room of the club, where an excellent supper was provided, and under the presidency of Comp. James Gidley a very enjoyable evening was passed.

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DEVONPORT.

Fidelity Huyshe Lodge (No. 91).—The annual meeting was held at Evington Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 14th instant, when Bro. W. H. Corner was installed W.M. The attendance was exceptionally large. Amongst those present were Bros. M. Darbin, P.P.S.G.O.; S. T. Harris, P.P.G.D.C.; C.

Hunt, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Maddock, P.P.G.S.B.; T. R. H. Harris, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Best, P.P.G.P.; J. Lose, P.P.S.G.O.; W. V. Harris, P.P.G.P.; W. Routledge, P.M.; and J. R. Lord, P.P.G.I. of W.

The ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M. and Bro. Lord. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. E. H. Littleton, S.W.; T. Henderson, J.W.; J. Vercoe, M.O.; W. Brockman, S.O.; J. Tucker, J.O.; R. A. Norman, Organist and Chaplain; A. Maddock, Treas.; J. R. H. Harris, Sec.; G. Smale, S.D.; Truscott, J.D.; Hamblyn, I.G.; Richards, D.C.; Larn, A.D.C.; and C. Dyer, Tyler.

Refreshments were served in the refectory, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.

West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The annual installation in connection with the above lodge took place at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when Bro. Richard Owen was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B. The following visitors were present: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.O., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Armstrong, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; H. Johnston, P.M. 359; R. Sharrock, P.G.S.O.; J. Hardwick Marsh, P.A.G.S.; Samuel Lock, P.G.S.; G. A. Myers, P.G.S., W.M. 34; Rodger Pye, P.G.J.W.; Henry Thomas, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 161; C. G. Hale, P.G.A.D.G.; and others. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Parker, I.P.M.; W. Hewson, P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; James Pittaway, S.W.; Robert Shacklady, J.W. John Milne, M.O.; William Rawthorne, S.O.; E. R. Latham, J.O.; J. H. Tyson, R.M.; Isaac Dixon, Sec.; W. H. Moore, S.D.; J. S. Buck, J.D.; D. C. McGleav, I.G.; R. Tunnicliffe, and James Jones, Stwds. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Parker, was presented with a valuable gold jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A meeting of this lodge was held at their hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 12th inst., when Bro. James Smith, the S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were a large number of visitors present, amongst them being Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain England; J. Todd, P.M. 236, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Jones, W.M. 236; M. Rooke, P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; E. W. Purnell, P.M. 236; J. B. Sampson, P.M. 236; H. Foster, P.M. 236, P.G. D.C.; E. Carter, S.W. 236; M. Bryson, J.W. 236; F. Smith, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C.; W. N. Cheesman, P.M. 566, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Crow, 1522; W. E. Field, 1406; J. E. Jones, W.M. 2328; F. Shann, S.W. 2328; D. Young, W.M. 1991; J. W. Dow, S.W. 1991; G. H. Stott, 1991; R. Wilkinson, 337; J. S. Shannon, 236; G. Y. Whytehead, 2328; and others. The following Past Masters of the lodge were also present: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, G. Balmford, J. H. Shouk-smith, A. T. B. Turner, W. Storey, J. Blenkin, W. B. Dyson, G. Lamb, and G. Chapman. The Installing Officers were Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W., and G. Lamb, P.M., P.P.G.D.

The formal business having been disposed of, the W.M. elect was presented for installation by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. L. Spetch. The ceremony of installation was carried out by the Installing Officers, and at its conclusion the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. F. H. Vaughan, S.W.; F. W. Halliwell, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; J. T. Chambers, S.D.; W. Sykes, J.D.; J. H. Shouk-smith, P.M., D.C.; A. Humphreys, I.G.; B. Lofthouse, Org.; W. Storey, P.M., W. Bean, and B. Kilvington, Stwds.; T. Dunlop, Tyler; G. Lamb, P.M., P.P.G.D., Preceptor; and T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. England, P.P.S.G.W., Librarian. The musical portion of the ceremony was excellently rendered by the lodge choir, consisting of Bros. W. Bean, B. Kilvington, E. Debenham, and W. Sykes, Bro. W. S. Child presiding at the organ. The Secretary read a list of apologies for non-attendance from the following: Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Dep. Prov. G.M.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec., P.P.G.S.B. Eng.; the Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Chap.; E. K. Spiegelhalter, W.M. 660; R. Hodgson, 566; F. R. Hansell, P.M. Falcon; G. Kirby, P.M. 236; P.P.G. D.C.; C. Palliser, P.M. Anchor; J. Armstrong, Newcastle; F. Fielding, Hebden Bridge; W. C. Forster, 24, P.P.G.R. Northumberland; T. H. Lindberg, 2328; T. S. Brogden, P.M. 236; A. Buckle, P.M. 236; C. M. Forbes, P.M. 236; J. P. Carr, J.W. 2328; R. F. Gould, Past G.D.; J. Brown, W.M. 250; H. Longford, P.M. Falcon; G. Shackleton, 387; T. W. Longden, 1760; W. H. Cowper, North York; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; and others.

The banquet took place at the Royal Station Hotel in the evening, when the W.M. presided over a large gathering of members and visitors from the York and other lodges in the province.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being received with enthusiasm.

During the evening a cordial welcome was accorded to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W., on his visit to the lodge, of which he was one of the founders in 1876.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. Lofthouse, Organist. The lodge choir rendered a selection of glees and songs, assisted by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. B. Sampson, Todd, Stott, and Dow, and recitations were given by Bros. Humphreys, Garrood, and J. S. Shannon.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. Mason, W.M.; H. C. Parker, S.W.; A. Terry, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; E. Kraus, J.D.; T. Pringle, I.G.; Wm. Brett, F. G. Evans, and A. Narten.

