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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The day is fast approaching when the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1895 will be celebrated, and it is about time, therefore, that we took our usual look round, and addressed that earnest appeal for support to our readers and the Craft generally which is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of this splendid Charity at its present high standard of efficiency. We fear we shall be unable to say much that has not been said before, or with which our friends are not themselves familiar, but that is the inevitable lot of all who advocate the claims of institutions which are supported chiefly or entirely by voluntary subscriptions. Those claims are always before them; the need for those appeals exists always; but the measure of success which attends them varies so considerably, that on this, as on all previous occasions, we must content ourselves with hoping for the best. We know, from past experience, that the constituency we are addressing is always generously disposed towards those of its members who have been stricken by misfortune, or have passed away leaving their widows and orphan children without means of support. We know full well the pride they take in the Charities which have been established in behalf of these unfortunate ones, and we know further that when, as occasionally happens, there is a diminution of support in any given year, as compared with its predecessors, the cause of such diminution must be looked for, not in any depreciation of their goodwill, but to the less favourable circumstances of the year in which the appeal is made. In short, we realise fully that no appeal to the Masonic Craft of this country is ever allowed to pass unheeded, when there is a possibility of responding to it, and thus it is that, though the circumstances of this Benevolent Institution have undergone no material change since last year, we are as confident as ever we have been that when the proper time arrives the needs of our poor old members and their widows will be, as heretofore, most generously recognised.

But as regards this Festival, which is now so near at hand, Bro. TERRY has undoubtedly been in luck's way. On many previous occasions, he has been hard driven to it to secure the services of a chairman. In this instance, however, he was fortunately in a position to announce at an exceptionally early date that Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, had kindly undertaken to preside in that capacity, and for some time past both his lordship and the lodges in his province have been actively engaged in doing what in them lies to ensure the success of an anniversary in which they are destined to play the chief part. Bro. TERRY too, and his staff have been working, as they alone know how to work, in furtherance of the same object, the result of their combined efforts being that the Board of Stewards, which will support Lord DUNGARVAN in February next, is at this moment stronger by some 30 or 35 members than was the Board of Stewards which supported the P.G. Master of Surrey in February, 1894, at the corresponding period of last year. The latter, on the 20th November, 1893, was 108 strong; the Board which is in course of being formed is already not far short of 150, and as the bulk of our lodges both in town and country are, and will remain, in session for some months to come, there are at least reasonable grounds for hoping that the number of brethren who will ultimately constitute the Board of Stewards for 1895, will be nearly, if not quite as great as it has been in past ordinary years. And if the Board be, as we hope it will, of an average strength, there are no special reasons that we wot of why the efforts of its members should not be as productive. The chairman that is to be, as we have already said, has been bestirring himself for some time past in support of his own presidency, his Province of Somersetshire is loyally seconding him in his efforts, and it will be strange indeed if the brethren and lodges in London and the rest of the provinces exhibit less energy and prove less successful in the labours they have undertaken. It must be borne in mind that the task they are engaged in is not a light one. The sum required annually to maintain the Benevolent Institution at its present strength falls little, if at all, short of £19,000. Of this over £16,000 is devoted to annuities, while the remainder is expended in salaries and the costs of management and in maintaining the Asylum at Croydon. To meet this outlay, there is a permanent income of about £3600, the annual grants by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter furnishing £1750 of this sum, while the dividends on invested moneys are accountable for the rest. Thus the amount which must be obtained annually, in order to make good this deficiency is not far short of £16,000—a goodly sum indeed, and one that must seriously tax the energies even of the strongest Board of Stewards to obtain—but still one that, as our experience of the last few years has again and again demonstrated, is very far from being unobtainable. Even in February last, when the strain of the Jubilee year was still appreciable, the

then Board of Stewards was successful in compiling a total of some £13,000.

We have said the sum devoted to annuities is over £16,000 annually, the Male Fund being responsible for 195 annuities, value £40 each, and amounting to £7800, while the Widows' Fund distributes some £7660 amongst 210 annuitants, at the rate of £32 a piece, the balance of over £580 being apportioned amongst about 29 widows, who receive half their late husbands' annuities; that is to say, £20 each. But serious as is the responsibility to which the authorities of the Institution already stand committed, and great as must be the efforts which have necessarily to be made in order to meet these responsibilities, there is annually a formidable and long list of candidates, that is to say, of those poor brethren and widows whose claims to be admitted to the benefits of the Institution have been established, but for whom it is impossible to make any provision. In May last, for instance, there were elected 27 men from an approved list of 65, and 16 widows from one of 54. There remained, therefore, 38 men and 38 widows unprovided for. To this number will be added the brethren and widows whose petitions have been accepted during the present year, so that, in all probability it will be found that at the election in May of next year, the lists of candidates will be just as formidable as ever, and that, too, notwithstanding the measures which the Committee of Management adopted a few years since with a view to keeping the lists as far as possible within reasonable compass. Let us add to this that at the present moment there are only five vacancies on the Male Fund and one on the Widows' Fund, and the urgent need for the utmost exertion will be apparent to everyone. If then by hook or by crook, by—if that be possible—a greater amount of energy on the part of the Stewards, and a more earnest pleading in behalf of our decayed brethren and their widows, a total of donations and subscriptions in excess of the average is obtained in February, then it is possible—as to the probability we say nothing—the executive may consider itself justified in creating one or two additional annuities; but if only an average sum or less than the average is raised, then we fear there will still be as long a list as ever of brethren and widows, whose urgent claims for a little help in their declining years must remain unsatisfied. We, therefore, most earnestly appeal to all our readers, and to the lodges and brethren generally throughout the country, to support Lord DUNGARVAN in the efforts he is making in aid of our Masonic Benevolent Institution. The cause he is advocating is a grand one, and we trust the success of his advocacy will be worthy of the cause.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 5th instant:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September, 1894, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, Harrow ...	£	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, Ormskirk ...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, Reading ...	...	75	0	0
A brother of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, London ...	...	60	0	0
A brother of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Court ...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Urban Lodge, No. 1195, London ...	...	100	0	0
A brother of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham ...	...	50	0	0
A brother of Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, London ...	...	100	0	0
A widow of a brother of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704, London ...	...	50	0	0
A widow of a brother of the Lodge Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dewsbury ...	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury ...	...	50	0	0
A widow of a brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London ...	...	50	0	0
A widow of a brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London ...	...	50	0	0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Robert Grey, for the courteous manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

## 8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England,

The Board of General Purposes regret to report that Bro. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, has been compelled by the very serious state of his health, to tender his resignation of the latter office, after a service of upwards of 30 years.

The Board, taking into account the long and faithful services of Bro. Pendlebury, unanimously recommend to Grand Lodge that he be granted on retirement a pension of £400 per annum.

The Board have further to report that, on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, they have approved the appointment to the office of Chief Clerk, about to be vacated by Bro. Pendlebury, Bro. William Lake, P.M., Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Cornwall, and for the past eight years editor of the *Freemason* newspaper, who in the opinion of the Board possesses special qualifications for the office.

The Board recommend that the salary of Bro. W. Lake on appointment be £400 per annum, increasing by yearly increments of £20 to £500 per annum.

The Board beg to submit to Grand Lodge the following modifications in the Book of Constitutions, which they recommend for adoption:

That Rule 83, Book of Constitutions, be altered to read as follows:

"A Provincial Grand Master must have served for the full period of five years, and a District Grand Master for the full period of three years, from the date of his installation, to entitle him to Past rank."

That the following words be inserted in Rule 87, after the fifth line from the top of page 46:

"A District Grand Master, if a Prince of the Blood Royal, may appoint a Pro District Grand Master, to rank immediately before the Deputy District Grand Master."

That in Rule 262 the words 5 o'clock be substituted for 4 o'clock.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks.

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Framed Portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald	J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M., Canada.
"Canada" " J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M.	J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M., Canada.
Several Photographs of Old Masonic Jewels	Thos. Francis, P.M. No. 804.
Old Masonic Apron	J. R. Willson, P.M. No. 1903.
Records of the Hole Craft and Fellowship of Masons. (A History of the Masons Company of London)	The Author, Edward Conder, jun., No. 1036
"Three Distinct Knocks," with Frontispiece	James Terry, P.G. Sword Bearer.
The Life and Writings of Philip, Duke of Wharton. 2 vols. 1732	F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon.
Catalogue of over 500 Masonic Certificates in the collection of Bro. F. J. W. Crowe	F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon.
(Signed)	RICHARD LOVELAND, LOVELAND, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 21st November, 1894.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6799 9s. 3d., and balance of annual allowance for Library £3 3s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

9. A report of a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 15th November, 1894, will be laid before Grand Lodge, in which the following proposed addition to Rule 23, then agreed to, is submitted for approval.

A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing 100 guineas in one sum or in sums of not less than five guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to 30 votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master, or first Principal, or other officer of such lodge or chapter, for the time being, shall be a Vice-Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of five guineas thereafter subscribed, to four votes at each election. A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing 200 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than five guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to 60 votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master, or first Principal, or other officer of such Lodge or Chapter, for the time being, shall be a Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of five guineas thereafter subscribed, to six votes at each election.

10. APPEAL BY BRO. B. O. REYNOLDS, of Lodge Pitt Macdonald, No. 1198, Madras—

Against the decision of the Board of General Purposes in Madras convicting him of un-Masonic conduct, and against the District Grand Master of Madras for having revoked a provisional warrant for a new lodge in which he was nominated first Worshipful Master.

11. MOTION, pursuant to notice by V.W. BRO. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer—

What steps have been taken by the Grand Secretary or the Colonial Board to give effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the 7th June, 1893, in respect to the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, and if found necessary, to move— "That the Colonial Board and the Grand Secretary be instructed to take prompt action to assist the loyal brethren of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 in upholding their rights, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be respectfully requested to use his gracious influence in inducing the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to give the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, friendly and fraternal recognition."

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; and Charles Alexander Cotebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President. And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:

Bros. Geo. Graveley, P.M. 834; W. Martin, P.M. 879; Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 2381; Geo. B. Chapman, P.M. 27; Chas. Dairy, P.M. 141; William Fisher, P.M. 834; James Bunker, P.M. 1158; Wm. Vincent, P.M. 1194; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Robert A. Gowan, P.M. 2029; Robert H. Evans,

P.M. 1139; and William Kipps, P.M. 1275. And no more than 12 were nominated."

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

No. 2531, The Khan Bahadur B. Rajkotwalla Lodge, Karachi, Sind, East Indies.

" 2532, The Lodge St. George, Madras, East Indies.

" 2533, The Fitzwilliam Lodge, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

" 2534, The Austral Lodge, Mafeking, British Bechuanaland, South Africa.

" 2535, The Lodge Fellowship, London.

" 2536, The Staines Lodge, Staines, Middlesex.

" 2537, The St. George's Lodge, Cape Town, South Africa (W.D.)

" 2538, The Metropolitan Lodge, Cape Town, South Africa (W.D.)

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Salford Town Hall on the 23rd ult. There was a very large attendance of brethren of the province, more, in fact, than could be accommodated with seats. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master, presided, supported by a considerable number of present provincial and past provincial grand officers, among whom were Bros. J. Ashworth, Acting D.P.G.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.W.; J. J. Merkin, P.J.G.W.; J. S. Duxey, P.G.C.; Tom Taylor Evans, P.A.G.C.; Thomas Stott, P.G.T.; W. Goldthorpe, P.G. Reg.; B. T. Sutcliffe, D.P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.; J. Fisher, P.G.D.; J. Cliffe, P.G.D.C.; F. W. Purcell, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Collinge, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Harris, P.A.G.D.C.; T. H. Williams, P.G.S.B.; T. Pike, P.A.G. St. B.; Robert Wrigley, P.G. Org.; James Newton, P.G.A.C.; R. Ashworth, P.G.P.; W. B. Russell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; James Andrew, P.P.S.G.D.; and T. A. Lowe, P.P.G.S.B. Among the visitors was B. W. H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire. The Mayor of Salford (Bro. R. Mottram); E. Openshaw, W.M. 935; and J. W. Booth, P.M. 852, were also present. The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and the grand officers having been saluted in due form, the roll of lodges was called. There were only four not represented. The roll of P.G. officers was also called, and but few letters of apology for absence were read. One or two P.G. officers, not present at the last meeting at Rochdale, in May, were invested. The minutes of the same meeting were taken as read, and, after emendation, approved.

The following brethren were elected auditors of Prov. G.L. accounts, out of six names proposed:—Bros. J. Clarke, P.M. 37; T. Murphy, P.M. 271; and Eli Winterbottom, P.M. 17.

The report of the proceedings of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, and agreed to without comment.

Several notices of motion were given for consideration at the next meeting.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Denton was presented, at which place Provincial Grand Lodge has not been held for 30 years.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had other invitations, but all would receive due consideration.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Constitutional Hall, Chertsey, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when there was a good attendance. For several years past the meetings have been held on the same day as the Provincial Grand Lodge, but the Grand Superintendent has determined that in future the Royal Arch meetings shall be held at various places in the province where it would be impossible to hold the Craft meetings, and thus induce a keener interest to be taken in Arch Masonry. It was originally intended to hold the present meeting at the Masonic Hall, but owing to the recent floods this was found to be impossible, and almost at the 11th hour the venue was changed to the Constitutional Hall. The members of the St. George's and Abbey Chapters were equal to the occasion, and arrangements were made that conduced to a successful meeting. An interesting item of the proceedings was the presentation of a piece of plate to the Grand Superintendent by the members of the St. George's Chapter, over which he presided during its jubilee year.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., G. Superintendent, supported by Comps. F. West, Prov. G.H.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; C. C. Gibbes, P.G. Treas.; C. Pulman, P.P.G. Soj.; A. Bannister, P.Z. 1556; T. Clark, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Dixon, P.P.G.S.N.; H. Burgess, M.E.Z. 1556; G. C. Barry, M.E.Z. 1347; C. A. Iuter, M.E.Z. 2246; G. F. Marshall, 440; S. N. Philipps, 440; T. W. Richardson, P.Z. 1929; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E.; W. King, P.Z. 452; W. Scone, P.Z. 889; T. Montague, P.Z. 889; J. D. Langton, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Lionel Scott, M.E.Z. 370; M. Spiegel, P.Z. 1996; C. T. Tyler, P.P.G.J.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, P.P.G.J.; F. Harper, 2120; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.G.S.B.; W. Cook, H. 860; J. M. Askham, P.G.D.C.; W. Dixey, 2120; R. W. Wilson, M.E.Z. 2096; J. Webb, J. elect 2357; R. J. Hunt, 2120; T. Aitken, P.A.G.S.; E. A. Brown, 2120; E. B. Smallpiece, P.Z. 21; W. W. Lee, H. 1524; and many others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Report containing the following recommendations was adopted: Five guineas to the Male and Widows' Funds respectively of the R.M. Benevolent Institution; five guineas to the R.M. Institution for Boys; and five guineas to the R.M. Institution for Girls.

On the motion of the Prov. G.H., Comp. WEST, five guineas was also voted to the fund for relieving the local distress caused by the heavy floods.