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, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, Asst. Preceptor. Bro. Evans, being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. F. G. Evans, candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. W. Hoggins, and the 3rd Section by the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and after the first rising the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. H. C. Parker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed the officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when, notwithstanding the inclement weather, there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting 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.; D. C. Ritchie, S.D.; A. Oldrey, I.D.; S. Rutley, I.G.; A. C. Burnley, J. H. Whadcoat, Milton Smith, D. C. Attwater, C. T. Barlow, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; C. Smith, J. Amand, W. A. Goring, F. A. Balls, W. Rapley, P. F. Holmden, W. G. Carrington, R. Loomes, and G. Ridgewell.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Attwater being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. Bro. Goring answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. Bro. Carrington answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bros. Balls, Goring, and Ridgewell were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. J. O'Dea, W.M.; F. W. Stephens, S.W.; Polak, J.W.; W. Roots, P.M., Preceptor; W. Bird, Sec.; Featherstone, S.D.; Krasa, J.D.; Bullpitt, I.G.; Osmond, P.M.; Atkin, Malham, O'Brien, Morley, Cahn, Watts, and Woodbury.

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. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Malham rehearsed the installation ceremony, and the brethren saluted the chair in the three Degrees. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Atkin having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Atkin being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Malham having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Malham being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and there being no further business, 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 10th inst., when there were present: Comps. Grumant, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; Pullen, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Nightingale, W. Jones, Elgar, Addington, H. D. Grazebrook, Barr, West, Bannister, Salmon, and North.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating the candidate. Comps. W. Jones, J. 79, and Hy. D. Grazebrook, H. 1601, were elected joining members. Comp. Benedetti, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The business ended, the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory.—The election meeting was held on the 15th instant, at 33, Golden-square, W. Sir Knight Geo. Gregory, E.P., presided, and was assisted by Sir Knights H. Lovegrove, P.E.P., P.G.C. of G. Reg.; A. McDowall, P.E.P.; Dr. N. Goodchild, H. P. Hay, R. C. Liversedge, Heineman, T. Phipps Dorman, and G. W. Capel.

The ballot was taken on behalf of Comps. C. B. Barnes, A. S. Reed, and Major Shackleton-Allen. The latter was unable to attend, but the other two were duly installed as Knights Templar by Sir Knight Lovegrove. Sir Knight T. P. Dorman was elected E.P., and Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah, P.E.P., was re-elected Treasurer.

At the completion of the business, the members dined at the Criterion.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. George Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S., in the chair; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°, Prelate; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. M. Lott, Mus. Bac., 31°, Org.; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Dr. T. W. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; Victor Jagielski, M.D.; A. W. Humphreys, P. E. Biddlecombe, Capt. A. C. Baldwin, H. J. Adams, P. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc.; B. Johnson, and C. Slater. Bro. Major C. Probyn was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. W. Murray, S.W. 2426, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending. The Recorder having reported that Bro. G. Grimwood, J.P., M.W.S., was too ill to attend the chapter, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed. A similar resolution was unanimously passed to Ill. Bro. W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Grimwood, Nelson Prower,

M.A., 30°, 1st General; L. Steele, 30°, 2nd General; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; W. Maple, G.M.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; C. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. Pigache, P.M.W.S., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to dine.

Ill. Bro. George Graveley presided, and gave the various toasts with commendable brevity.

Bro. Major Probyn made a fluent and complimentary speech in responding for "The Visitors."

Ill. Bro. Dr. Coffin and Ex. Bro. G. A. Berkeley, acknowledged the toast of "The Past Sovereigns," and

Bro. Major Williamson spoke at length for "The Officers."

During the evening, Ill. Bro. Dr. Lott, and Ex. Bros. Dr. Hinton, Egbert Roberts, and F. W. Driver, M.A., respectively contributed instrumental, vocal, and poetical selections.

CARDIFF.

Caer-Daf Chapter (No. 118).—A large number of the members of this chapter were present at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 15th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. E. W. Shackell as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring M.W.S., Bro. John Monday. The following is the list of officers: Bros. E. W. Shackell, M.W.S.; S. D. Churchill, High Prelate; T. P. Kerman, First General; D. R. Roberts, Second General; John Monday, P.M.W.S., Treas.; J. H. Taylor, 30°, P.M. W.S., Recorder; W. B. Ferrier, Marshall; J. Show, Raphael; W. H. Williams, D.C.; H. B. Crouch, A.D.C.; H. Fraser, Harold; Isidore Leon, Captain of Guard; J. M. Gerhold, 30°, Organist; W. J. Vaughan, Almoner; J. E. Bacon and Dr. De Vere Hunt, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Outer Guard.

The banquet took place at the Queen's Hotel.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave.—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 13th inst. Among those present were: Bros. Baston, P.S.R., &c., in the chair; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, J.P., P.G. Treas., Treas.; Dr. Goss, P.S.R., &c., Sec.; Dr. Roberts, and Baron de Ferrieres.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the reports of the visiting Deacons and correspondence generally were brought before the meeting. The Secretary read numerous letters from absent members.

The conclave was then closed and adjourned till the second Tuesday in March next.

Refreshment followed labour, but with the exception of "The Queen and the Order" no other toast was given.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Institution has sustained a great loss by the early death, in her 21st year, of Miss Charlotte Annie McMillan, one of the younger members of the educational staff. Miss McMillan, who had been brought up in the School, was much beloved for her amiable disposition and sterling qualities. She will be long remembered and sincerely regretted. Her death was occasioned by a short but extremely severe attack of gastric ulceration, which, notwithstanding unremitting medical care and the most devoted nursing, ended fatally on the evening of Saturday last. The funeral will take place to-day at Stoke-on-Trent.

MASONIC SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

A Masonic service, which, despite the unsettled state of the weather, was very well attended, was held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon, the 11th inst., in aid of the fund for the endowment of a Masonic cot in the new infirmary. The brethren, who wore their Masonic clothing, assembled in the church schools, and shortly before three o'clock a procession was formed in the following order: Tylers of lodges, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, officers of lodges, according to rank, Past Masters of lodges, Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, according to rank, Grand Officers and Clergy. Proceeding, the brethren entered the church, and took the seats reserved especially for them.

The service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Brightly gleams our banner," the opening prayers being read by Bro. Rev. J. S. Gardener, P.P.G. Chap. W. Lancs. The lesson was read by Bro. Rev. Dr. C. T. Porter, P.M. 2360, and the anthem, "Remember now thy Creator" (Steggall), was well rendered by the choir. Prayers to the end of evensong were read by the Rev. C. Grub, and then the hymn, "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see," was heartily sung.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.G. Chap. of Eng., and P.P.G. Chap. of West Lancs., who took for his text Heb. xiii. 16, "But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." At the outset of his address he said that those words brought before them one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and it was in accordance with another of those principles that they had gathered together in church that afternoon to worship God. Freemasonry was a peculiar system of morality, veiled in mystery, and illustrated by signs. It was founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue; it rested upon a religious basis; it taught them that part of the 24 hours of the day must be devoted to prayer to Almighty God; and their lodges were opened and closed with prayer, and prayer formed

part of all their Masonic ceremonials. Freemasonry taught them that they must regard the Holy Bible as an unerring standard of truth and justice, and they must regulate their actions by the Divine precepts it contained. It taught them also that their duty towards God and their duty to their neighbour. It told them that their duty to God was never to mention that Name but with the awe and reverence due from the creature to the Creator; that their duty to God was to implore His aid in all their lawful undertakings, and to look to Him in every emergency for comfort and consolation. From the Holy Bible they read that their duty towards their neighbour was to render every kind office that justice or mercy might require, to relieve the necessity and soothe the afflictions of those in distress; and it was for the latter purpose that he had to ask their generous contributions that afternoon. It was to do to others as they would that others in similar circumstances should do to them—in a word, Freemasonry taught them as the Apostle did in his text, "To do good and communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." To carry out the spirit of the text it required that they must be benevolent—which meant being well willed towards some charitable purpose, a disposition to be ready to part with or give up some advantage which they shared in order to promote the happiness of someone else, and he trusted that was the disposition which animated everyone in that church in regard to the object for which he had to plead that afternoon. He trusted also that that would be the spirit which would animate the people of Southport in the effort which was being made to raise an endowment fund for the new infirmary. But to carry out the teaching of the text it required that they should also be beneficent, which meant "to be well doing." Benevolence was the intention, beneficence consisted of action; benevolence was the cause, beneficence the result. But in assisting any charitable object they should take care that they exercised caution, or they might do harm where they wanted to do good, they might communicate of their means, yet they might not do good; or they might give of their charity in such a way as to cause those who received it to become idle instead of working for their living. But the charity for which he asked their aid that afternoon was one that did not lay itself open to any charge of that kind; it was one in assisting which they could only do good by generously supporting it. Freemasonry instructed them in the principles of universal benevolence and charity; it taught them to seek solace for their own distress by extending relief and consolation to their fellow creatures in the hour of affliction. It was that they might carry out that teaching that he asked them to support that afternoon the endowment of a cot at the new infirmary by the Masonic body. He knew he should not appeal to them in vain; he knew how nobly they responded at the centenary festival service. There had been raised £100 towards the fund for the endowment of a cot in the new infirmary by the Masonic body, for which purpose £700 was required, and it was towards the remaining sum that he asked them to give.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken and amounted to £36 5s. During the offertory the hymn "Thou to whom the sick and dying" was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope, P.P.G.C. West Lancs. The concluding hymn was "O worship the King, all glorious above." Bro. H. Hudson, late 1313, presided at the organ with his customary talent and ability.

The brethren reassembled in the schoolroom at the close of the service, when

Bro. the Rev. C. S. HOPE, referring to the large number who had attended, said he was sure it spoke well for Freemasonry in Southport that there should be so many present, and it would also help very greatly the bazaar to be held in aid of the infirmary, and the work of the institution itself. He thought he would be right in thanking, on their behalf, Bro. Spencer for his admirable sermon.

The brethren also accorded their thanks to Bro. Rev. C. S. Hope for allowing them to hold the service at Holy Trinity.

INAUGURAL BANQUET OF THE IXION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A great assembly of brethren took place at the Denmark Arms Hotel, East Ham, on Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, to assist at the inauguration banquet and installation of the Ixion Lodge of Instruction. It must be very gratifying to the brethren to find that their ancient Order is so well represented in East Ham, a rising and progressing neighbourhood, which bids fair to be one of the leading localities of the Eastern district.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Ives, P.M., who successfully installed Bro. H. French Bromhead, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. Essex, as the W.M. The officers were invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. Thomas Cowell, S.W.; B. C. Curtis, P.M., J.W.; H. J. Day, P.M., S.D.; Wm. Allvey, J.D.; Barber, I.G.; J. S. Chapman, Treas.; and William W. Ives, Sec.

There were also present Bros. A. J. Ives, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; B. Stewart, P.M.; Spurgeon, Sec. 2501; Sallaway, W.M.; McKenzie, Legg, Sidders, J. Day, Simpson, Delo, Reedman, Hon. Stwd.; Dale, Hon. Stwd.; D. Ross, W. Golding, Alstrom, Cottier, Bloom, Lowe, Mettrop, Ayton, Gemmell, Mahany, and Tomlin.

An excellent banquet followed, which was catered for by Bro. Winden, of Canning Town, who gave the greatest satisfaction to all the brethren for the masterly manner in which he had provided everything necessary for the auspicious occasion.

During the banquet musical selections were performed on the piano, and a delightful programme of toasts and songs rendered the evening most enjoyable.

After a vote of thanks to the host, Bro. Smith, and other convivialities, the brethren departed for home, having spent one of those delightful evenings only known to Freemasons.

The lodge of instruction meets every Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m., at the Denmark Arms Hotel, Barking-road, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Thos. Cowell. The Secretary's address is 4, Sibley Grove, East Ham, Essex.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOSEPH JACKMAN, W.M. Britannia, No. 139, and of White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, both in Sheffield.

Bro. Joseph Jackman, whose portrait we produce above, occupies a position almost unique in the Craft. He is W.M. of two Sheffield Lodges at one and the same moment. Initiated, passed, and raised in 1881 in Britannia, No. 139, which, next to Probity, No. 61, Halifax, is the senior existing lodge in West Yorkshire, Bro. Jackman, by diligent attention to Masonic duty, and by persevering effort, so completely gained the confidence of his brethren that in December of last year they elected him W.M. of his Lodge. Shortly before this, the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, was formed in Sheffield, and Bro. Jackman was one of the founders. Last month he was chosen by the unanimous vote of its members to fill this chair also. He was installed on the 2nd November, and thus became W.M. both of the oldest and the youngest Sheffield lodges at the same time. No stronger proof of their belief in his Masonic worth could his brethren give, and Bro. Jackman may well feel proud of the distinction conferred upon him. From part of this serious responsibility he will, however, shortly be relieved, as his term of office in Britannia Lodge is reaching its close. Bro. Jackman is a companion of the Paradise Chapter, which is connected with his mother lodge, and belongs to the outer circle of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. He has served Stewardships on behalf of all three Masonic Institutions five times, and has at all times warmly advocated their support. Bro. Jackman is the sole proprietor of the Persberg Steel Works, Sheffield, and takes a practical interest in the commerce of the city. Besides being a member of the Iron and Steel Institute, and the British Iron Trade Association, he is also an Associate of the Mechanical Engineers, member of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, and Honorary Secretary of the Bi-metallic League. It will thus be seen that Bro. Jackman occupies a by no means unimportant position in commercial circles in Sheffield, a position which, like his Masonic standing, he owes entirely to his own ability and the excellent reputation which he has so universally gained.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE AT NEWTON.