Comp. Dr. C. C. Gibbes having been unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the following appointments were made, Comp. R. Eve being unable to attend for investiture:

Comp. F. West (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Eve, 777	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" C. Greenwood, 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Major G. W. Dixon, 1347	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Dr. C. C. Gibbes, 889	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. L. Scott, 370	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. W. Marshall, 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" Walter King, 452	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" G. B. Smallpiece, 2120	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" T. W. Richardson, 1929	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. W. Wilson, 2096	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Thos. Montague, 889	...	...	
" Maurice Spiegel, 1556	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. A. Iiter, 2246	...	...	
" C. F. Passmore, 2317	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. C. Burry, 1347	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. LIONEL SCOTT, M.E.Z. 370, then said the honour had devolved upon him, on behalf of the many members of the St. George's Chapter, of asking the Grand Superintendent to accept a small memento of the jubilee of that chapter. When that event was commemorated the Grand Superintendent was presiding as M.E.Z., and the members now asked his acceptance of a silver salver, bearing the following inscription, as a souvenir of the occasion—"Presented to M.E. Comp. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., G. Supt., by companions of the St. George's Chapter, No. 370, to commemorate its jubilee. 10 February, 1894, when he was the First Principal."

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said this came upon him so unexpectedly that he could not find words in which to thank them for this extremely kind and gratifying present. It would be a memento of a very happy year of office and of the happy years he had spent in his mother chapter. He thanked them most heartily and sincerely.

The Prov. G. Chapter was closed, and after dinner the usual toasts were proceeded with.

Comp. F. WEST replied for "The Grand Officers," and then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Grand Superintendent," remarking that this toast required no words from him to recommend it to their acceptance. Everyone in the province knew Col. Money well, and the more they saw of him the more anxious they were to increase their knowledge. It was the wish of every R.A. Mason in Surrey that he would live to reign over them for many years to come, for he had the principles of Masonry most thoroughly at heart.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT returned thanks. He thought that in the multitude of counsellors there might be wisdom, but that in the paucity of words there was wit. He was pleased to think their meeting had been a success, and that they had had a really representative gathering. He sincerely hoped the trial they were making of holding these meetings all over the province might conduce to the prosperity of the Order. A great deal too much had been said of him, for with the love of Masonry he possessed he was only following his own inclinations in doing what was a labour of love. He hoped R.A. Masonry would be supported and become a great power. If they held their Prov. G. Chapter meetings separate from the Prov. G. Lodge meeting, as they had done that day, a greater interest would be shown, and the Order would flourish and prosper in proportion. He thanked them most heartily and sincerely for their assistance, and for the kindly reception accorded the toast.

"The Provincial G.H. and J., and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, who said that Comp. West had been known and appreciated in Surrey for many years, and he (the Grand Superintendent) congratulated himself on having so powerful and able a coadjutor to assist him in carrying out the business of the province. The acting Prov. G.J. (Comp. Hobbs) was also well-known and respected in the province.

Comp. F. WEST, Prov. G.H., said it was a matter of gratification to every provincial officer to hear their Grand Superintendent say he was satisfied with what they had done. It should be the sincere wish of every Royal Arch Mason to please those who ruled over them. He did not know whether his wishes were quite acceptable to those who attempted to guide them in Masonic duties, but he had seen it in print that the "light blues" ought to revolt against the "dark blues." If those sentiments were carried out, what chance would a Grand Officer—or even a Prov. Grand Officer—ever have of responding to the usual toast? If the respect which was always shown to a Grand Officer and a Prov. G. Officer was to be taken away half the enjoyment of Prov. G. Lodge would have ceased to exist, because those who lived in the country looked to receive their reward from Prov. Grand Lodges and Chapters. If these were to be considered of no value and not entitled to respect, all appointments would have to be abolished. The brethren possessed more good sense and brotherly love than to be led away by such nonsense, and the feeling which already existed with regard to Grand Officers and Prov. G. Officers would continue for a great deal longer than the reign of those who were putting forward such statements. He hoped the day would be far distant when this and the previous toast would fail to be received with the same enthusiasm as had been extended that night.

Comp. LIONEL SCOTT, P.G.R., also replied, after which "The Visitors" was given, and acknowledged by Comp. W. W. LEE, H. 1524.

Comp. Dr. GILBERT, P.G. Treas., returned thanks for "The Prov. G. Treasurer and Scribe E."

Comp. J. D. LANGTON, responding for "The Masonic Charities," referred to the good work being done by their Provincial Charity organisation, by which means each candidate put forward had been elected on the first application. He thought there would be two cases at the next election of the Boys' School, and hoped they would be successful with both.

The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY BYRDE MARK LODGE, No. 475.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Kandy, Ceylon, on Saturday, the 27th of October, by Bro. Capt. G. Hearn, 18°, P.M., D.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. W. B. F. Lukis, D.G. Std. Br., as S.W.; W. Rival, D.G. Stwd., as J.W.; J. Maitland, 30°, D.S.G.D., as Chap.; Lieut.-Col. B. Cake, R.A., 18°, P.D.S.G.W. Mediterranean as D.C.; and John Juthrie, as I.G.

The lodge having been duly opened, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressing the brethren, said they had assembled that evening for the purpose of opening and consecrating a new lodge in the Mountain Capital of Ceylon, it was barely 18 months ago that Mark Masonry under the English Constitution had been introduced into the island; but during that time no less than 76 brethren had been placed on the roll of the St. George of Colombo Mark Lodge. The founders of the new lodge were all members of the Colombo Lodge, but being unable owing to their residing up country to attend regularly, had petitioned for what he might term a "Planters Lodge," and our Grand Master having been pleased to accede to the prayer of their petition he would proceed with the ceremony of consecration, and congratulated the new lodge on having as its first Master Bro. Col. Byrde, and felt confident that the new lodge would become a pillar of strength in Mark Masonry.

Bro. the CHAPLAIN having given a most interesting oration, which went most minutely into principles of Mark Masonry, the lodge was then consecrated in a most impressive manner.

The Consecrating Officer then installed Bro. Col. Byrde in the chair, who invested as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Capt. G. Hearn, P.M., I.P.M.; J. N. Grant, S.W.; J. A. Burmester, J.W.; W. J. Robson, M.O.; W. Ellrick Horn, S.O.; H. C. Wallace, 30°, J.O.; Duff Tyler, Chap.; J. W. Bidal, D.G. Stwd., Treas.; W. L. H. Sheen, R. of M.; A. H. Campbell, Sec.; L. W. Kershaw, S.D.; R. D. Kershaw, J.D.; W. R. F. Lutus, D.G. Std. Br., D.C.; and J. S. T. Power, I.G.

The names of the brethren for joining were then proposed. Bros. Matier, G. Sec.; The Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, D.G. Master; and Capt. C. D. Wise, D.D.G. Master, were elected hon. members by acclamation.

A vote of thanks having been proposed to the Consecrating Officers, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed, the new W.M. proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," who suitably replied, and then proposed "The Health of the first Master of the Henry Byrde Mark Lodge, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Henry Byrde," and said it had given him the greatest pleasure in installing him into the chair of the lodge; it did not fall to the lot of every soldier of his rank to consecrate a lodge and then to install an old brother soldier, who as a captain in the good old "Die Hards" (the 57th Regiment), had fought in the Crimea. He felt certain that as Craft and Royal Arch Masonry had flourished under his able guidance, so would the Henry Byrde Mark Lodge flourish, and he wished him in the name of those present long life and prosperity.

Bro. Col. BYRDE said he felt too overcome to properly express his feelings. The honour not only of being the first Master, but that his name should have been chosen for the new lodge, which he appreciated very highly, and would do all he could to further the interests of the lodge.

"The Visitors" and other toasts having been given, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

### WHAT DOES IT PORTEND?

There is a settled purpose to collect in Antwerp in July next, a gathering of all sorts of persons who claim in some way to be called Masons. A European "Grand Orient" is sponsor for this gathering. To dignify it, it is to be known as a universal council or conference. Anybody who wears a jewel may be admitted, for there is no test applied to those who gather.

So far as is now known, Anarchists, infidels, revolutionary Socialists from Spain, Italy, France, and elsewhere are known to be members of secret societies. Secret societies are not ashamed to be known as Masons. By this means the true, ancient, honourable Fraternity of Freemasons is discredited in the opinion of the best men in society in Europe. It may be that this scheme is set on foot by political revolutionists in Europe, who are now most justly under the ban of all law. By some such plan possibly, these people hope to get a respite from the operation of the law which protects society in many of the European countries. No one in America so far as can now be known is able to explain what is the real purpose of this gathering at Antwerp next July. May it be a sort of travesty on the Chicago "Masonic Congress?" But that is not probable, for as yet that "Fraternal Congress" has made no demonstration of fraternity. Then if it is not that, may it be a plan to destroy the very vital principles of true Masonry by some revolutionary "conclusions" as to the advance that is needed to bring Freemasonry abreast "with the progress of the age."

No one familiar with the restless agitation in Europe of "Grand Orients" would be surprised if at the Antwerp gathering some monstrous revolutionary proposition would be offered to advance Masonry to the position held by the Grand Orients of France or Italy or Spain. It is now known that the Grand Orient, as it is called in Spain, is granting charters to people in the States of the United States to be used for making Masons.

(Of course, if needed, these clandestine bodies would respond to any call or their endorsement of this Orient of Spain. It might be possible at this gathering at Antwerp, such endorsement would be presented to involve States in the United States in the movement. This would the more be likely because it would be proclaimed as coming from Masons in America and as indicating their unity with the proceedings of the international gathering, as it would then be called.

We are wholly in the dark as to this scheme; we know nothing about it, except that there are letters now in some of the States inviting Masonic bodies to come to Antwerp in July.

That there is mischief brewing needs no seer to see. It may be possible that some association that claims to be Masonic, might be delighted to go, unless it costs too much. To wear a badge, travel in Europe, walk in processions before the wondering eyes of the people of Antwerp, and see the world, and visit clandestine societies calling themselves Masons, all this might captivate and seduce some by the proposed or promised enjoyment, of "the fun of the thing."

But no serious thinking man could be tempted by such a bait. No Mason, not one would degrade himself by such a proceeding. It is about time that the sober thinking Masons of the Grand Lodges of this country should try and investigate these "Orientals." It is time they were shown to be in no sense Masonic, whatever else they are. The violation by them of every principle of Masonry has put them out of the pale of Masonic respect.

What then does this Antwerp gathering portend?—*Keystone.*

#### A DESIRABLE PUBLICITY.

It is not as an unknown quantity that Freemasonry is represented in its organic life and expression. Its character, purposes, and benign ministries are made known by its laws and approved methods of procedure, over which no veil of secrecy is thrown. Any persons who have sufficient interest to make a careful examination of printed records, reports, forms, requirements, etc., can satisfy themselves as to the character of the Masonic institution, both as regards the system itself, in its most important features, and the manner in which it is applied and administered as a social and fraternal organisation.

The secrets of Freemasonry are few. It is well that they are no more. It is quite sufficient that there should be the secret means of indentifying member of the Masonic Fraternity among themselves, and a sacred guarding of certain portions of the Masonic ceremonies, which would lose something of their charm and impressiveness were they proclaimed upon the housetops or enacted in public. Beyond the lines thus indicated there is but little call to secrecy. Indeed, as already intimated, there is a desirable publicity for Freemasonry. Not that it should obtrude itself upon the public notice, or seem to compete with the multitude of societies and orders which claim the attention of the community by frequent announcements in the secular press, and by somewhat wearisome accounts in the daily papers of meetings and work. There is no call for the Masonic organisation, thus to advertise itself. It will do better to follow the long-established practice of holding itself in reserve, not seeking to tell the public the full story of its benevolent ministries—its offerings to the sick and the poor.

But it may and should so declare itself as to make evident the ideas, principles, and purposes which have prevailing force in the shaping and applying of the Masonic system, together with a sufficient setting forth of what is being done and attempted under its direction, and by use of its influence and resources. These things should be known; or, at least, they should be within the reach of all who care to examine Freemasonry as a system and become acquainted with its fruitage. This is desirable publicity.

It is because the character of Freemasonry is so well known by those outside the lines of the Fraternity—because its aims and purposes, so frequently affirmed, are understood and approved by the general public—that the occasional opposition to which our organisation is subjected fails to have much effect. In America and Great Britain every attempt that is made to show that Freemasonry is an enemy of social order and good government, or an unworthy bond of alliance and protection is applied to its own members, falls ludicrously flat, because the public have enough information regarding the Fraternity to lead them to form a different conclusion. Sensible people in any English speaking community cannot be brought to believe that Masons meet together to plot against Church and State, or that the "secrets" of the Fraternity pertain to any binding of the conscience or the will unlawfully. The people know that Freemasonry makes open avowal of its principles and purposes, that in the face of such an avowal, and the general publicity given to the movements of this Institution, there can be no conspiracy against the government or the peace and good order of society.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

#### CONSERVING POWER AND INFLUENCE OF FREEMASONRY.

Great forces are silent ones. The most potent influences are not those that come attended by commotion and upheaval. Beneficent forces are silent ones. Destructive influences are not only awful in their results, but they commonly come heralded by trumpet tongues. How mighty the storm and the earthquake—how awful their work of ruin. Yet how much greater the silent forces of the sun, that unnoticed by the common mass, are constantly beating upon the earth, bringing blessing to all that breathe.

Destructive forces are more speedy in their operations than constructive or conserving energies. The giant of the forest, the growth of centuries, is shattered in a moment by the lightning's stroke. Yet a greater force is manifested in the growth of the tree than in its destruction. So faiths and hopes that have slowly strengthened themselves in the soul may be shattered or swept away by a single storm of unbelief. Yet faith is mightier than unbelief.

Among the great conserving influences that have operated among men during past ages, Masonry has not been the least. But much of its work has been silent and unseen by the profane. The building of the Temple represents in beautiful symbolism the work of our Fraternity. Silently the structure rose. No sound of workman's hammer was heard therefrom. In the caverns underneath the city, the workmen wrought out the skillful designs of the Master, and then each stone was dressed and fitted for its appointed place. And to-day in those same caverns can be seen the chippings on the floor, the marks where the great stones were hewn from the living rock, the smoke stains, the workmen's torches upon the walls, all telling of the work of Solomon's builders.

The multitudes that thronged the city in those golden days saw the structure rise in glorious beauty, but they knew not the marvellous cunning of him whose designs were daily drawn upon the trestleboard, nor did they see the work of those whose skill wrought out the Master's designs and shaped each stone for its place.

The dwellers in Jerusalem saw only the result—the processes by which that result was achieved were hidden from their eyes. Yet had it not been for the designs of the master and the work in the darkness under the city, no temple would have risen to be the joy and pride of the people for so many years. So many a splendid life stands forth conspicuous among men, and the world looks on with admiring gaze, knowing nothing of the forces that shaped that glorious career. The world sees the result—we witness the process by which such results have been wrought out. For many centuries Masonry has been a civilising, conserving power.

Have you not noticed the prominence of Masons in deliberative bodies, in business enterprise, in social and religious affairs? Is not this prominence largely the result of the discipline and training of the lodge? The qualities which fit men to become leaders in all these enterprises are developed here in marked degree. What higher tribute could be paid our organising and conserving power than the fact that all secret organisations of high and low degree have borrowed from us.

The great conserving influence of Masonry is seen also in the influence it exerts in softening the asperities of life. The heat of party conflicts, sectarian zeal, business rivalries, collisions over great moral and social questions, all tend to separate men and embitter them one against another. Such influences are disorganising and destructive to the peace of society. Masonry, as it binds men together in one common Brotherhood, softens these asperities and corrects in large measure these harmful tendencies.

Masonry teaches the Brotherhood of Man in a way that conserves society. The communistic spirit, so prevalent in these days, find no encouragement in our Fraternity. We teach the Brotherhood of Man, but not in that exaggerated way that weakens the bonds of authority and law.