The members of the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, at Newton Abbott, on the 20th ult., held a conversazione to celebrate the re-opening of the lodge premises after renovation. The hall has been handsomely decorated to harmonise with the different Degrees of Masonry held therein. The principal work has been the general arrangement of the design, leaving the panels to be filled in with more defined characters of the Order. Thus the Degrees leading to the Royal Arch and Mark are separately treated, and the colouring has been kept

as near as possible to the colours of the different Degrees. By the initiated, many of the characters will be readily and easily recognised. In and below the frieze there is a conventional treatment of the lily and pomegranate, symbolic of the Second Degree. An important improvement has been the alteration and enlarging of the principal niches. Heating and ventilation have both been improved, and the work has been six months in hand. The design and the stencil plates are the work of Bro. Lewis Stevens, P.M., and the decoration has been carried out by Bro. Charles Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.

A large number of invitations was issued for the conversazione, but the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy, the Lord Mayor of London, the Right Hon. C. Seale-Hayne, and Sir Stafford Northcote were unable to be present, although they accorded the proceedings their patronage.

Music and refreshments were provided, and in the ante-room was an exhibition of Masonic curios, selected from the unique collection of Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, of Torquay. The exhibition included a complete series of the various certificates issued by the Grand Lodges of England, as well as certificates, jewels, aprons, and sashes of Masonic Grand bodies from all parts of the world.

The principal feature of the evening was a lecture by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, on Freemasonry in connection with Newton Abbott, and Newton Bushel—Bro. Hughan commenced with some complimentary references to the ladies, and explained how the only "lady Freemason" came to be initiated. Alluding to Charities, he observed that though little was said by the brethren respecting the same, they spent £300 a day in Charity, and maintained and educated over a thousand boys and girls. Dealing with Newton, he found that no regular lodge was held till 1759, when a lodge was formed at the Sun Inn or Tavern. This lodge was subsequently transferred to Exmouth, where it has ever since remained, and is now known as the Sun Inn, No. 106. The second Newton lodge was formed in 1769, and was called the Royal George, probably from the name of the tavern in which it was held. This lodge did not flourish either, for after being transferred to Bridport, it was erased in 1832. The next lodge was at Newton Bushel, where, in 1812, it was held at the Freemasons' Inn, now called the Commercial Hotel, where Bro. Charles Stevens had discovered a room which was admirably suited for Masonic meetings. Another lodge, called the Morning Star, originated at Newton in 1872, but ceased in a few years. The substantial Newton Lodge was that formed in 1866, the Devon Lodge, under whose auspices they were met that evening. He regarded that hall as one of the prettiest in Devon. Indeed, he had seen many in England and Scotland, and that seemed to take the palm. In 1759, when the first lodge was formed at Newton, there were 1500 lodges in the world, and 35,000 members. At the present time there were 15,000 lodges in various parts of the world, and he did not think there could be less than two million members, the annual income being five millions sterling. The English Grand Lodge was the oldest, largest, and most charitable. As to secrets, so far as he had been enabled to discover the original secret of Freemasonry was how to build, but at the present time their secret was that that they had no secret. He asked for the sympathy and support of the ladies, and instanced the Queen as the Patron of the Craft, which he regarded as the most beneficent Society in the world. The more they knew of it the more they would appreciate such a useful, ancient, and honourable Society.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan at the instance of Bro. the Rev. G. T. Warner, P.P.G. Chap.

In recognition of his services in decorating the lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lewis Stevens by Bro. Major C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Prov. G. Sec., who was thanked for his presence on the motion of the W.M., Bro. G. H. Hearder, seconded by Bro. W. Vicary, P.P.G. Reg.

The visitors were thanked at the instance of Bro. F. Watts, the compliment being acknowledged by Bro. G. N. Burden, P.J.G.W.

Dancing followed.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ABERDEENSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Aberdeenshire was held in the Masonic Hall Buildings, Exchange-street, Aberdeen, on the 16th instant. Sir Allan Mackenzie, Bart., of Glenmuick, Prov. G. Superintendent, was in the chair. There was a representative meeting from the various chapters of the province.

The chief business was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, the following being the principal: Comp. Sir Allan Mackenzie ... Prov. G. Supt.

- " Col. Lumsden of Pitcaple ... Prov. G.H.
- " J. McIntosh ... Prov. S.J.
- " J. H. Forshaw ... Depute P.S.Z.
- " A. Barclay ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " A. Dakers ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Rev. J. McCowan ... } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. W. S. Hildesley ... }
- " J. Taylor... ... Prov. G. 1st Soj.
- " D. Blake... ... Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
- " S. Lawrence Prov. G. 3rd Soj.



BRO. H. LOVEGROVE who ran as an independent candidate for a seat on the Council of the Society of Architects, was placed within six of the top of the poll.

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE POULTRY SHOW, some Italian Leghorns, the property of Bro. H. Lovegrove, were placed second, third, and fourth by the judges.

MR. EDWIN FOX (of the firm of Messrs. Edwin Fox and Bousfield), has been elected a director of the Accident Insurance Company, Limited, St. Swithin's House, St. Swithin's-lane.

THE INSTALLATION of the W.M. of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 27th inst. The W.M. elect is Bro. Fred. Shann, M.R.C.S., and the Installing Master, health permitting, will be Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.