The Master of the lodge is no mere figure-head. He is clothed with authority, not personal to himself, but pertaining to his office; and in this regard for authority, so carefully and thoroughly taught in the lodge, we find at least a partial explanation of the fact that Masons are generally to be found on the side of law and order. When passion rages like a flood, when outbreaks against authority are frequent and alarming, Masons are among the first to rise with determined courage in support of authority and right. Every lodge is a protection to the community in which it is situated.

That Masonry has not only endured through the ages, but has also been a conserving power, is in part owing to its intrinsic nature. Because it is Masonry, it has stood firm. Our ancient brethren were not workers in wood, that fire could consume, or the tooth of time soon destroy, but out of the ever-enduring rock they wrought square work, true work, massive and enduring. The exactness of expression, of sign and movement, all tend to develop those traits of character which make men strong and true. But the great reason of the perpetuity and conserving power of Masonry is found in the foundation principle. No matter how goodly the building, it cannot endure unless built upon a solid foundation. The temple was built upon the living rock, and Masonry is built upon the Rock of Ages—the living God. Faith in God is the fundamental principle of our Fraternity. Our ancient brethren built wisely in settling this as the foundation-stone of the edifice they were rearing. This faith is not a cold philosophical abstraction—not a dreamy, hazy thought, that perchance somewhere there may be a mysterious Being, unknown and unknowable—but it is a living faith in a personal God whose superintending providence we recognise. In such a God we have in the most solemn manner avowed our trust. This faith is the foundation of every edifice in which man can securely rest. Government and law, business, social order, philosophy and religion, all rest upon this as a fundamental principle. God is the ground of Right, and in Him all moral distinctions take their rise. Built upon the living rock, Masonry will endure the storm of ages.—*Rev. Bro. C. H. Briggs, Grand Orator, Grand Lodge of Missouri.*

#### MASONRY IN GERMANY.

(Translated from *Die Bauhütte*, by Bro. F. P. Leitner).

In earlier days lodges in Prussia, Coburg-Gotha, and Hessen were "protected," and all other German States only "tolerated" ones. Since each lodge may have a jurisdiction of its own, they are under the protection of the laws of the country. The origin, extension, and propagation of each of the General Masonic systems corresponds with the small principalities and political isolation. While in England, Ireland, Scotland, and North America the lodges became united, the G. Lodges in Germany went their own way, being careful to painfully insist on their substantiality and independence. There was no intention of a grand united structure, of a uniform system, although the majority of the Grand Lodges in Germany were united in keeping off and excluding all fantastical enthusiasm and obscure mysticisms, united in fostering idealism. Gradually though the conviction was broached that a strong, united Fraternity of all German systems was necessary for the purpose of a more effectual unfolding of Masonic work; for this it was, of course, preponderating that conformity in the principles of Masonry, according to the teachings of the "Ancient Charges" was requisite. With this demand the fundamental laws of the old Prussian Grand Lodges in Berlin were contradictory, and so it came—the insurmountable opposition principally resting on the variety of the Masonic Degree work and the pretensions to the religious creed of its members—that, therefore, on the one side the adoption of high Degrees and the "Jewish question," and the observance of the privileges or special rights on the other side, were the opposing factors. The old English Masonic teachings consist, as is well known, of the three St. John's Degrees. In them lies the whole treasure of knowledge of the Royal Art. The St. John's Masonry holds inviolably that there is no Masonic knowledge existing which is beyond the Degree of Master Mason. All higher degrees are by it denoted as excrescences of the simple and sublime idea of Masonry. Not so the three old Prussian Grand Lodges. They are not satisfied with such simpleness. They demand "more light" in the higher degrees; only in them they believe to find full Masonic truth and brightness. The three old Prussian Grand Lodges aver that not the external form, not the privileges of the several Grand Lodges, are offering an obstacle to the union of the whole of German Masonry, but that the united working spirit would be able to accomplish the same. This certainly sounds very nice, and seems to fill the German Freemason with some hope. But, my beloved brethren, to whom German Freemasonry is an open book; who, standing on the ground of the Ancient Charges, use the criticising knife, must also ascertain that there is a difference in a spiritual direction as shown by the different Grand Lodges; that in regard to the unmasonic high degree work and handling of the religious creed of the member, the three old Prussian Grand Lodges have lost the Masonic spirit.

## ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WALTHAMSTOW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual supper of the above lodge was partaken of by the members of the lodge and visitors at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 26th ultimo, when there was a very good gathering of the brethren. The lodge of instruction was first held, but merely as a matter of form, and at the supper Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.M., Preceptor of the lodge, presided. The other brethren were—Bros. N. Fortescue, I.P.M. 2374; H. F. Bromhead, P.M. 2374, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. Bluck, 2374; J. W. Morrison, 2374; Jas. Speller, S.W. 2374; Archdeacon Dunbar, Chap. 2374; J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1662; S. C. Kauffman, S.D. 2374; W. H. Toye, I.P.M. 1278; C. Dancyger, P.M. 205; Fowler L. Pool, 2472; Wormack; W. Baillie, 2256; T. W. Stacey, 2374; G. W. Holmes; George Long, 2256; G. H. Pizey, 2374; L. Budd, 2472; Darling; C. Thompson, I.G. 2192; A. J. Street, P.M. 1679; John Ives, P.M.; J. A. Saunders, S.W. 1507; Dr. Scharlach, Oscar to the Seven Mountains Lodge (Norway and Sweden); A. G. Hopkins; F. Budd, 2472; Pettit and W. W. West, 1662; W. Gower, jun., 2472; D. H. McGower, W. Rice, 1374; J. W. Stroud, 2472; N. Fortescue, jun., 2472; T. Maynard, 2374; Hunt, H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. Gower, J.W. 2472; W. Harris, W.M. 2472; and W. W. Morgan, 177.

The President of the lodge is Bro. Philbrick, O.C., who was to have taken the chair, but through illness was unable to be present; the Preceptor is Bro. W. Shurmur, the Deputy Preceptor Bro. W. Gower, the Treas. Bro. N. Fortescue, the Steward Bro. J. Clark, and the joint Secretaries Bros. J. A. Carter and C. H. Bristow.

The supper was admirably supplied by Bro. H. F. Inman Hallows, proprietor of the Chequers Hotel. Under Bro. Stacy, the Organist, some excellent singing was performed by several brethren, and Bros. G. Clark and Fowler Pool recited.

Archdeacon DUNBAR proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

Bro. SHURMUR proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," and took occasion to refer to the regretted absence of Bro. Philbrick through illness, from which he wished him a speedy recovery, with all the blessings he himself could desire.

Bro. WILDASH, P.M., proposed "Bro. Shurmur, Preceptor of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, and the Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Associations." As probably the oldest Freemason in the room who had attended in that building long before there was such a nice room as that in which they were assembled, he might be permitted to say it was his privilege to belong to the Beaconsfield Lodge, formerly the only lodge in Walthamstow. The place had then only 10,000 inhabitants; it had now between 50,000 and 60,000, and the place had gone ahead in Masonry proportionally. At one time the brethren used to sit under a large tree much about where he was now standing and discuss among themselves the ritual of Freemasonry, under the presidency of Bro. James Pinder. From Bro. Pinder he learned Masonry, became Master of his lodge, and received a Past Master's jewel, a compliment he very much appreciated. But it was owing to this lodge of instruction that Masonry had made such progress in the district, and they must look round to see who was responsible for that success. He did not like to praise a man to his face, but he could not help saying, to Bro. William Shurmur a great deal of the success of Freemasonry in Essex and in the East-end of London was due. He thanked Bro. Shurmur very much for all he had done for the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, and he hoped he would live many years to teach those who were anxious to gain Masonic knowledge. If Bro. Philbrick had been present he would have been glad to hear of the great progress that lodge had made with Charity. It was not a Masonic principle for a brother to give what he could not afford; it was not desirable he should give if he was not in a position to do so; but there were some brethren who could give, and the principle of Charity was worked out in the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, and it produced large sums of money. Walthamstow was said sometimes to be a poor place, but it must be a wealthy place, and if it was not, the Freemasons must be more liberal than in other places. In a few years four Charity Associations had been formed; that was certainly within the last eight or nine years. Of the two first he was the President himself, and they collected something like £1000, but it took four years to do it. After that Bro. Shurmur took charge of the lodge of instruction, when they started a third Charity Association. Before it was closed 400 guineas had gone to the Masonic Charities. But better was to come, for under the auspices of this lodge of instruction Bro. Bestow started the fourth Association, and during 12 months something like 450 guineas had been subscribed. Considering that the brethren who belonged to these Associations were mostly members not only of the local lodges but of London lodges as well, it must be confessed the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction had justified its existence; it had not only taught the brethren the precepts of Masonry, but it had taught them the duty of assisting the poor Masons who had fallen by the roadside.

Bro. W. SHURMUR, in acknowledging the toast, said he thought they might take it that the unparalleled

success which had fallen to the happy lot of that lodge of instruction might be accounted for by the fact that the brethren had followed the example of their good friends, Bros. Wildash and Pinder, who sat under "the greenwood tree." As Preceptor of the lodge, it had afforded him very great pleasure to take the part of instructor of the brethren in the hidden mysteries of the ancient and honourable Order, more especially as it was founded upon the sublime basis of religion, truth, and virtue. He had been very much encouraged in his work by the loyal co-operation and cheery support of so many true Masons like the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Gower; the Treasurer, Bro. Fortescue; the Chairman of the Local Board, Bro. Wildash; Past Master Kauffman, the very genial and obliging Steward, Bro. Clark, Past Master Ives, and the indefatigable Secretaries, Bros. Carter and Bestow, but he must not forget the Organist, Bro. Stacy. Bro. Wildash had already informed them that the Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Associations had sent up large sums to the Central Masonic Charitable Institutions. He (Bro. Shurmur) believed the sums amounted altogether to over £2000. That was very satisfactory, and it was a great pleasure to himself and to those friends who cordially co-operated with him, that they had succeeded in imparting Masonic knowledge and disseminating the virtues of universal benevolence and friendship—the true aim of every real Freemason. The lodge of instruction led to a regular lodge, which was now going to have a Royal Arch chapter. He believed that chapter would be a success. It was exceedingly gratifying, and he was more than repaid for any time or trouble he might have devoted to what he considered good work.

Bro. GOWER, responding to the toast of "The Deputy Preceptor, &c.," said, as Bro. Shurmur was proud of his pupils, the pupils tried to do their best, and he was glad they had pleased their master. Bro. Shurmur had jumped him up to the position of Deputy Preceptor, but he (Bro. Gower) did not know that he had deserved it. But he was proud of it, and proud of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction and proud of Walthamstow.

Bro. N. FORTESCUE, P.M., said that what little he had done was done with a great amount of pleasure. Bro. Gower had said he was proud, and proud, and proud; but he was not half so proud as he (Bro. Fortescue) was. Bro. Fortescue then made some humorous observations with regard to having been driven down to this festival in Bro. Gower's brougham. But he pointed out that there was great enthusiasm shown by the brethren who attended the lodge of instruction for the purpose of work all round. As Treasurer he was very proud of that office, and of having such assistants as Bros. Carter and Bestow, who, sending him cheques to sign, in the cause of Charity, took the trouble to send them in the proper direction.

Bros. DANCYGER and HOWE having replied to the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed by Bro. Archdeacon DUNBAR,

Bro. Dr. SCHARLACH, replying to the same toast, said it was not the first time he, as a Norwegian brother, had had the privilege of being present at these annual meetings, and it had afforded him great pleasure to learn something of the ways and works of Freemasons in England. In Norway Masonry was on the increase, as it was everywhere else in all civilised countries. It had most beneficial effects on society in Norway, binding together in close friendship and brotherhood those who would otherwise perhaps stand apart; because, however much people might be divided in the outer world through their vocations, qualities, and various other circumstances, when they met together in their halls they met as brethren, and all outside differences were forgotten. Masonry not only connected together men of the same nation, but it was a cosmopolitan institution. It was bound to reach its end beyond the boundaries of nations, and to bring different nations close together. Especially was this so among the Masons of the Anglo-Saxon race, where there existed a closer bond than among some parts of the fraternity of other countries. Thus a close relationship had always been shewn between the Grand Masters of England and Norway—His Majesty, King Oscar and the Prince of Wales. Norwegian Masons had frequently had the pleasure of seeing Englishmen in Norwegian lodges, and they had always seemed to be one with them. Fortunately he had always been received here as a brother and not as a stranger. It would be a pleasure to him to report the good work, the Charity, the hospitality and friendship of this lodge, and if there was anything that would tend to make the reception of an English brother warmer in Norway than anything else, it would be these accounts of how the English brethren had received Norwegian brethren.

Bros. CARTER and BESTOW replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. IVES having given the Tyler's toast a very successful evening was brought to a close.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT YEovil.

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren from the West of England, a handsome new Masonic Hall was dedicated to the use of the Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 329. It will be remembered that the foundation-stone of the hall was laid in May last by Bro. B. Whitby, the W.M. of the lodge. The building, which is conveniently situated at Hendford, near the centre of the town, is built of brick, with Ham stone facings. It is approached

by a flight of stone steps, and stands several feet in from the main pavement of the street, the intervening space being filled with shrubs. Over the vestibule or porch, which is entirely of Ham stone, is an entablature on which Masonic emblems are engraved, and above this, immediately below a circular dormer window, are more emblematical carvings. The ground floor contains a lavatory and cloak-room accommodation on the left of the entrance, and a small kitchen on the right, and adjoining is a large and well-lighted room for assembly purposes, 40 feet by 22 feet, which it is intended to let for other than Masonic purposes. The upper storey will be entirely devoted to the use of the lodge. It consists of a preparing room, Tyler's room, and a spacious "temple," of the same dimensions as the assembly-room beneath. An arched opening in the sides of the wall leads to an organ chamber, and the east and west ends are curved and contain three arches each. Fixed seats run round the whole length of the "temple." The ceiling, which is 16 feet high, is filled with stamped lacquered paper, the walls are coloured Pompeian red, and simple but effective stencil lines afford the necessary relief. A flat skylight gives light, and the ventilation is specially attended to. The fixed seats and the margin of the floor are stained walnut and varnished. When fully and appropriately furnished the "temple" will be very imposing. The architect of the building is Mr. J. N. Johnson of Yeovil, and the builders Messrs. J. Lye and Son, of Crewkerne.

The opening ceremony commenced with a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somerset at 12.30, when Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. of Somerset, with the assistance of Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., P.G.D. England, and the Provincial Grand Officers, performed the ceremony of dedicating the hall for the purposes of Freemasonry.

The following officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somerset were present: Bros. Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M.; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; C. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; John Hunt, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Dunsford, P.A.G. Sec.; F. Harris Mitchell, P.S.G.D.; W. P. Buckley, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. P. Gell, P. Asst. G.D.C.; S. Bigwood, P.G. Stwd.; A. J. Salter, P.G. Tyler; and a large number of brethren from all parts of the province.

A banquet, which was largely attended, was afterwards held at the Three Choughs Hotel, the catering, in the experienced hands of Mr. Box, giving the utmost satisfaction. About 100 sat down.

## THE LORINERS' COMPANY.

The great hall of the Cannon-street Hotel was well filled on Thursday, the 29th inst., on the occasion of a lively dinner of the Loriners' Company. The festivity, over which the Master, Mr. H. Sotheran, presided, was a very enjoyable one. A stringed band played a charming selection of music during dinner, whilst the after-dinner speeches, which were commendably brief, were interspersed with some excellent songs by Madame Isabel George, Miss Lena Seymour, Mr. W. Coates, Mr. Edward Branscombe, and Mr. Robert Grice, the accompanist being Mr. Thomas Chapman.

Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS proposed the toast of "The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs," and in the course of his remarks referred to the proposed unification scheme which he strongly condemned.

Bro. Alderman TRELOAR made a characteristically amusing speech, and spoke of the Loriners' being the largest company in the City—it was not only the largest but one of the most ancient. It dated from 1245.

The toast of "The Wardens" followed, to which Bro. Sir JOHN V. MOON responded.

Bro. Col. SEWELL, in responding for "The Chaplain and Clerk," mentioned that it was the 30th occasion on which he had had that privilege.

## The Craft Abroad.

## CYPRUS.

St. Paul's Chapter (No. 2277).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, on the 9th ult. The chapter was opened by Comp. F. O. Harvey, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Meyer, H.; Jones, J.; and Nelson Prower, P.Z. 1745 (London). After the chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken upon Bros. H. E. Clarke, A. C. Harvey, and W. H. P. Turner, all of No. 2402, and the ballot proving favourable, they were declared elected. Bros. A. C. Harvey and Turner being in attendance, they were admitted and duly exalted. The lectures were given in a praiseworthy manner by the Three Principals, and the work done by Comp. A. Morton, P.S., was admirable. The offices of S.N., 2nd A.S., and Honorary Janitor not having been filled at the March convocation of the chapter, an election took place, and the votes of the companions fell upon Comps. E. A. Carletti, as S.N.; Cannons, 2nd A.S.; and Blattner, H. n. Janitor, and those companions being present the M.E.Z. invested them with their respective collars and jewels of office. A vote of condolence, proposed by the M.E.Z., seconded and supported by Comps. H. and J., was passed to the family of the late Comp. G. R. Harriott, I.P.Z., and to the family of Comp. Hamilton, both of whom the chapter had lost by death since the previous meeting. The resignation of a companion was tendered and accepted, and there being no further business offering, the chapter was closed.

The companions, by invitation of the M.E.Z., afterwards dined together, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and it being the anniversary of the birthday of the Grand Z., a special feature was made of that toast. The next meeting of this chapter will be held in January at Limassol.

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### To Correspondents.

"JUNIOR WARDEN".—Initiation by what is called the fiat of the Worshipful Master is utterly unconstitutional. The only departure from the regular custom of proposition in open lodges sanctioned by the laws is that permitted by the Emergency Clause of the Constitutions (No. 185), in which the method to be pursued is clearly defined.

Bro. CHAS. ROSSEAU writes from Hull, for the information of Bro. Lewis Watson, to say that they have a temperance lodge meeting in that town—the Wilberforce, No. 2134, of which Bro. Z. F. Belt is the W.M.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

### Masonic Notes.

It will be seen from what we publish elsewhere as to the Agenda at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, that sundry matters, over and above what is ordinarily submitted to the brethren, will be brought under their consideration. In the report of the Board of General Purposes, for instance, there is the announcement that the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, has been compelled by the serious state of his health to tender his resignation of the office he has filled with so much ability since 1887, and after a continuous service in the

Grand Secretary's office of upwards of 30 years. To those who have had occasion to transact business at the head-quarters of the Craft in this country, the invariable courtesy and strict attention to duty which have characterised this officer are well known. Under these circumstances, we have no doubt that Grand Lodge will readily and unanimously adopt the recommendation of the Board as to his proposed retiring pension of £400 per annum, while we are equally satisfied that he will take with him into his retirement the sympathy of the whole body of English Masons, and their sincere wishes both for his speedy restoration to health and a protracted enjoyment of the annuity to which, by the length and value of his services, he is so justly entitled.

Among the other recommendations of the Board are certain amendments to existing Articles of the Book of Constitutions, which strike us as being not undesirable or unreasonable. Thus, as regards existing Rule 83, which provides that Provincial and District Grand Masters must have served five years to be entitled to past rank, the Board recommend that the qualifying period, while it remains as now in the case of Provincial Grand Masters, shall be reduced to three years in that of District Grand Masters. In existing Rule 87, it is proposed to include a provision by which a District Grand Master, who is a Prince of the Blood Royal, may appoint a Pro District Grand Master, who shall take rank immediately before the Deputy District Grand Master; while in Rule 262, which provides for the Board of General Purposes meeting at 4 p.m., it is proposed to alter this to 5 p.m. We do not think any question will be raised as to the propriety of these arrangements.

Item 8 is a proposal which was adopted at a special meeting on the 15th ult. of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and which on Wednesday next will be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge. The proposal is to the effect that present Rule (of the Institution) No. 23 shall be enlarged, so as to provide that the Master or First Principal or other officers of a lodge, chapter, or Masonic society which shall contribute 100 guineas or 200 guineas to either the Male or Widows' Fund shall be a Vice-Patron or Patron—as the case may be—of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges now appertaining to a donor of either grade. The present rule provides only for lodge or chapter Vice-Presidents.

There is one Notice of Motion, by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, relating to the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W., with a view to ascertaining what, if any, steps have been taken by the Grand Secretary or Colonial Board with a view to giving effect to the resolutions passed by Grand Lodge on the 7th June, 1893, and, if necessary, to move that the Grand Secretary and Colonial Board be instructed to take the necessary steps to assist Lodge No. 656, and that the Grand Master be respectfully invited to use his influence with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in its behalf. We are curious to learn how Grand Lodge will deal with this matter, which is by no means free from difficulty.

The number of new lodges for which the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants since the September Communication is eight, namely, one to be located in London, two in the Provinces—Middlesex and Northants and Hunts—and five abroad, namely, one in Sind and one in Madras in the East Indies, and one in Bechuanaland and two in Cape Town in South Africa.

The 11th Annual Report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, which was submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge at its annual meeting on the 20th ult., and unanimously adopted, reflects the highest credit on this small but zealous Province. Mainly, if not entirely, through its instrumentality, Cambridgeshire has been successful in contributing during the present year to our three Central Masonic Charities the very excellent sum of £301 5s., while during the whole period of its existence, that is to say, from 1883 to 1894, both inclusive, it has been enabled to distribute amongst them no less than £3692 6s. 6d. This is a large amount for a Province which numbers only six lodges, and we heartily congratulate the members on the success which has attended their efforts. We trust the Association may be maintained and even extended, so that while with the one hand it may assist our Institutions pecuniarily, with the other it may be enabled to secure votes enough to win the election of its candidates for the benefits of those Charities.

The proceedings at the regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 5th September last, appear to have been of an unusually protracted character. A series of resolutions as to taking an office, employing a clerk, &c., &c., had been proposed at the previous Communication, and the adjourned debate thereon was not brought to a close till about 11 p.m., after District Grand Lodge had been in session for three hours. The first of the resolutions—for taking an office—was carried by the narrow majority of 22—23 for and 21 against; the second, for the employment of a clerk, was lost by the casting vote of the D.G.M.; and the third for a vote of £20 “for the purchase of books and the binding of periodicals as the commencement of a library” was carried without a division; but the next, relating to the employment of a shorthand writer, appears to have been lost, while the remaining resolutions or recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were withdrawn. The debate on these matters seems to have been of a very animated character.

In the course of the evening the D.G. Treasurer submitted not only reports of the receipt and expenditure for the previous year, but also a statement in which the income and expenditure for the last four years were set forth, and it was estimated that a surplus of £100 a year might be reckoned upon. Exception was taken, not to the figures themselves, but to the introduction of these statements without previous notice, and the conclusions at which the Dist. G. Treasurer had arrived as to a surplus. However, the debate, if any, on these statements appears to have been held over for another meeting.

We have read with great interest “The epitome of the History of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, from 1834 to 1884,” which has been compiled by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, and was read by him at a meeting of his lodge on the 16th October last. It is clear that Bro. Greatbatch must have taken considerable pains in the compilation of his sketch, while he has enhanced its value immensely by prefacing it with a number of references to the earlier condition of the Craft in Staffordshire. The work does him great credit, and we hope to find an early opportunity of referring to it at greater length.

In the course of a long array of well-considered articles and interesting items of news, the *Indian Masonic Review* for last month contains a leader bearing the unusual title of “Masonic Sweepstakes.” It appears that a lodge at Delhi has been circulating broadcast throughout India books of tickets for a sweep in connection with a race to be run during the present month. The object is alleged to be to benefit the Punjab Masonic Institution. We quite agree with our worthy contemporary and the brethren whose protest is appended to the article in question, that the adoption of such a course as this to benefit a local Masonic Charity is undignified and un-Masonic, and is calculated to injure the Craft very seriously in the estimation of the general public. We trust we shall not again hear of any “Masonic Sweepstakes” in connection with race meetings, either in India or elsewhere.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge celebrated the completion of its first decade by a conversazione at the King's Hall, Holborn, on the 28th ult. The W.M., Bro. Rev. C. J. Ball, welcomed, in a genial address, about two hundred brethren and ladies, and Sir B. Ward Richardson, F.R.S., delivered an oration on Masonry, which, considering the difficulties of discoursing to a mixed audience, was a successful performance, although we fear the Masonic historian of the future will not quote the learned Doctor very largely as an authority. Bro. Harry Tipper provided some very excellent vocal and instrumental music, in addition to his own charming performance on the hand bells. Some Indian jugglers appropriately added an air of mystery to the proceedings by some wonderful feats, in comparison with which the secrets of Freemasonry paled into insignificance. The exhibition of medals, aprons, &c., although small, was an interesting one. Bro. Crowe, of Torquay, was the principal contributor, and Bro. Shackles, of Hull, also showed a valuable collection of medals. Altogether, Bro. Speth is to be warmly congratulated on the success of the meeting.

At a MEETING of the members of the Kilmolmoyck Lodge held in their lodge rooms, Assembly Rooms, Elgin, on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., it was unanimously resolved to celebrate St. John's Day by a ball in the Assembly Rooms, on Friday evening, the 28th inst.

## Correspondence.

### THE RIGHTS OF PROV. G. OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

“H. R. G.” asks my opinion on the query propounded by “R. G. V.” in your issue of the 29th September.

I am not aware of any authority for the statement, nor do I see how there can be any.

Article 96 distinctly lays down that brethren are entitled to wear their clothing as Past Provincial Grand Officers in all Masonic meetings. This applies to any Masonic meeting which a brother can attend, and even if not a subscribing member of any lodge, it does not affect the question of his clothing.

Article 2 lays down that Past Grand Officers are members of Grand Lodge, and, as such, have a right to attend its meetings and vote, even though they are not subscribing to any lodge. It certainly seems a startling proposition that a brother may directly be made a Master Mason be at once appointed to high office in Grand Lodge; need never again subscribe to any lodge; but may continue to the end of his life to sit and vote as a Past Grand Officer. Still, there seems nothing in the Book of Constitutions to prevent such a thing. It would appear as if it were considered that a brother who has once attained to such eminence as to be honoured with an appointment as an Officer of Grand Lodge has this permanent right to a seat and vote as a privilege due to the exalted position he has once held.

By Article 81, a similar privilege is given in Provincial Grand Lodge to Past Provincial Grand Officers; but in their case the right to sit and vote is limited by the condition that they must be subscribing members of a lodge in the province.

A Past Provincial Grand Officer, therefore, who ceases to subscribe to any lodge in his province would retain his past rank, and be entitled to wear the clothing, but would lose his right to vote in Provincial Grand Lodge until he again joined a lodge in the province, when his right would revive. His being a subscribing member of a lodge in another province would not give him a right to vote in the province of which he holds past rank.

“H. R. G.” is not correct in saying a Past Master loses his rank by ceasing to subscribe. A Past Master who ceases to subscribe for 12 months to any lodge under the English Constitution retains his past rank, his title, his clothing, and if he joins another lodge, becomes a Past Master *in*, and if he re-joins the lodge in which he served as Worshipful Master, and Past Master of the lodge which he so joins.

What he *does* lose is his right to sit and vote in Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge “as a Past Master.” See Arts. 9 and 81. The latter article seems to confine the disqualifying clause “if members of Grand Lodge” to the claims of Past Masters *in*, as distinct from Past Masters *of*, lodges in the Province, so that a brother who has been a Past Master of a lodge in a Province, though not a Provincial Grand Officer, and who by ceasing to subscribe for 12 months has lost his membership of Grand Lodge, would seem on rejoining his old lodge to become again entitled to vote in Provincial Grand Lodge as a Past Master of a lodge in the Province, without the necessity of serving as W.M. again, as he must before he can regain his seat in Grand Lodge.

The last part of Art. 9 being a penal clause, must not be strained against a brother, and the same remark would apply to Art. 81.

I trust this answer will satisfy your correspondents. I think a little close attention will make the matter clear to them.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

24th November.

### RESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

In recently making fraternal visits to two lodges in the same province, I observed a different procedure adopted with reference to the re-admission to membership of brethren who had both recently resigned by letter addressed to the lodge; in both cases the resignations had been duly recorded in the minute books. During the year both brethren desired to be re-admitted to the lodge. In the one case the brother was duly proposed and seconded as a re-joining brother in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and balloted for in due course; in the other case a different course was adopted. A resolution was passed (without any previous notice) rescinding the resolution which some months before had been entered in the minute book “recording the resignation,” and which, according to the opinions of the Past Masters and the ruling of the W.M., was sufficient to re-instate the brother—who had resigned—to full membership of the lodge. Now, according to my view, this latter procedure is quite insufficient to restore a brother who has resigned his membership; indeed, the resolution could not affect the resignation—which was the act of the individual member—it simply rescinded the minute or resolution (the act of the lodge) recording the resignation, (which was of itself complete without any such resolution recording it), and I submit left the

resignation itself untouched, and the brother still outside membership. The object of this procedure was clear, for as no annual return of members had been made to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge since the resignation, it was intended to include the brother's name in the next returns as if there had been no resignation. After all, perhaps, this is a matter affecting the particular lodge, and in case the resignation does not get returned to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge—and the brother in question continues to pay his subscriptions notwithstanding—his status in the Craft may possibly not be affected, but is it really so? As I like to see things done in order, I would like the opinion of some of your readers of experience in Masonic jurisprudence, as to the proper and legitimate course to be adopted, in order properly to restore to lodge membership a brother who has resigned.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY P.M.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Bro. Ernest Arthur Ebbelwhite, F.S.A., on Thursday, the 22nd ult., exhibited to his brethren in the Mount Moriah Lodge (No. 34), at Freemasons' Hall, an old Masonic parchment certificate of unusual interest, explaining that from his knowledge of such curiosities, he could testify to its being almost unique. The wording of the document is entirely in manuscript, and is as follows:

“To All whom it may concern We the Worshipful Master Wardens and Worthy Brethren of Lodge No. 202 held forth under the sanction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England do hereby certify that our true and well beloved Brother Samuel Beltz who has signed his name in the margin was by us regularly entered An Apprentice, passed to a Fellow Craft and as a Recompence due to his zeal and capacity we have conferred on him the sublime Degree of Master Mason. Therefore with confidence we recommend him as a Worthy Member of The Royal Art, to all the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons round the Globe Given under our hands and seal of our Lodge at Gibraltar this 16th day of . . . in the year of our Lord 1813 of Masonry 5813

“(signed) ROBERT STARK—Master

“(signed) GEORGE FRANCIS—Senior Warden

“(signed) ROBT WEIR—Junior Warden

“(signed) ELISHA ROBINSON, Secretary.”