BRO. ROBERT C. DRIVER, P.G.D., has written to Bro. H. Times, the W.M. of Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165, resigning the Secretaryship of that lodge, a post he has filled for the last 38 years to the greatest advantage to the lodge. We regret to learn that ill-health is the cause of his being compelled to resign. Bro. Driver is in his 78th year.

THE V.E. PROV. PRIOR OF DEVON (Rev. Dr. Lemon, K.C.T.) purposes holding at Plymouth, to-day (Friday), a Provincial Priory of the Order of Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. A large attendance of the knights is expected.

AT A MEETING on Friday, the 16th inst., of the Eastern Star Lodge, Aberdeen Chapter, No. 1, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Matron, Sister Brewster; Associate, Sister M'Robbie; Secretary, Sister Rinner; Treasurer, Sister Will; Conductress, Sister Merchant; Associate, Sister Baxter; Warder, Sister Senior; Adale, Sister Gibson; Ruth, Sister Milne; Esther, Sister Martin; Martha, Sister Lang; Electa, Sister Masson; and Patron, Bro. A. A. Smith.

PEOPLE WHO GRUMBLE at railway unpunctuality should take to heart the remarks made by Mr. Lambert, the energetic manager of the Great Western Railway, an interesting interview with whom, showing how he has risen from a comparatively humble position to his present post, appears in the current number of "St. Paul's." "Those," he points out, "who will persist in arriving at a station with huge quantities of luggage just as the train is about to start are the perverse people to whom the inconvenience must be chiefly attributed." A minute or two lost in this way at every station soon makes up the quarter-of-an-hour late which causes indignant travellers to write to the *Times*.

INEFFICIENT OFFICERS.—Officers of a lodge (elected or appointed) who are frequently absent, often late and always unable to properly perform their work, not for want of time or lack of ability, but because of indifference and lack of interest, should not be advanced, nor should the members of a lodge have any compunctions of conscience in refusing to advance them, nor should the Worshipful Master have any compunctions of conscience in removing them, for incalculably more is due to the interests of the lodge in particular and the Craft in general than the wounding of the feelings of voluntarily inefficient officers. While there are a few inefficient officers, we are glad they are but few, and hope their number will grow beautifully less.—*Keystone*.

THE RECENT RAINFALL.—Mr. J. H. Steward, of 406, Strand, writes as follows:—"When it is 'water, water everywhere,' it may not be uninteresting to your readers to know something about the rainfall for the past six weeks. I see by reference to the chart kept here that the rain has been registered on 13 out of the 16 days this month, amounting in all to nearly three inches (2.92 inches), and this after a fall of nearly 5½ inches in October (5.41 inches in actual figures). This gives a total of 8½ inches, with a daily average of nearly two-tenths of an inch since the 5th October, which is almost unprecedented, at any rate, nearly double that of the same period for last and the preceding year, the total for 1893 being 4.83 inches and 1892 4.72 inches. The amount of water represented by the 8 inches of rain is about 174,240 gallons, or 800 tons, per acre."

FEMALE SCHOOL INSPECTORS.—Bro. George Markham Tweddell, the Cleveland Author, is proposing the appointment of female inspectors for girls' and infants' schools. Bro. Tweddell says: "In our days, when women are competing favourably with men in every sort of learning, surely it is high time that properly educated females were appointed as inspectors of girls' and infants' schools. That they are at least equally as able to judge of the moral and mental training of their own sex, and of infants of both, as males, few will be bold enough to deny; and they must be better fitted to examine the work of girls in knitting, crocheting, darning, hemming, patching, backstitching, and every variety of needlework, than most men can possibly be. I trust that this letter will move some one of more influence than myself to take up the subject, though, as Elihu, the son of Barachel, the Buzite, said over thirty-four centuries ago—'Harken to me; I also will show mine opinion,'—and I will be glad to see others do the same. We have lately, very properly, had some female inspectors of factories appointed. Why not carry the reform into schools and workhouses? Women are, I sincerely hope, fast emerging from the Oriental degradation to which they have been unjustly subjected in the blundering past, and are about to become the pioneers of purity and progress in the brighter future."

ANOTHER BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—This is a familiar line in the newspapers, and one which always attracts the eye. And yet, when we come to read the report, how often do we find that the case is not very amusing after all. Indeed, considered rightly, the breaking of a promise is a very serious matter. A man who is once guilty of such an act is never trusted again. When we are suffering from indigestion, sick headache, or from any disorder of the stomach, why do we turn to Holloway's Pills? Because they promise relief in such cases, and have never yet broken their promise during a trial in all parts of the world for nearly sixty years.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF MERCERS have made a second grant of 250 guineas to the building fund of the Church House.

THE COMMITTEE of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, Shoe Lane, has received a donation of £25 from Mr. H. Lawson, M.P.

THE RECEIPT has been acknowledged, at Marlborough-street, of the sum of £20 for the poor-box, under the will of the late Lydia Branch.

THE REV. A. P. SHIRREFF, late Principal at St. John's Divinity School, Lahore, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Rectory of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, and he will reside in the parish.

BRO. J. PASSMORE EDWARDS will preside, and Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders, M.A. (rector of Whitechapel), and the Rev. W. Hardy Harwood will be the principal speakers at the meeting to be held at the Royal Albert Hall to-morrow (Saturday), in the interests of the Homes for Little Boys, Farningham and Swanley.

ACTORS' BENEVOLENT FUND.—Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree will take the chair at the annual dinner of this fund, to be held at the Hotel Métropole, on Wednesday, the 12th prox. The committee state that the demands upon the fund during the current year have been very heavy, a large number of aged actresses and actors depending entirely upon the help of the fund for their means of existence.

WE REGRET to note the untimely death of Bro. Walter James Walker, Strand Lodge, No. 1987, at the early age of 30 years. The deceased was a son of Bro. John Walker, of Southend, True Friendship Lodge, No. 160, for many years associated with the East of London in trade as a builder and contractor, to which business Bro. Walter Walker succeeded. He was fortunately unmarried, but deep sympathy is due to his parents, in their sorrow. Bro. W. Walker was widely known, and his genial presence and genuine good qualities had endeared him to a large circle of friends. He was interred on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the East London Cemetery.