On the face of the certificate is an impression in black printing ink from a steel stamp or die, with a Masonic device and the legend “No. 202 Ordinance Lodge, Gibraltar,” and the same device and legend are on a red sealing wax impression (from a metal seal) attached to a double “Masonic blue” satin ribbon, pendent from the left margin. Bro. Beltz's signature also appears on the left. Bro. Ebbelwhite gave a short account of the original owner of the certificate which he had prepared from documents in his possession. Bro. Samuel Beltz was the third and youngest son of George Nicholas Beltz, of St. George's, Bloomsbury, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, only child of Samuel Guthridge, of Purley co., Berks, gent. His eldest brother was George Frederick Beltz, Esq., K.H., F.S.A., *Lancaster Herald*, who died at Basle, Switzerland, in 1841. Bro. Beltz was born about 1780, and when quite a young man settled in Jamaica, where he was living in 1804 with his other brother, John Philip Beltz. In 1809, and the following years he travelled a good deal in America and on the Continent of Europe, but it was not until he had reached the age of 53 that he became a Freemason. On the 31st March, 1814, King George III. appointed him Deputy Assistant Commissary-General to the Forces. In 1816, Bro. Beltz resided at 18, Fludyer-street, Westminster, and about that time was in regular attendance at the Commissariat Department in Treasury Chambers. In 1839, he lived at 11, Blandford-square, Regent's Park, and two years later travelled on the Continent with his sister, Miss Beltz. On returning, he settled at Fulham, Surrey, and was living there in 1848. Three years afterwards he went for a journey to Paris, and died in or about 1863, at Fulham. The W.M. (Bro. Arthur Dutton), and other members of Mount Moriah Lodge were much interested in Bro. Ebbelwhite's communication.

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### LODGE No. 63, DUMFRIES.

Masonic students will be glad to learn that my friend and Bro. James Smith has decided to write a history of his mother lodge, “St. Michael's Kilwinning,” No. 63, Dumfries. It will be published by authority of the lodge. The volume will contain a frontispiece, a copy of the lodge charter (1755), and some details of the founders of the lodge; a record of the lodge transactions from 1789 to the present day; biographical notices of the R.W. Masters and other prominent brethren; a complete roll of members, and a list of the principal office-bearers from 1789; full details of the centenary celebrations, &c., &c. Price to subscribers, 3s. 6d. (post free). Only a limited edition will be issued. Bro. Smith has already published an able and most interesting history of the *Old Lodge of Dumfries*, and also of *Royal Arch Masonry in the province*, so the work is in good hands. (*Dumfries*: J. Maxwell and Son, Publishers). Its advent may be expected early in 1895, but subscriptions should be sent at once.

W. J. HUGHAN.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Belgrave Lodge (No. 749).**—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Brand, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; R. W. Bennis, J.W.; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec.; C. Dovey, S.D.; T. C. Williams, J.D.; H. Hexter, I.G.; W. Graves, Org.; L. Homewood, Tyler; A. F. Leach, P.M.; J. Coltart, P.M.; T. Weeks, P.M.; J. H. Greenwood, P.M.; F. Calvert, R. Herman, T. Jones, A. G. S. Hexter, W. Kedge, H. E. Peart, H. Crabb, G. Richter, E. J. Dwelly, F. W. Brett, J. Moss, A. W. Renk, H. M. George, H. Cole, J. G. Southcombe, G. T. King, J. Skeffington, J. Corbett, J. Grosutt, H. A. Turnbull, and W. H. Marcus. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Underhill, 159; S. Rashleigh, 902; H. Baker, P.M. 2437; A. D. J. Chimneray, 1366; R. Pierpont, P.M. 177; C. O. Burgess, W.M. 2473; W. H. Fendick, P.S.G.D. Berks, 400; R. Love, 1987; C. A. Freeman, 1037; G. H. Reynolds, W.M. 2191, P.M. 1614; F. Buxton, P.M. 1891; D. P. Laundry, W.M. 1631; J. A. Skelton, J.W. 1558; H. M. Percy, P.M. 1853; G. Reynolds, P.M. and Sec. 1614, I.P.M. and Sec. 2191; W. T. Spencer, Org. 2291, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. J. Coltart, P.M., installed Bro. F. Kedge, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. in a very impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. W. Bennis, S.W.; Constantine Dovey, J.W.; Henry Garrod, P.M., Sec.; S. E. Williams, S.D.; Henry Hexter, J.D.; Alfred J. Hexter, I.G.; John Coltart, P.M., D.C.; Henry Cole, A.D.C.; Henry W. Greenwood, P.M., and Henry A. Turnbull, Stwds.; and Spencer Homewood, Tyler. The W.M. afterwards presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. in a few kind words. The W.M. being the W.M. of No. 2460, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary granting dispensation to Bro. F. Kedge to hold the two offices at the same time. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Clemow.

After the brethren had done justice to the good things placed before them,

The W.M., in proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, alluded to the death of the Czar, and the sad duty the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had to perform for the Queen in Russia.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," alluded in very graceful terms to Bro. Henry Garrod, P.M., G.P., the Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. Henry Garrod, in returning thanks for the Grand Officers, said once more he did so with pleasure. The Grand Officers were a very hard-working body of Masons, and gave much valuable time for the benefit of the Craft. He could say so, as he attended at Grand Lodge regularly. He had been Secretary to the Belgrave Lodge for thirty-eight years, and in that time had only missed one meeting, which was a great proof of the interest he took in the lodge and in Masonry, and he could assure the brethren of the Belgrave Lodge that he had its welfare well at heart, and hoped that all the brethren of the lodge had the same feeling.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Brand, said that it was his fortune to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and he did so with much pleasure. He was appointed to the chair until a successor shall be elected in his stead. The brethren had elected unanimously a good and fitting brother to succeed him, and as for himself he felt that 12 months in the chair had been enough for him. He wished the W.M. good health and a successful year of office.

The W.M., in reply, thanked them all for the kind and hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed the same. He was very grateful to all. It was 11 years ago he was initiated into Freemasonry in that lodge, and well could he remember the promise he made that he would do his best for the good of Freemasonry. He knew nothing what Masonry was like then, but he had made good friends and Masons, and had endeavoured, since he was made a Mason, to gain sufficient knowledge to know the work of the lodge. He had filled nearly all the offices, and hoped to be able to say at the end of his year of office that he had, as far as he was able, done all he could to further the interest of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said that it gave him great pleasure to do so, for in no lodge were they more cordially welcomed than in the Belgrave Lodge. There were a goodly number of visitors present, and all excellent in quality; no doubt the bad weather had prevented many more coming. The lodge was pleased to welcome those that were there (the W.M. read the names of the visitors), and he gave them a hearty reception, not only inside the lodge but at the banquet table.

Bro. D. P. Laundry, P.M., thanked the W.M. for the hearty welcome the visitors had received, and all appreciated his kindness and courtesy. He should always feel it a pleasure to be with them. The W.M. was a very old friend of his, they had been boys together and grown up together, in Masonry they had run neck to neck together, and had striven their best for the Craft. He could testify to the quality of the work, and had never seen it better done, and was sure no W.M. could do it better. He wished him a successful year of office, and the lodge prosperity.

Bros. C. O. Burgess, R. Pierpont, W. H. Fendick, and H. Baker also replied.

The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Initiates," and in so doing said that he was glad that they were able to see part of the Ceremony of Installation, and hoped they would be a credit to the lodge. It was often said that without initiates no lodge could get on, and it was necessary to have new blood in the lodge for its success. He felt himself that the new blood should be of good quality, otherwise it was useless. To-night they had introduced

three gentlemen of good quality, and he trusted they would become good Masons and a credit to the lodge.

The initiates replied.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Masters and Past Masters," the W.M. paid a very high compliment to the Installing Master, Bro. J. Coltart, and thanked the Past Masters for their kind assistance.

The I.P.M. and P.M.'s responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that all the brethren would be grieved to hear that their worthy Brother Peter Parsons, Treas., was very ill indeed. He had been many years connected with the lodge, and always had its interest at heart, and he was sure that all present wished him a speedy recovery. No lodge could have a more worthy brother than Bro. H. Garrod for a Secretary, and he felt that he could always rely upon him for his valuable assistance.

Bro. H. Garrod, Secretary, in replying, said he regretted much the absence of Bro. P. Parsons through illness, and hoped he would soon recover, as for himself, he would always do his best if appointed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," alluded in a very kind manner to each, and felt he could rely upon their valuable assistance during his year of office.

This toast elicited a cordial response from each officer, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy termination.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wm. Graves, Organist to the lodge, and gave great pleasure to all present.

**Henry Muggeridge Lodge (No. 1679).**—This distinguished and well-known lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. John W. Woodthorpe, W.M.; T. Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; A. Sack, P.M., Treas.; George Clark, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; J. W. Gomm, J.D.; J. A. Worthington, Org.; T. Elstob, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; W. Boyce, I.P.M.; S. Stampfer, P.M.; C. Arnold, P.M., Steward; A. T. Street, P.M.; R. M. Crompton, C. E. Blogg, H. Laws, M. Henry, T. F. Strutt, and T. R. Russell. Visitors: Bros. W. Cameron, 554; K. M. Yeoman, 2467; J. H. Adcock, 1744; W. Sykes, 1238; and R. T. West.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. H. C. Laws. This was the first working of the ritual by Bro. Woodthorpe since his installation in May last, and it was performed by him in an admirable manner, and was evidence that the high reputation of the lodge would be sustained during his year of office.

Other business followed, and three gentlemen having been proposed for election at the next meeting in January, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. A. Clemow, in his best style, and ably served under the direction of Bro. Evans.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in happy terms.

Bro. W. Boyce, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Woodthorpe had that evening worked the ritual in a splendid manner; he had heard it hundreds of times but had never seen it done better, and it reflected great credit that the lodge had such an excellent W.M., and no words of his could add to the worth or the high esteem in which Bro. Woodthorpe was held by the members.

Bro. Woodthorpe, who was well received, replied. He stated that if there was one duty more difficult than another it was that of expressing one's feelings properly and adequately on such an occasion. He thanked the brethren most sincerely, and he would at all times do his utmost for the lodge, and since he had been installed he had given it much thought. In eloquent terms he spoke at length as to making better provision for the Charities, and suggested that a benevolent fund should be formed, which he thought would be well supported by the members. He was much gratified with their kind appreciation of his efforts that night.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were all heartily welcome, and the members would do everything to make them happy, and, referring to Bro. Yeoman, he said that his father was well known to Bro. Henry Muggeridge, and was present at the consecration of the lodge.

In response, Bro. W. Cameron stated that the usual thing for a visitor to say was thanks for invitation and feast good, but he was speaking to a friend (not one of them) that day, who remarked that Masons were a selfish lot. That might be so or not, but Masonry was a splendid institution, and was composed of good manly fellows, who never forgot the Charities—helping those who could not help themselves—and he certainly was never ashamed to say that he was a Mason.

Bro. K. M. Yeoman said that it was his pleasure to have known Bro. Muggeridge for 25 years, but he did not know until that evening that his father was present at the consecration of their lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working, and who was favoured with such perfect officers.

Bros. W. Sykes, J. H. Adcock, and R. T. West also responded.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," observing that they were the backbone of the lodge, and were always to the front when required. He coupled with the toast the name of the veteran, Bro. Arnold, P.M.

Bro. Arnold responded. He said that he was not worn out yet, and he hoped to see many Worshipful Masters, equal to the present, installed. He was proud that Bro. Woodthorpe had done his work with perfection. He had had the great honour of having been initiated by Bro. Muggeridge, and he was indebted to him for most of his Masonic knowledge. He very much regretted that Bro. Muggeridge was not able to be present, but he was sure that he was there in spirit. He hoped the lodge would continue in the same happy condition that it had been ever since he was initiated, now many years ago, but he joined late in life, and he supposed he was now getting old.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated that they were valuable officers, and the lodge would have been in a poor state had they not followed their good advice.

Bro. G. Clark, P.M., Sec., responded. He said that the Treasurer, Bro. Sack, who had to leave early, was heart and soul in Masonry, and no one better could be appointed. He was very sorry that Bro. Muggeridge was ill; in his

time he was a great light in the Craft, and no one better known in Freemasonry. The essence of Freemasonry was Charity, and it brought brotherly love. The W.M. would go up as Steward for the "Boys," and he hoped his list would be the heaviest in amount ever subscribed by the members.

The W.M. gave "The Officers." He said he valued the high services rendered by them, and he appreciated the great assistance he personally received from them.

Bro. Sibley, S.W., replied, remarking that the lodge was always one of harmony, and he and the other officers would do their best that it should ever be so.

Bro. Hall, J.W., said that it was his great privilege to serve under such an excellent W.M.

Bros. Sowton, Grant, Elstob, and Worthington also responded.

The Tyler's toast ended one of the most enjoyable evenings for which the lodge is famed.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. Blogg, Worthington, Sibley (recitation), Henry, Strutt, Elstob, and Laws, but a word of praise is due to Bros. Blogg and Sibley for their great efforts.

**Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. W. C. Dickey, W.M.; E. Wavell, S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; F. Lawrance, P.M., Treas.; G. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G. S.B. Bucks, Sec.; B. Hartthorn, S.D.; R. Steel, I.G.; L. Lee, Org.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; J. Brown, P.M.; T. W. Liddington, E. V. Millwood, H. Wood, D. Rawlings, W. Portch, R. J. Raiton, E. Bartlett, C. Hughes, N. Defries, C. W. Smelt, J. N. N. Rhodes, A. G. T. Wilding, G. Callingham, W. H. Wilson, R. J. Husband, G. G. Hiscocks, W. F. Balls, W. S. Fincham, B. Kenyon, and D. D. Heath. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Overed, 1708; J. Wisdom, 463; G. Thomas, 1194; G. J. Randall, 463; F. Hillings, 463; A. Romano, 1987; D. Wetherills, 1681; and R. T. West.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Dickey, W.M., retired, having to leave early, and the chair was occupied by Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., who passed Bro. Wilding to the Second Degree. Bro. E. Wavell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, which elicited much applause. Bro. F. Lawrance, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler; and a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Dickey, W.M. Bros. G. H. Johnson and F. Browne were elected as re-joining members, and Bros. F. Wisdom, 463, and A. Romano, 1987, joining members.

After other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

At the close of the repast, and as a preface to the toasts, Bro. George Everett, acting W.M., stated that his speeches would be brief, remarking that he had had serious thoughts of starting a lodge where no after dinner speeches would be allowed. He then gave in brief but eloquent terms "The Queen and the Craft."

Bro. F. Lawrance, P.M., submitted the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," making special mention of Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. George Everett responded. He stated that the Grand Officers were not the ornaments some thought they were, but many of them were grand workers, and, referring to the Earl of Lathom, he said that he was the first W.M. of the Lancastrian Lodge, and for one of his eminence to take that position showed that he had the Craft greatly at heart, and to be Grand Officer entailed hard work.

Bro. Geo. Gardner proposed "The acting W.M., Bro. George Everett." He said that at their last meeting he regretted the then absence of Bro. Dickey, the W.M., and on the present occasion he more than regretted that he had not stopped to preside at the banquet table, but they were indebted to Bro. Everett for his kindness in presiding. He (Bro. Everett) had done everything that was possible to promote the interests of the lodge, was ever ready to assist the Craft in any way, and none was more respected.

In responding, Bro. George Everett said that he also regretted the absence of Bro. Dickey, who had been very ill, but although he came that night for a short time, he did not feel equal to preside at the banquet table, and so he (Bro. Everett) had to fill up the gap, but the other Past Masters were there to do their duty in order that the lodge might go on in a fair and prosperous manner.

Bro. George Everett gave "The Joining Members," observing that they had four that evening, and he thought they would all be acquisitions to the lodge, two of them had been old members, but had now re-joined as their new home suited them, and referring to the removal of the lodge to the Criterion, he said it had been carried by the majority, and he hoped that those who did not approve of the change of address would bow to the majority and stick to the lodge, and in conclusion he coupled the names of Bros. Wisdom and Romano with the toast.

In response, Bro. Wisdom said that he would be happy to do anything he could to further the interests of the lodge. He left his in the lodge 15 years ago, but it was after paying a visit to the Chiswick Lodge which induced him to offer himself as a joining member, and he was glad that he had been elected.

Bro. Romano also replied, remarking that when he heard that the lodge had been removed, he was delighted to join and he thanked the members for having accepted him.

In giving "The Visitors," Bro. Everett stated that they were always welcome and the members would ever do their best to entertain their guests, and he joined the names of Bros. Thomas and Overed with the toast.

Bro. Thomas responded. It was not the first time he had the honour to reply in that lodge for the visitors, who were always well received, and if they did not enjoy themselves it was their own fault.

Bro. Overed also replied. He congratulated the members in removing to the Criterion, which he thought was a step in the right direction, and would add to the prosperity of their well-known lodge.

Bro. Everett proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect, Bro. Wavell." He stated that he was a most efficient officer and thoroughly conversant with everything in Freemasonry. He was very pleasing and courteous in manner to all, and would make the ideal of a W.M., and he looked forward to a splendid time for him, as there was no doubt he would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Wavell, in responding, said that he was honoured by being elected, and he promised the members that the

ritual should not be murdered or mutilated, and he hoped during his year of office to have a ball or a ladies' night. The lodge at one time stood second to none, and he trusted that that happy state would come again.

Bro. G. Everett gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," observing that the Past Masters were all good fellows, and that the Treasurer and Secretary were both efficient and painstaking officers.

Bro. G. Gardner, as senior Past Master, next to Bro. G. Everett, and Secretary, responded. He said that so long as he remained Secretary he would carry out his duties as in the past, which he ventured to hope had given satisfaction to the members.

Bro. Lawrence stated that he was honoured by being again elected Treasurer, and that he would only be too happy to do anything for the lodge.

Bro. Brown also replied, remarking that it was a pleasure to be a Past Master of such a splendid lodge.

"The Officers" having been honoured.

Bro. H. Clarke, J.W., whose name had been coupled with the toast, said that he and the other officers would do everything to support the W.M. elect during his term of office.

The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable evening to an end, which was greatly enhanced by songs rendered by Bros. Thomas, Callingham, Geo. Everett, and L. Lee, who gave a new song "Can you forget?"

**Lodge La France (No. 2060).**—On Monday, the 19th ult., this prosperous lodge held its eleventh installation meeting, when Bro. St. Clair (who may be called the Installing Master of the lodge) assisted by Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C., placed Bro. Jules Oppenheim in the chair in that perfect style for which he is well known, and gave the three allocations in a most impressive manner. Bro. E. H. Thiellay, senior P.M., presented the W.M. elect. The new Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Testard, I.P.M.; P. F. R. Saillard, S.W.; G. Metzger, J.W.; H. Buc, Treas.; E. Monteuis, Sec.; A. J. Exlangon, S.D.; J. B. Bauyaud, J.D.; G. V. Péguet, I.G.; E. St. Clair, D.C.; E. Béranger, Steward; L. Walter, Organist; and G. F. Mitchell, Tyler. We should mention that previous to the installation, which, of course, was the important ceremony of the day, Bros. Guignon, Barlet, and Perret were raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Monteuis, P.M., and the I.P.M., Bro. Testard, passed Bros. Paysant and Tallon to the Second Degree.

Refreshment [after labour naturally followed, and the brethren adjourned to the Golden Banqueting Room of the Café Royal, where Bro. Nicol's manager put before them a very choice menu.

The usual toasts followed, the new Master acquitting himself very well of his new duties, and we have no doubt he will have a very successful year.

Bro. E. Cutler, O.C., P.G.O., answered for "The Grand Officers" in a capital speech and in capital French.

Bro. R. P. Simpson, W.M. 859, answered for "The Masters of the Rising Generation;" Bro. G. H. Reynolds, W.M. 2191, for "The Cosmopolitan Masons;" and Bro. P. L. Simmonds, who spoke in French, for "The Visitors Present Generally."

The Lodge La France has now just completed its tenth year and during that time has had 80 members, that is seven founders, 18 joining, and 55 initiates; 47 now remain on the books, the resignations being principally due to a return to France. It has regularly sent a Steward every year to represent one of the Masonic Charities, and has not omitted to contribute to the Charitable Institutions of the colony. It has also come to the assistance of the widows and children of deceased brothers. Among its Past Masters—Bros. E. H. Thiellay is P.G.S.B. M.D.D.; E. Monteuis is P.G.S.B.; H. Buc P.G. Std. Br.; and E. St. Clair, P.G.S., having been nominated to that office by the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, of which he is the present W.M. The first decade, therefore, may be considered as a very successful one, and we have no doubt that a lodge started on such sound bases will continue to prosper.

**Scots Lodge (No. 2319).**—This lodge held its St. Andrew's meeting on the 22nd ult. at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street, when a most agreeable evening was spent under the genial presidency of Bro. Thomas Grant, P.M., W.M. Of other brethren who attended the list was pretty full, but the members of the lodge as well as the visitors greatly regretted the unavoidable absence of Bros. John Whitehead, P.M., and D. F. Gellion, P.M. The roll of attendants contained the names of Bros. Joseph Whitehead, S.W.; James Thomson, J.W.; A. Ritchie, Treas.; D. A. Ross, D. R. Duncan, J.D.; W. Craig, D.C.; E. Johnston Gordon, I.G.; Ashley Gordon, Org.; James Anderson, Stwd.; John Page, P.M.; James Gray, Trustee; Peter Greig, J. Duncan Balfour, J. Macgregor, Wm. A. Smith, A. Whitehead, Walter D. Horne, J. M. Barclay, John Bennett, W. S. Beaton, D. Smith, and Thomas Sandilands. Visitors: Bros. H. Massey, 160, P.M. 610 and 1928; H. J. Inderwick, 834; H. McLachlan, Stwd. 1607; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; H. Read, P.M. 1100; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559; John S. Moore, I.G. 1791; Joseph Hume, I.G. 2331; Alfred Grant, 127; A. J. Macmaster, 1185; W. R. J. McLean, Mus. Bac., Org. 858; and Thomas McClure, 499.

The only business on the agenda to be transacted was the passing of Bro. Thomas David Meldrum Burnside to the Second Degree, but Bro. Burnside was unable to attend, and he sent a telegram to that effect. The time was, however, filled up with some very interesting discussions, and an event of more than ordinary mark occupied an important part of the allotted space. The lodge has hitherto not been in possession of a ballot-box, and the J.W., Bro. James Thomson, had given notice that he intended to make the presentation of that necessary portion of a lodge's furniture to the lodge. The box was ready on this occasion, and when it was found that Bro. Burnside would not come, Bro. Thomson immediately rose and asked the W.M.'s acceptance on behalf of the lodge of the box, stating at the time the archaeological features for which the box will now be celebrated, and a description of which is contained in the following writing accompanying the gift: "This ballot box was presented to the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Crane Court, London, E.C., by Bro. James Thomson, Junior Warden, one of the Founders of the Scots Lodge. 22 Nov., 1894. The Emblems and Symbols on front of the box are made of oak

taken from the foundation of the first bridge at Blackfriars. The handles are made of oak taken from Elstow Church, where John Bunyan preached. These relics are thus very ancient and interesting." The W.M. received the presentation very graciously, and, on the motion of Bro. James Gray, Trustee, seconded by Bro. Joseph Whitehead, S.W., a cordial vote of thanks of the lodge was passed to Bro. Thomson, J.W., for the kind and considerate present.

When the business of the lodge was concluded, the W.M., officers, and brethren closed down, and adjourned to the St. Andrew's banquet, the menu of which was characterised by the Scotch selection of dishes and appropriate quotations from national writers. Piper Peter MacLean heralded the haggis as usual.

At the close of the dinner, the toasts were proposed, and the brethren enjoyed some excellent vocal music by Bros. Alfred Grant, MacLean (accompanist), T. Charteris, Jas. Thomson, J.W.; T. Grant, W.M.; E. J. Gordon, I. Sandeland, and W. C. Page.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been drank, The W.M., in proposing "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," described him by his Scottish title, the Duke of Rothesay, Lord of the Isles, Grand Steward of Scotland, and a thorough good man, a character which the people had of late seen exemplified in his journey to attend foreign powers, and extend sympathy, not only of himself, but of his mother to those foreign families in their bereavement. When he came back it was to be hoped he would be as healthy and well as when he went away. The Prince of Wales was a very great man.

The other loyal Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. John Page, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," remarking that there was not the smallest occasion to say a single word to sound his praise, for Bro. Thomas Grant was too well known and appreciated by the brethren all; his ritual was perfect and the brethren were satisfied with him.

The W.M., in responding, expressed the pleasure he derived from the kind and flattering way Bro. Page had spoken of the perfection of his (the W.M.'s) ritual, but he had not had much opportunity of displaying it that evening. That pained him very much, for he was quite prepared to conduct the ceremonies perfectly, and he hoped to the satisfaction of the visiting brethren. It was exceedingly disappointing when they had present Past Masters and other brethren from sister lodges not to have some working. They were not all fourth-degree Masons; every one of them liked to see a little work, and he was awfully sorry. He hoped, however, that next time they would have some work and be able to do it. They had plenty of capable assistants. Again thanking the brethren, he assured them that he should endeavour during his year of office to do the best he could for the benefit of the Scots Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said Bro. W. C. Page, P.M. 1475, was one of the first visitors of the Scots Lodge. Bro. Page was promised that he should be at his (Bro. Grant's) installation and Bro. Page promised he would be there; but T.G.A.O.T.U. willed otherwise, for Bro. Page was ill at the time. He was pleased to see Bro. Page there that night, and also that he was able to sing so well after his long and serious illness. Bro. Page might accept from him sincere congratulations on his recovery, and his presence among the brethren. He offered a hearty welcome to all the visitors.

Bro. W. C. Page, P.M. 1475, after thanking the W.M., said he was sorry he could not attend the installation of Bro. Grant for his name was, as the W.M. had said, first on the book at the consecration of the lodge. He minded that many, many years ago when he was at a lodge he was impressed with the ceremony of initiation by the W.M.; he remembered again an installation meeting, and heard the W.M. say, "act as a true and faithful Mason, practise out of the lodge those excellent precepts which are taught within it," and he also heard him say—which impressed him very much—"learn the ritual, and your attainments should be such that the brethren may not suffer for the want of proper instruction." From that time he made up his mind to learn everything in the Craft, from the Tyler to the Installing Master, from the Inner Guard to the Senior Warden. He had performed those offices. It came to him once to act as Tyler. He was visiting a lodge that was without a Tyler, and no one would take the office, so he undertook it when there were initiations and passings to be done, and if it had not been for a Tyler it would have been very weak work indeed. That was in a Scotch lodge. He was proud to be a visitor that evening on the right of the W.M., who knew he was thanked on the occasion he spoke of, and made an honorary member of the lodge. He wished every brother Mason would do as he has done—attend lodges of instruction, so that when called to higher duties he might step into the breach and do the work. They must learn the duties of Masonry. He could not let this opportunity go by without telling the brethren it meant hard work; there was no Royal road in Freemasonry; book Masons were of no use. Work hard and go to the lodges of instruction.

Bro. W. Cowley, P.M. 1559, also replied, and said it had been his good fortune to be associated with Scotsmen all his life, and he had very pleasant recollections of Scotland and of Scottish dinners. He used to be a very frequent visitor at the club, where he learned to drink the royal toasts with one foot on the table, and on many occasions he had great difficulty in keeping his head from underneath the table. But this was the first time he had the honour and pleasure of visiting a Scotch lodge, and although there had been no work to do he was sure from what he had seen the W.M. do in opening and closing, if there had been other work he would have done it well.

Bros. H. Read and Thomas McClure also responded, the latter expressing a wish to become a member of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," named every one of those brethren, and complimented them all on the way in which each respectively did his work.

Bro. Joseph Whitehead, S.W., replying, regretted, as other brethren had done, that the officers had not had an opportunity of showing they could do their work.

Bro. James Thomson, J.W., felt rather disgusted because Bro. Burnside had not turned up. Such an occurrence had not happened before. Bro. Burnside was one of the best men ever introduced into Masonry. It must have been from some ignorance of the importance of attending that he was not there, for he was perfect in his answers. There must have been some floods in the West of England; some water in the mill that stopped him. He regretted that no Past Masters were then present, Bro. Page having left; but he mentioned with pleasure the names of Bros. Whitehead, Gellion, and Page as brethren who had been splendid Masters. Among other officers there was Arch-

deacon Sinclair, the Chaplain, who would have been present but for a particular appointment he had.

Bro. James Gray, Trustee, said that about the first thing he heard that night when he arrived at the table was a not very gentle hint, but one of those outspoken truths—that the W.M. charged him with being so capable of giving—that he was not expected to make one of his long speeches. He was not surprised at that because the W.M. had so many speeches to deliver. He felt when the W.M. was proposing the health of so many officers that if the W.M. was to be in the chair for a year or two there was still hope of his becoming an orator. The W.M. had said that brevity was the soul of enjoyment—he did not mean of music, but only of speaking. The W.M. had not followed that rule himself, because he had made some long speeches, and had left very little for others to say. There was one remark of Bro. McLean, in one of his admirable musical sketches, that to make anything musical thoroughly Scotch it had also to have one note—one blast note through it. It appeared to him that to make this Scots Lodge thoroughly Scotch they must have that one deep bass monotone speech of the Trustee. There was just one other remark. He thought it was the W.M. who said he would have to be one of the books in the library, because he was between two Pages. Well, between two pages for an old man like him (Bro. James Gray), he was rather sentimental, and it suggested to him the big, crumpled up, dried-up leaf between two pages—suggesting so many nice things in the past; but he was sure the W.M. was not a withered-up leaf yet, but was quite capable of giving forth some programme and showing something of the Scotch thistle yet. They had had some little indication of that lately, which showed he was not a dried-up leaf between the pages, but a good stinging Scotch nettle. He (Bro. James Gray) hoped the W.M. would long continue to be so, and not a withered-up leaf between the two pages.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated, joining, however, previous to parting in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

**Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge (No. 2432).**—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. G. Emblen, W.M.; G. Ransford, I.P.M.; D. Phillips, S.W.; T. W. Lightfoot, J.W.; A. F. Scholding, Sec.; W. H. Lowry, S.D.; W. F. Bates, J.D.; C. Ransford, I.G.; J. F. Pink, Org.; Thos. Rayner, Stwd.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; H. O. Winter; E. G. Grahner, O. C. Moore, W. C. Lightfoot, R. Ambler, Alex. Jones, H. Cosins, S. Maier, W. Bowley, and J. J. Woods. Visitors: Bros. A. J. Ingram, W.M. 1772, and H. Evenden, Tyler.