OVER 700 telegraph messengers were inspected by the Postmaster-General at the Tower of London on Thursday. The boys, in their winter uniform, with great coats and gaiters, began to muster under command of Lieut.-Col. J. P. MacGregor soon after 8.30 a.m., and on the bugle sounding the whole battalion was extended for physical drill, and performed the first four practices in excellent time to the music of the massed bands of the Central Telegraph Office and the various districts. There was also the usual salute in line and a march past in column and quarter column. Mr. Arnold Morley, M.P., congratulated the boys on their improvement.

THE ANNUAL DANCE of members of the Lodge of United Brethren, No. 346, of which Bro. John Parkinson is the W.M., was held in the Exchange Assembly Rooms, Blackburn, on Thursday, the 15th inst., and was in every respect a great success. The attendance was large, and the arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of those present were admirable. A programme of 21 dances was gone through, the dancers footing it merrily to the strains of Mr. Abbott's capable orchestra. Bro. William Lamb, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.P., fulfilled the duties of Master of Ceremonies with more than ordinary care and attention.

JAMES ANDERSON ROSE.—Marcus Ward and Co., Limited, announce the early publication, in two volumes, of a further selection of engraved portraits from the collection exhibited by the late James Anderson Rose at the opening of the New Library and Museum of the Corporation of the City of London, November, 1872. This selection consists of over 100 portraits of celebrated historical characters; royalty, statesmen, reformers, generals, artists, litterateurs are all represented, and accompanying these portraits are attractively-written biographies, edited by Mr. Gordon Goodwin, who has also furnished by way of preface a very interesting memoir of Mr. Rose. A portrait of Mr. Rose appears as a frontispiece. The first selection appeared in one volume in 1874, published at nine guineas, but these have long since been sold.

ANTIQUITY.—We are sure we do not despise or underrate antiquity, and so we like to climb mountain heights, though they are cold and barren and often hid in clouds, but we prefer to live in the sunny and fruitful valleys. We think more of Masonry for what it is and is doing to-day, than for what it ever has been or has done in ages past. There are enough practical, matter-of-fact fellows that will inist on looking at the date on the half-dollar, but we are reluctant to disturb the illusions that afford so much delight to those who indulge in them, so long as they do not seriously interfere with good work, growth and progress, but when so-called landmarks are set up in the path of reason and justice and sound sense we feel like asserting our manhood and examining these obstructions to see if they are not rejected rubbish from the Temple.—*Voice of Masonry*.

TRADES TRAINING SCHOOL.—Technical education, the importance of which it would be difficult to overestimate, is at length really making headway in the Metropolis. On Thursday night Sir Henry Roscoe, at the invitation of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters, inspected the Trades Training College, in Great Titchfield-street, and delivered a brief address. The institution in question, which is assisted by several of the City Guilds, provides practical instruction classes for apprentices and workmen engaged in the London building trades, including such crafts as masonry, carpentry, joinery, wood carving, painting, and so forth. It was stated by Colonel Bannister Fletcher that there were 161 pupils, and that the average weekly attendance was over 200. Sir Henry Roscoe said that it was extremely creditable to the City companies to have devoted so much money towards technical education. There was no question of the great need and value of just such instruction now-a-days. It would tend to increase and maintain the high standard of British workmanship. Subsequently, in making the round of the class-rooms, the visitors expressed much satisfaction at the thoroughness of the training being imparted to the students. The drawings in nearly all of the departments were cleverly executed, and in the carving, bricklayers', and decorative painting school-rooms the work was of great excellence, many of the young apprentices showing most marked talent.

THE PLUCKNETT LODGE, No. 1708, has removed from The Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, to Woodside Hall, North Finchley.

A MASONIC SERVICE will be held, on Sunday next, at St. James's Church, East Dulwich Green, at six o'clock, of which the Rev. P. H. Aitkin, M.A., is vicar.

BRO. SHERIFF HAND distributed the prizes last week at the close of the annual show of the Stoke Newington Chrysanthemum Society.

SEVERAL pieces of needlework by the Lady Mayoress are included amongst the 50,000 garments included in the exhibition the London Needlework Guild, whose hon. secretary is Mrs. Basil Ellis, is holding at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington.

THE PRIZE GIVEN by the Prince of Wales for competition by members of the Honourable Artillery Company (of which his Royal Highness is Captain-General) has been won by Corporal Healy, of No. 6 Company, with 112.75; 92 points in shooting at Queen's ranges, and 20.75 allowed for drill.

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

VERY SUCCESSFUL was the cinderella given last week at the Town Hall, Westminster, in aid of the funds of the London Skin Hospital. The Hospital, which was founded in 1887 by Mr. James Startin, has made rapid progress during its seven years' existence, as indeed is shown by the fact that, whereas during the first year only 725 patients were treated, this number was increased in 1893 to 1400. During the past 11 months, 1450 out-patients and 40 in-patients have been treated.

THERE WAS a large gathering in the King's Hall at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday to celebrate the jubilee of the Theological College belonging to the Presbyterian Church of England, the invitations being issued by the Social Union connected with the same religious body in London. Mr. H. M. Matheson traced the history of the college since its foundation, and dwelt with especial satisfaction on the marvellous growth of the church, possessing as it now does in the southern portion of this country no fewer than 114 congregations, with £100,000 of revenue. Nearly half the pulpits are filled by ministers trained in the college. Similarly have the foreign missions expanded, there being 30 male and 20 female missionaries, most of them engaged in China. The prospects of the college were declared by the Rev. Oswald Dykes, principal, to be never more hopeful than at present. An agreeable feature of the evening was the presentation of a portrait to Professor Gibb by old students, in recognition of a quarter of a century's work, the Rev. Donald Matheson acting as the mouthpiece of the subscribers.

AN AUSTRALIAN PAPER asks and answers several questions affecting the Craft. Is Freemasonry, it asks, an eleemosynary organisation, or a religious sect? Was it established, and is it supported for the purpose of giving alms, or spreading a religious doctrine? Certainly, neither the one nor the other. What, then, is it? It is a social brotherhood, having a social and religious aspect. It is meant, by bringing the best man of the community together in social intercourse, to elevate their minds, and improve their manners. By bringing all classes of the community together on a basis of social equality it tends to level upwards. It gives men of ordinary calibre and position an opportunity of mixing with the most refined, intelligent, and illustrious in the community. It teaches men that they can have social enjoyment and relaxation without excess. There is no association in the world which devotes so much of its funds to relieving the poor as Freemasonry. Is not that enough for the most fastidious, without railing at those who spend a portion of their time and money in social intercourse! Once reduce Freemasonry to a soup kitchen alms giving organisation and its doom is sealed. There are many noble institutions which give no alms at all, and yet benefit the human race.

FRUIT GROWING IN AUSTRALIA.—The large hall of the Horticultural College at Swanley (Swanley Junction) was well filled on Tuesday evening, the 20th instant, by a fairly representative audience drawn from the fruit-growing community of the district, for the purpose of hearing an illustrated lecture by Bro. James Stevens, representative of the Australian Irrigation Colonies, under the above title. By permission of the governing body of the college, the general public were enabled to share with the students the advantages to be derived from an extremely lucid exposition of the details of the creation and progress of the two large settlements in Victoria and South Australia, known as Mildura and Renmark respectively, now attracting considerable interest in the horticultural world. The lecturer was introduced to his audience by Thomas Russell, Esq., of Stone, who said that in consequence of the good report which had reached the college as to the series of lectures in the course of delivery at the Crystal Palace and elsewhere, it had been thought desirable to afford the students at Swanley and others interested in fruit culture, an opportunity of learning the nature and characteristics of the newly-formed Settlements in Australia, and the methods of irrigation pursued; and to see, through the medium of the views to be represented, the indisputable results of six years progress, both in regard to the bearing capacity of the trees planted during that period over a most extensive area, and of the towns which had grown up and were prospering as a result of the important enterprise. He felt certain that an attentive consideration would be given to the lecturer's address, and that the lime-light photographs for which he noticed, liberal preparation had been made, would give his hearers much satisfaction. Bro. Stevens, who was most cordially received, gave a most interesting account of the extensive Irrigation Settlements, which was listened to with the utmost interest—occupying more than an hour and a half of quick passing time. The lecture was illustrated with a large number of magnificent lantern slides. At the conclusion, the chairman having proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer in terms of great appreciation, and which the principal of the college, Mr. Colville Brown, M.R.A.C., &c., seconded in like manner, a most pleasant and instructive evening terminated amidst many expressions of satisfaction.

Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, 8
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and
 4th Tues., at 7.30.
 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgecombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road,
 Peckham, at 8.
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida
 Vale, at 8.
 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
 St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South
 Hackney, at 8.
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green,
 S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at 6
for 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel.
 1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
 1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel.
 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
 102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
 227, Ionic, Criterion.
 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1351, St. Clement Dames, The Courts Restaurant.
 1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.
 1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville Place.
 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions.
 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
 2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
 2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 2512, Fulham, Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
 9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
 1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.
 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse,
 E., at 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
 Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montebore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
 Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
 Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
 Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
 North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
 2467, Pickwick, Anderson's Hotel.
 2488, Eccentric, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 250, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
 1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
 1928, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.
 2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
 2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, December 8, 1894.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

CRAFT LODGES.	Wimborne ... 622	Lowestoft ... 1452
Bolton ... 37	Basingstoke ... 694	Wadebridge ... 1954
Bath ... 53	Gloucester ... 839	Sunderland ... 2030
Lynn ... 107	Ashbourne ... 850	Calstock ... 2100
Preston ... 113	Petersfield ... 928	Kington ... 2240
Whitehaven ... 119	Ipswich ... 959	Wallsend-on- Tyne ... 2497
Bridgewater ... 135	Altrincham ... 1045	Newcastle ... 2520
Wakefield ... 154	Rochester ... 1050	Mark Coniston ... 2525
Plymouth ... 156	Lancaster ... 1051	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Dover ... 199	Southport ... 1070	Exmouth ... 106
Barnstaple ... 251	Saltash ... 1071	Wakefield ... 1019
Torquay ... 328	Blackley ... 1077	Crowthorne ... 1899
Ross ... 338	Oswesby ... 1124	MARK LODGES.
Leamington ... 395	Birmingham ... 1180	Portsmouth ... 2
Norwich ... 428	Leeds ... 1211	Hull ... 12
North Shields ... 431	Sheffield ... 1239	Middlesboro ... 170
Cambridge ... 441	Exeter ... 1254	Gateshead ... 293
Oxford ... 478	Liverpool ... 1264	Shoreham ... 380
Handsworth ... 482	Bocking ... 1312	Liverpool ... 447
Worcester ... 529	Nottingham ... 1434	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton ... 184	Huddersfield ... 521	Canterbury ... 1449
Norwich ... 213	Workington ... 902	Llandport ... 1770
Bradford ... 302	Levenshulme ... 993	Walton-on- Naze ... 1799
Reading ... 414	Mossley ... 1218	East Retford ... 1802
Newport ... 471	Leeds ... 1221	Hull ... 2134

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

CRAFT LODGES.	Sutton Goldfield ... 704	Stratford-on- Avon ... 2133
Nottingham ... 47	Havant ... 804	Bishops Stort- ford ... 2136
Norwich ... 52	Honiton ... 847	Fairfield ... 2200
Plymouth ... 70	Linslade ... 948	Southport ... 2205
Bristol ... 103	Cardiff ... 960	Blackwater ... 2475
Hereford ... 120	Bradford ... 974	Amphill ... 2490
Durham ... 124	Cherstone ... 995	Whalley ... 2529
Sheerness ... 158	Cockermouth ... 1002	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Uxbridge ... 220	Aberystwith ... 1072	Lincoln ... 297
Dudley ... 252	Walmor ... 1096	Hayle ... 450
Keighley ... 205	Manchester ... 1134	Chesterfield ... 681
Brighton ... 315	Wimster ... 1197	Birmingham ... 1031
Oxford ... 349	Weston ... 1222	Hull ... 2134
Neath ... 304	Brigg ... 1282	Chatham ... 2404
Berwick ... 303	Wrexham ... 1330	MARK LODGES.
South Molton ... 421	Ambwich ... 1488	Hatley ... 45
Monmouth ... 457	Portmadoc ... 1509	Truro ... 78
Gloucester ... 403	Bognor ... 1520	Bury ... 130
Liskeard ... 510	Southampton ... 1780	Hull ... 303
Folkestone ... 558	Padstow ... 1785	Ringwood ... 381
New Malton ... 600	Builth ... 1807	Lewes ... 301
Liverpool ... 673	Frodsham ... 1908	
Stroud ... 702	South Shields ... 1970	
Bridlington ... 734	Bakewell ... 2129	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74	Broadstairs ... 429	Willington Quay ... 601
Darlington ... 111	Halifax ... 445	Jarrow ... 1119
Whitehaven ... 119	St. Austell ... 490	Bootle ... 1473
Weymouth ... 170	Aylesbury ... 591	Kingston Hill ... 1938
Liverpool ... 241	Clockbeaton ... 903	Huddersfield ... 1783
Batley ... 264	St. Helens ... 897	Buckingham ... 1787
Maryport ... 371	Stockton ... 940	Chertsey ... 2120