The business consisted in passing Bros. W. C. Lightfoot and H. O. Winter, and raising Bros. H. Cosins and E. G. Grahner, both of which ceremonies were ably performed by the W.M. Letters regretting their inability to attend were received from Bros. W. H. Bullock, P.M.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; F. Whicher, and others.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Replying for the "Grand Officers," Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., said he felt it a great honour to attend and meet with such a hearty reception. He could never forget the compliment paid to him at the inception of the lodge, when he was unanimously invited to become its first W.M., or the pleasure it gave him to assist at its consecration. Although not able to attend very often, he was pleased to receive the lodge summons, which he carefully filed, and watched the progress of the lodge with great interest. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the W.M. and brethren upon the progress and position of the lodge. They were going on the right way, and he heartily wished them continued success. In the county of "Broad acres," which he represented, he was always delighted to welcome brethren from London lodges, and extend to them the same hospitality he invariably received from them. Such intercourse widened their circle of influence, and tended to promote good fellowship, so that in elections, town and province could assist each other more effectively.

Bro. Ransford proposed "The Worshipful Master." Having complimented him upon the excellent way the work had been carried out, said the W.M. was not only a good worker, but determined to cut down expenses, and leave to his successor a good balance, which he felt sure would have the support and approval of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Emblen, in reply, said he was anxious to see the lodge in a better financial position, and should do his utmost to make it so, but he did not want or intend to curtail the pleasures of the brethren in any way, there were channels of expenditure which could be reduced without detracting from their enjoyment, and he felt sure he should have their hearty support in his efforts. He was sorry there were no initiates, both on account of the lodge and also his own, because he prided himself on his work, and if any member introduced friends for initiation, he would guarantee they should be properly initiated. He was sorry he had omitted to bring forward a proposition in the lodge as to a ladies' night. It was his intention to have one, and with the assistance of the Wardens and any brethren who would volunteer, he proposed to form a Committee to arrange the details.

Bro. G. Ransford, replying for "The Past Masters," said, unfortunately there was not a long list of Past Masters for him to talk about, but he might say for himself they had appointed him to represent the lodge as Steward for the Old People, and he hoped they would give him something to take up. It they could not give largely, let every one give something, so that the lodge might be properly represented.

"The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a close.

Bros. Lowry, Jones, Pink, and Moore, contributed some capital songs and recitations.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BRADFORD.

**Lodge Acacia (No. 2331).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st ult., the following brethren were present: Bros. C. H. Ellis, W.M.; J. T. Last, I.P.M.; John Norton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; J. Wilson, P.M.; P. P. G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; S. Robinson, Sec.; R. S. Hird, S.D.; John Harland, as J.D.; J. A. Drake, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler;

A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Niven, P.M.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; John Haigh, P.M.; K. B. Nicholls, W. Docksey, R. Harland, T. H. Bedford, R. S. Marsland, R. H. Markham, J. P. Sykes, J. S. Healey, Wm. Walker, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Markham then proved his proficiency as a F.C., and was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Niven, P.M., the working tools were explained by Bro. Fearnley, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas. Bro. A. J. Boyle, until recently a member of the lodge, was proposed as a re-joining member. The Treasurer submitted his estimate of lodge expenditure for the current year and a grant was made for lodge purposes. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards took supper together and spent a pleasant evening, enlivened with songs and music by Bros. Swaine, Sykes, John Harland, and Last.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 15th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clark, W.M.; Hill, as S.W.; E. H. Trotter, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., G. St. Br., Sec.; Hopkins, S.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Sparring, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Gillard, W.W. 901; C. M. Coxon, P.M. 1471; A. C. Marvyn, P.M. 1768; A. Holland, 1326; F. Bridge, 1733; D. C. Attwater, 1471; and C. Ransford, 2432.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. F. A. Balls, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bros. G. Ridgewell and W. G. Carrington were passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being ably performed. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., having completed 20 years' membership of the lodge, to mark the occasion the W.M. permitted him to perform part of the ceremony of initiation, and the brethren passed the following resolution: "That the lodge desires to convey to W. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., on the occasion of his visiting the lodge on the 20th anniversary of his initiation, and they trust that the day may be far distant ere, by the inevitable natural law, he be removed from the roll of Masonic worth." Bro. E. H. Trotter was elected W.M.; Bro. J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel and collar were voted to Bro. J. W. Clarke. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Robinson, S.W.; G. J. Fagg, J.D.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

During the proceedings some excellent speeches were made, and a varied programme of music, kindly provided by the W.M., ably carried out by Bro. Attwater, and others.

#### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Dobie Lodge (No. 889).**—A well-attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Kingston Hotel on the 21st ult., under the rule of Bro. Joseph Bond, W.M., who again had opportunities of showing his skill in the Craft, and of proving the trustworthiness of his officers when called upon to do their part. Bros. J. R. Abbott and W. Salt were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Mr. E. Mitchell was initiated into the mysteries upon an unanimous election. Bro. Thos. Welham, of the Strand Lodge, was elected a joining member, and late in the evening the names of two candidates were submitted.

A pleasant social evening, with good music, closed the assembly of the brethren.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**Anfield Lodge (No. 2215).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Sandon Hotel, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; William Simpson, P.P.S.G.W.; William Savage, P.P.G. Treas.; T. J. Jarman, P.G.D.; John Houlding P.P.G. Reg.; and J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Pritchard was installed by Bro. John Houlding, P.P.G. Reg., the concluding portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. J. F. Booth. The installation over, the following officers were invested for the coming year: Bros. J. F. Booth, I.P.M.; Charles Lorimer, S.W.; C. W. Gordon, J.W.; R. H. Webster, P.M., Treas.; H. P. McLaughlin, Sec.; Edward Taylor, S.D.; W. H. Crowte, J.D.; A. W. S. Dalglish, I.G.; J. H. Houlgrave, Organist; C. H. Barnard, Amos John Studdart, and Arthur Barber, Stwds.; John Bains, P.M., D.C.; and John Houlding, C.C., P.P.G.R., Charity Representative. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Booth, on behalf of the lodge.

The gold Past Master's jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### PEEL.

**St. German's Lodge (No. 2164).**—The members of this lodge celebrated their installation meeting on Tuesday, the 13th ult., at the Peel Castle Hotel, and there was a large attendance. Bro. James Hodgson, P.P.G.R., retired from office, and he, in a most praiseworthy fashion, installed his successor, Bro. Dr. John A. Macquarie. Bro. Charles Morrison, P.M., acted as D.C., and both brethren were cordially thanked for the manner in which they discharged their respective duties. Bro. George Watterson was chosen to represent the lodge on the Committee of General Purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The officers invested for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. James Hodgson, I.P.M.; William Kermode, S.W.; Edward T. Christian, J.W.; John C. Corris, P.M., Treas.; Thos. E. Kelly, Sec.; Henry Brearley, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; James Callan, Org.; George T. Watterson, S.D.; Robert Harrison, J.D.; Samuel G. Watson, I.G.; John E. Kelly, Stwd.; and J. Quirk, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned from labour to refreshment, to a most excellent dinner served in the Peel Castle Hotel by Mrs. Kelly.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the musical items being provided by Dr. Friend, Mr. J. E. Kelly, and Mr. J. Callan.

So far as the remarks on the different toasts are concerned, it should be added that

Bro. Heron, responding for "The Grand Lodge of England," urged upon the brethren the necessity of belonging to the great Masonic Charities, and said that recently a Manx child had been returned at the head of the poll for admission to one of the Institutions.

Responding for "The Province," the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Walter J. Brown, announced his own resignation and that of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. T. H. Nesbitt. He also stated that the Prov. Grand Master had appointed Bro. John A. Brown to be his Deputy.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Jas. Hodgson," was enthusiastically received. Bro. Heron (who presided in the unavoidable absence, through a professional engagement of the W.M.), saying that the excellence of the working of the Peel Lodge, as regards the ceremonial parts of Freemasonry, was due to the care which Bro. Hodgson had exercised in organising the lodges of instruction.

Bro. Hodgson, when responding, said that he was glad to know that the new Master was well able to work all the ceremonies.

The health of the hostess was cordially drank, all speaking highly of her courtesy, kindness, and excellent catering.

#### SHILDON.

**Tristram Lodge (No. 2415).**—On Thursday, 22nd ult., Bro. S. Fielden, M.D., J.P., was installed W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year, this is Bro. Dr. Fielden's second year in the same office, the duties of which he has discharged in a very able manner. Bro. Thomas Dunn, P.M., P.G.D.C. Durham, ably officiated as Installing Master. The following officers were also invested: Bros. John Barnett, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; George C. Askew, S.W.; Joseph Henderson, J.W.; Rev. T. E. Lord, P.P.G. Chap.; Charles Scott, Treas.; John Hogg, S.D.; S. Bodger, M.D., J.D.; David Simmons, I.G.; T. R. Richardson, Org.; Thomas Briggs, William Greener, and William Fletcher, Stwds.; and R. Storey, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge meeting, the brethren adjourned to the British Schools, where they celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

In the course of the evening, Bro. Fielden, W.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel by Bro. Askew, S.W., and with a Founder's jewel by Bro. J. Barnett, I.P.M., P.G. Std. Br., both gifts being subscribed to by the officers and brethren of the lodge.

Both these brethren, in making their presentations, referred to the high estimation in which the W.M. was held, both as a citizen of the world and as a Freemason.

The W.M. feelingly responded, and trusted that the Tristram Lodge would continue to flourish.

#### SOUTHPORT.

**Rose of Lancaster Lodge (No. 2325).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, on Thursday, the 15th ult. There were present Bros. W. Connard, W.M.; R. A. Fletcher, S.W.; W. A. Tidswell, J.W.; W. J. Worden, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Platt, P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Rawsthorne, S.D.; H. Peak, J.W.; W. Platt, P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; J. W. Hudson, I.G.; T. R. Davies and E. J. Coop, Stewards; G. Rockliff, Tyler; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; F. Case, E. Leigh, C. Woodworth, S. Bell, E. Wright, W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; S. Mitchell, Wm. A. Duxfield, F. M. Suwar, and others. Visitors: Bros. Jno. Fletcher, P.M. 1070, P.S.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. S. Bartram, 2295; J. D. Crawford, P.M. 680, P.G. Treas.; S. Kershaw, P.M. 613; B. Fletcher, 2376; W. Wilkinson, 613, 2295; and F. E. Williams, P.M. 2295.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. A. Fletcher, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Walter Connard, in a very efficient manner. The tools were explained by Bros. Dr. Crawford, Prov. G. Treas.; W. J. Worden, Prov. G. Steward; and John Fletcher, P.S.G.D. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Charles Watson, P.M., Bro. Wm. Platt, P.P.G. Treas., discharging the duties of D.C. The W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. Connard, I.P.M.; W. A. Tidswell, S.W.; P. Rawsthorne, J.W.; Rev. M. F. O. Bridges, Chap.; Wm. Walker, Treas.; James Platt, P.M. 613, 1313, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Wm. Platt, P.M. 1313, 2325, P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; H. Peak, S.D.; J. W. Hudson, J.D.; C. Gressler, Org.; T. R. Davies, I.G.; E. J. Coop, E. Leigh, and C. F. Woodworth, Stewards; and G. Rockliff, Tyler.

A banquet followed.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. R. Perry, W.M.; C. W. Davis, S.W., Master elect; A. Macchi, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., Sec.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.P.G. Treas., I.G.; A. Brown, D.C.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.G. Org.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; and H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx. (Hon. Members). Bros. R. W. Forze, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Bright, 1512; Brown, and Kistvin were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Wynn-Jones, M.D., and he was duly initiated. Bro. E. W. Davis was then installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., as S.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., as J.W.; and Capt. Walls, P.M., as D.C. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. A. Macchi, S.W.; W. Fisher, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls P.M., Sec.; Brown, S.D.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.M. Sd. J.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and a vote of thanks passed to him as Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. R. Cumming, P.M., L. O. S. Saunders, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap. Eng. (Hon. Member); and others. The name of a joining member having been handed in for ballot at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, and subsequently the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

## Royal Arch.

#### BANGOR.

**Star of Gwynedd Chapter (No. 384).**—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter took place on the 24th ultimo at the Masonic Hall, Comp. R. Owen, M.E.Z., being in the principal chair. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Comps. Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, M.E.Z.; Col. W. E. Bulkeley Pryce, H.; R. G. Thomas, 1113 J.; Dr. H. Grey Edwards, P.S.; Muncaster Allen, S.E.; and Dr. Langford Jones, S.N. The visiting brethren included Comps. R. J. Davies, P.P.G.S.E.; and Cornelius Davis, P.P.G.S. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel.

#### BRIGHTON.

**Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 732).**—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion on the 22nd ult., when Comp. Giles Lockwood Hawken was installed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, the other Principals installed being Comps. Alfred Lloyd, 11., and W. Bennett, J. The companions afterwards sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed M.E.Z. The customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and, under the direction of Mr. Percy Starnes, who acted as accompanist, a programme of vocal music was admirably sustained by the Lewes Orpheus Glee Union.—Messrs. A. Barnard, W. N. Barnard, J. Farncombe, and E. T. Hall.

#### BURNLEY.

**Nativity Chapter (No. 126).**—The annual installation festival of this old century chapter (originally No. 4) was held at the Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. There were present Comps. C. Pollitt, M.E.Z.; R. T. Sutcliffe, H.; J. H. Carter, J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.D. G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H. (Hon. Member); Dr. Nelson, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. Harri on, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S.; J. S. Reeves, P.Z.; J. S. Horn, P.Z.; J. Sharrocks, P.Z.; G. Oldman, P.Z.; C. Ainsworth, S.E.; H. Mozley, P.S.; C. J. Howson, W. Berry, T. Heaton, J. Gregson, C. M. Mitchell, and G. Ball, Junior. Visitors: Comps. T. Preston, P.Z. 645, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Townsend, M.E.Z., and S. Davies, of 116 (another old century chapter, No. 5).

After the chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation had been confirmed, Comp. G. Oldman installed Comp. Sutcliffe in the chair of M.E.Z., after which the newly-installed M.E.Z., in a most creditable manner, placed Comps. Carter in the chair of H. and Ainsworth in the chair of J.; he also invested the officers as follows: Comps. Nelson, Treas.; J. Gregson, P.S.; H. Mozley, 1st A.S.; C. J. Howson, 2nd A.S.; and J. Bell, Junior. The remaining officers were unavoidably absent. Comp. Oldman delivered the addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions with his customary ability and impressiveness. Before the chapter was closed, Comp. Sillitoe complimented the members upon being able to perform the ceremony of installation in such an admirable manner without outside help, and expressed a wish that they would keep up the excellent standard of working to which they had now attained. He reminded them of the fact that they were one of the pioneer chapters in Royal Arch Masonry, and that they had laying in their room one of the oldest Royal Arch warrants in existence, which bore date in the year 1769. The M.E.Z. thanked their very old friend and esteemed Comp. Sillitoe for his kind remarks, and assured him that it was owing to the suggestions he had made on his previous visit that they had undertaken the duties of installation themselves. He desired to thank most cordially Comps. Sillitoe and Preston for visiting them that evening for the purpose of assisting them in case they found themselves in difficulty. He need not assure these companions that their presence was always welcome, as that, he thought, was well understood.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the social board, where, with the musical assistance of Comps. Shorrocks and Nelson and the marvellous conjuring tricks of Comp. Carter, a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### SHIPLEY.