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

CRAFT LODGES.	Douglas ... 1004	West Hartle- pool ... 1802
Sunderland ... 44	Hull ... 1010	Liverpool ... 2042
Poole ... 137	Liverpool ... 1013	Tunbridge Wells ... 2200
Leicester ... 270	West Malling ... 1063	Long Eaton ... 2224
Tavistock ... 282	Derby ... 1085	Bicester ... 2334
Rochdale ... 298	Abwick ... 1167	Cardiff ... 2453
Bristol ... 326	Sandwich ... 1200	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Wigton ... 327	Chester-le- Street ... 1274	Leeds ... 304
Ramsgate ... 420	Atherstone ... 1333	Preston ... 333
Newport, Mon. Ludlow ... 611	Wigan ... 1335	Bishops Stort- ford ... 400
Manchester ... 645	Leigh ... 1354	Stafford ... 720
Kearsley ... 678	Solihull ... 1431	Sowerby Bridge ... 1283
Abergavenny ... 818	Woolston ... 1491	Hornsea ... 1511
Boston ... 838	Warminster ... 1478	MARK LODGES.
Bungay ... 929	Carlisle ... 1532	Workington ... 282
East Looe ... 970	Liverpool ... 1620	Wootton-under- Edge ... 299
Lower Brough- ton ... 992	Prizipool ... 1660	Birmingham ... 430
Jersey ... 1003	Halifax ... 1736	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20	Longton ... 540	Wisbeck ... 809
Shrewsbury ... 117	Ventnor ... 551	Worthing ... 851
Ryde ... 175	Newbury ... 574	Chorlton-on- Medlock ... 1459
Bingley ... 439	Liverpool ... 594	Herne Bay ... 2099
Haverfordwest ... 464		

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

CRAFT LODGES.	Northampton ... 360	Lymm ... 1505
Newcastle ... 24	Grantham ... 362	Stony Stratford ... 1630
Canterbury ... 31	Wolverhampton ... 419	Faringdon ... 1770
Chichester ... 38	Spilsby ... 426	Brighton ... 1820
Hull ... 57	Wells, Somerset ... 446	Kidderminster ... 1874
Lowestoft ... 71	Acrington ... 462	Sandhurst ... 1890
Merthyr Tydfil ... 110	Howden ... 630	Reading ... 2043
Ipswich ... 114	Manchester ... 633	Settle ... 2091
Colne ... 116	Stoke-on-Trent ... 637	Bradford ... 2321
Richmond ... 123	Blackpool ... 703	Hindley ... 2350
Devonport ... 230	Totnes ... 710	Chester ... 2380
Liverpool ... 240	Grimsby ... 792	Birkenhead ... 2490
Coventry ... 254	Lostwithiel ... 850	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Heywood ... 266	Plumstead ... 910	Ramsgate ... 420
Blackburn ... 269	Bruce ... 976	Arwick ... 581
Huddersfield ... 275	Bury ... 1012	Wigan ... 2260
Chelmsford ... 276	Melton Mow- bray ... 1130	Oldham ... 2341
Leeds ... 280	St. Germans ... 1164	MARK LODGES.
Beverley ... 294	Topsham ... 1284	Birkenhead ... 11
Macclesfield ... 295	Hornecastle ... 1304	Rochdale ... 20
Ashton-under- Lync ... 300	Ripley ... 1324	Barrow-in-Fur- ness ... 36
Beebles ... 305	Darlington ... 1379	Sheffield ... 55
Fareham ... 309	Widnes ... 1384	Liskeard ... 370
Manchester ... 317	Boole ... 1473	Luton ... 495
Helston ... 318	Norwich ... 1500	Shrewsbury ... 444
Uppermill ... 337	Barnsley ... 1513	Southport ... 473

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31	Maidstone ... 503	Sandown, I.W. ... 1869
Nottingham ... 47	Liverpool ... 673	Shanklin, I.W. ... 1884
Plymouth ... 70	Rochester ... 1050	Wallingford ... 1887
Liverpool ... 210	Liverpool ... 1182	Hazel Grove ... 1957
Batley ... 264	Sudbury ... 1224	New Brompton ... 1907
Uxbridge ... 382	Romford ... 1437	Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

CRAFT LODGES.	Ripon ... 837	Gosforth ... 1064
Manchester ... 44	Alderburgh ... 930	Penarth ... 1754
Leeds ... 300	Stow-on-the- Wold ... 951	Plymouth ... 156
Towcester ... 445	Chorlton-cum- Hardy ... 1357	Weymouth ... 170
Huddersfield ... 521	Nottingham ... 1495	MARK LODGE.
Selby ... 506	Morecambe ... 1501	Castleford ... 457
Ashtford ... 709		
Louth ... 712		

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 123	Bristol ... 326	Birkenhead ... 1289
Bristol ... 187	Bradford ... 1034	Bristol - Province
Keighley ... 265	Saltash ... 1071	

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

CRAFT LODGE.

Sutton ... 1347
Ealing ... 1612
Portsmouth ... 1755
Didbury ... 2359

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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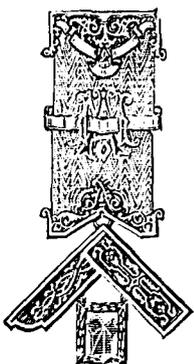
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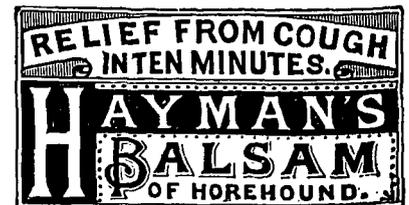
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