**Moravia Chapter (No. 387).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Institute, Saltire, on Wednesday, the 21st ultimo. Comp. C. W. Curran, M.E.Z., was supported by Comps. R. J. W. Macgregor, H.; J. A. Godwin, J.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z., P.P.G.Z., as P.S.; Wm. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; T. M. Holmes, P.Z., as S.N.; T. Denhy, P.Z., as Treas.; John Tillotson, P.Z.; J. T. Last, F. Holmes, J. Sheard, H. Arensburg, R. I. Bryden, and Dr. Bates.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Harry Steel, 1545; C. Cromack, P.M. 2330; and Ed. Andrew Wilkinson, 387, and they were duly elected. Bros. Steel and Wilkinson being in attendance were duly exalted by the M.E.Z. The mystical lecture was given by Comp. Atherton, P.P.G.H. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Comps. Macgregor, M.E.Z.; Godwin, H.; Bates, J.; Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; and Knight, S.N.

The chapter was closed, and the companions afterwards took supper together.

## Mark Masonry.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. L. W. Harvey, W.M.; S. Valentine, S.W.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.W.; T. B. Dodson, S.O.; R. Burleton, J.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; and A. Clemow, P.M. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., P.G.S., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham was invested with the collar of J.W. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Holroyd, I.P.M.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M., Treas., and others. Bro. W. Lawley, W.M., was proposed and seconded for advancement at the next meeting.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. A few toasts were given and the proceedings terminated.

## ALTRINCHAM.

**Stamford Lodge (No. 148).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 19th ult., at the Town Hall, when a fair gathering of the brethren were present. The ceremony of installation was admirably carried out by Bro. Cartwright, P.P.G.I.G., after which the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Broadsmith, P.P.J.G.D., nominated his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bro. the Rev. C. C. Atkinson, P.J. G.W., I.P.M.; E. G. Parker, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Stephenson, J.W.; Wagstaff, M.O.; Law, S.O.; Dykes, J.O.; Ramsden, P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; Derbyshire, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Mills, Reg.; Small, P.G.D.C., D.C.; Hamson, S.D.; McLeod, J.D.; Nicholson, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; Smith, P.G.O., Org.; and Huxley, Tyler.

These brethren were duly invested, and received from Bro. Cartwright an address. Various items of business were then proceeded with. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Newhouse, P.S.G.D. Eng., offered to the W.M. (Bro. Broadsmith); congratulations from Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masons in Cheshire, and expressed his entire satisfaction as to the standing of the Stamford Mark Lodge and its future prospects. The lodge was then closed, and it cannot pass without notice, that this particular Degree in Freemasonry has made rapid strides, and carried out excellent work during the last few years.

After business the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

## HUDDERSFIELD.

**Truth Lodge (No. 137).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. John F. Dyson, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. Jackson, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Armitage, J.W.; G. Marshall, P.M., Treas.; A. Rowe, Sec.; J. Naylor, M.O.; T. G. Howell, S.O.; J. Brook, P.G. Org., S.D.; S. A. Radcliffe, J.D.; H. Shaw, P.M., as I.G.; C. Nicholson, P.M., Tyler; Rogerson and Marriott. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, G. Std. Br.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.M. 58, P.P.G.W.; J. Matthewman, 110, Pro G. Sec.; W. H. Wilson, and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, and proved unanimous. Bro. John Barker, P.M. 58 and 137, P.G. I. of Wks., Dep. Pro Grand Master of the province, now entered the lodge and having taken the chair proceeded with the business of the evening and advanced Bros. J. H. Dyson and Ben Naylor, after which Bro. G. Jackson, S.W., W.M. Elect, was presented to him by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, G. Std. Br., and duly installed in the chair of A. The following officers were then appointed by the W.M.: Bro. A. Armitage, S.W.; T. G. Howell, J.W.; R. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas., elected; J. Naylor, Sec.; A. Rowe, D. of C.; T. Heaps, M.O.; J. Brook, P.G. Org., S.O.; S. A. Radcliffe, J.O.; F. W. Marriott, S.D.; T. Rogerson, J.D.; C. Nicholson, P.M., I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., I.G.; and J. H. Dyson, and B. Naylor, Stwds.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed to the newly-installed W.M. for the continued prosperity of the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to supper presided over by the W.M., and a pleasant evening was spent.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. Kraus, W.M.; J. Mason, S.W.; M. Gooneratine, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; L. Gunzel, S.D.; A. Narten, J.D.; T. Pringle, I.G.; S. C. Cross, G. A. Sturgess, and F. Bande.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Mason, and the 2nd by Bro. Wilby, Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. C. Cross being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. F. Bande, 511, was elected a joining member. The dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. J. Mason, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The third ballot of the Charitable Association was won by Bro. Rich. 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 27th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; J. H. Whadcoat, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Rapley, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; A. C. Burnley, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; T. E. Williams, C. R. Kemp, W. A. Goring, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and H. B. Harding, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Goring being the candidate. Bro. Goring answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate, Bro. Whadcoat having taken the chair for the purpose of working this ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Kemp was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Whadcoat 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 27th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. J. O'Dea, W.M.; Polah, S.W.; Bullpitt, J.W.; Roots, Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; Featherstone, S.D.; P. M. Malham, I.G.; C. R. Williamson, P.M.; and Layton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Malham answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Malham being the candidate. Bro. O'Dea worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. The

lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Layton being the candidate. The W.M. rose the usual times, and the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when there were present: Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; Pullen, H.; Cope, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Hewett, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Cass, Dunn, and Bendetti.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cass personating the candidate. Comp. J. Pullen H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

## THE VOTING POWER OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The subscribers to our three Masonic Institutions must carefully examine the proposed addition to the laws of the "Benevolent" as it appears on the agenda for Grand Lodge of the 5th inst.

There can be no question as to the advisability of the ranks of Vice-Patron and Patron being accorded to each of the qualified lodges as is already the case with the Educational Institutions but it is a moot point, whether that should be done as is proposed in this case, for one-half of the amount subscribed to the others. This is not, however, the worst feature. For a payment of 200 guineas it is proposed that a lodge shall rank as a Patron with 90 votes, whereas the previous part of the law shows clearly it will receive for the like sum 110 votes. The proposed alteration therefore contradicts itself. Again, a further payment of 200 guineas will give 240 additional votes, making 350 in all, as against 80 given for the like sum in the sister Institutions. This should not be, and is not fair to the others. The object of all charitably disposed brethren must be that each Institution should stand on an equality, and not outbid the others. The proposed alteration is practically perpetuating the special "Jubilee" voting power, and is unjust to the other Institutions. I trust members of Grand Lodge will not "approve" the alteration.—Yours fraternally, JUSTITIA.

## MASONIC LECTURE AT EXETER.

There was a special gathering of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Wednesday, 21st ult., to hear a lecture by that able and eloquent historian and Masonic antiquarian, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng, P.P.G.W. Cornwall, P.S.G.W. Iowa, &c. The meeting took the form of an emergency lodge in connection with St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, the W.M. of which, Bro. Andrew Hope, entertained a number of visiting brethren who accompanied Bro. Hughan from Torquay.

There was a large attendance of Exeter and other brethren, some of whom came long distances to hear the lecture, which was on "The Cathedral builders in relation to the 'Old Charges' of the British Freemasons, and the continuity of the Craft under the operative and speculative era of the Fraternity."

Bro. HUGHAN expressed his pleasure at meeting so many brethren under the banner of St. John's Lodge, which was fortunate in possessing the oldest original warrant of constitution in England, dating from 1732. He only wished the records of the lodge had been similarly preserved. The continuity of Freemasonry beyond the beginning of the last century had been denied, and it was that fact that led him to enter upon his researches some thirty years ago. There was no doubt that originally candidates were entrusted with a copy of the Old Charges, of which he had several fac-similes. When he began his researches there were only 12 known manuscripts containing these Old Charges, and now there were about 60. Up to the beginning of the past century Freemasonry in England was Christian, but now it was cosmopolitan. This was clearly proved by the Old Charges, which contained invocations to the Trinity and numerous Biblical references. This probably arose from the fact that Masons were associated with religious teaching in consequence of their being the builders of the old cathedrals. In this way their continuity could be proved during the past five centuries. They had particulars in the records of 1350 that were preserved at York Minster. Practically at that time Freemasons possessed a monopoly, and no one had the power to act as an operative Mason without belonging to a lodge. Freemasonry as they had it at the present time, and during the past five centuries, was English in origin. Bro. Hughan proceeded to prove this by references to the Old Charges, of which he showed some valuable and interesting fac-similes. These records even went back so far as 500 years ago, and Bro. Hughan suggested that some of these Old Charges should be read in open lodge, because they showed that their society was ancient as well as honourable. Alluding to the term Freemasons, it was suggested that the prefix Free had its origin in Free-stone Masons, though some preferred Free Stonemasons. In this connection they had Free Sewers in Exeter in the fifteenth century, as well as the various Freemen in connection with the London and other guilds. Although they had not the records of those times, they had the marks of the Masons in the old cathedrals, and particularly the crypts, and all the principal buildings all over the world. The Masons' Company in London had records of both operative and speculative Freemasons in 1621, but in the latter part of the seventeenth century the company

dropped the prefix Free, and allowed that term to be utilised entirely by the speculative body. Both in the marks and arms could they trace their continuity, and through the Old Charges, which he regarded as their title deeds, it could be continued back to the twelfth century. Scotland was very rich in these records, and in Edinburgh the volumes dated from 1559, and that of the old Kilwinning Lodge from 1642, the earliest English record being 1701, though Ashmole's journal went back to 1646. Their continuity as a secret society could be proved from the fourteenth century.

In the course of a most interesting discussion, lasting over an hour, that followed, Bro. HUGHAN mentioned how he found the marks in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, and suggested some one should find out the marks of Exeter Cathedral. At the new Truro Cathedral, the marks were on the beds of the stones, and therefore out of sight, but he possessed a copy of them through the courtesy of the R.W. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Hughan for his lecture, on the motion of Bro. E. H. SHORRO, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. JAMES JARMAN, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.

## Obituary.

## BRO. W. SUTTON GOVER.

The death of Bro. W. Sutton Gover, which took place on Saturday last, has caused general regret in the City, both in civic and business circles. The deceased being well known and greatly respected. The sad event was not, however, unexpected, as Bro. Gover had for several days been in a most precarious state of health; indeed, his medical advisers regarded his condition as hopeless. Then a temporary rally ensued, but this was not maintained, and the deceased gradually sank, and expired on Saturday morning. The deceased, who was 72 years of age, was a member of the Corporation, and had filled the chair of nearly every Committee. At the time of his death he was a member of the Music and Law and City Courts Committee. He was an old and esteemed Mason, being a Past Master of Grand Masters' Lodge, and P.Z. of St. James' Chapter. As a commercial man he was widely respected, and possessed undoubted financial ability as well as a fine organising capacity. The deceased was the founder of the British Empire Mutual Assurance Company and the British Equitable Assurance Company (of which he was at the time of his death the managing director). The late Deputy was a liveryman of the Loriner's Company (which he joined in 1867), a member of the Vintry Ward Club, and President of the Metropolitan Chess Club. The deceased was also a member of the first London School Board. He resided at Casino House, Dulwich, and leaves a widow, four sons (one of whom is an assistant actuary at the office of the British Equitable), and two daughters; and his mother, who, we learn, is an old lady in her 97th year. The funeral took place on Thursday at Nunhead.

## Scotland.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE (LOWER WARD).

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in Chapter Rooms, 213, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 19th ult. Comp. Major F. W. Allan, M.E. Supt., occupied the chair, assisted by Comps. E. Macbean, Depute Supt.; James Provan, P.G. 1st Principal; J. R. Paton, P.G. 2nd Principal; Jas. Balfour, P.G.S.E.; J. Sanderson, P.G.S.N.; J. McNaught Campbell, P.G. Treas.; and others.

After the usual routine business, the election of office bearers for the ensuing year took place, viz.:

Comp. W. M. Denholm	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. A. S. Kerr	...	Prov. G. Chan.
" R. Bradshaw	...	Prov. G. 1st Soj.
" J. Connell	...	Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
" J. B. MacNaught	...	Prov. G. 3rd Soj.
" C. W. Schute	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Robertson	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Emile Berger	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Muir	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. M'Donald	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Muir	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the M.E. Superintendent.

The Auditors' report showed the funds to be in a satisfactory position.

The Provincial Scribe N. presented a handsome cushion in Royal Arch colours for the use of the chapter.

Comp. Major F. W. ALLAN stated that after a good deal of letter writing he had been successful in recovering the original minute book of date 1855 of "Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Western District of Scotland," so well presided over by the late Dr. Walker Arnott. This book, along with some others, had been removed to London somewhere about 20 years ago, and was traced to a broker's shop there. They were now in his possession, and he had great pleasure in presenting them to the Provincial Grand Chapter.

Major Allan received the hearty thanks of the chapter.

Thereafter the Provincial Grand Chapter was duly closed.



IT IS EXPECTED that the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, will attend the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Derby on the 20th inst.

THE LAST GREAT SHOW of the year by the National Chrysanthemum Society will open on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., at the Royal Aquarium. The show will remain open for three days, and will embrace lace flowering chrysanthemums of every section, Persian cyclamen, Chinese primroses, fine foliage and berried plants, and an especially magnificent and varied display of table decorations. Lovers of chrysanthemums are promised a grand show.

THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR. ARTHUR BARRON (Managing Director of Ye Ocean Wave Exhibitions, Limited), announces that he has now concluded arrangements with the Royal Agricultural Hall Company for holding "The First Great Annual Tobacco Trades' Exhibition and Market (The Smokeries)" in June, 1895. The Consulting Manager is Mr. E. Howard Hale, and the offices are at 222, Strand, W.C.

THE ELECTION MEETING of the Rose Chapter, No. 1622, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 24th ult., Bros. Selvey, 101, and Hale, 1320, were exalted in an exemplary manner by Comp. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C. Comps. J. H. Pullen, H., was elected M.E.Z.; J. Loader, H., and Isaac Dunn, J., for the ensuing year. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. F. W. Williams, M.E.Z., for his able services rendered to the chapter during the past year.

"OUR BUBBLE," the December and Christmas parts of which lie before us, provides a lavish and artistic display of colour and a capital selection of reading matter for the young people. The colour printing is admirable, and we are sure that the first volume, which is announced as immediately forthcoming, will be eagerly welcomed by boys and girls everywhere. Each of the parts before us contains four weekly issues and the usual monthly supplement. With the Christmas part is given away a charming chromolithograph, entitled "The Picnic." Dr. Barnardo well maintains the quality of his new magazine, which more than ever deserves to succeed.

BRO. JOHN MAYO, who is well known as host of the Castle Hotel, East Molesey—the home of several lodges—has just entered upon his tenth year of office as Chairman of the Kingston and District Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society. At the annual dinner, on Tuesday evening, when close upon a hundred members and friends were present, he received a great surprise, for the vice-chairman handed to him a handsome Royal Arch jewel, with inscription at the back, as a token of regard for him personally and of appreciation of his services. The jewel was one of Bro. George Kenning's best make, in 18-carat gold, set with crystals, and was admired by all.

MASONIC BALL.—On Thursday night, the 22nd ult., a ball in aid of the building fund for a Masonic Hall at Blyth, was held in Grantham's Assembly Rooms, and passed off most successfully. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of Bros. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.; Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Sir Augustus Harris, Bart., P.G. Treas. Eng.; A. E. Burdon, P.P.G.S.W.; J. G. Youll, P.P.G.S.W.; Hill Motum, P.P.G.S.W.; and many other gentlemen well known in connection with Masonry. The assembly rooms were specially decorated for the occasion, and as a special dispensation was granted for the brethren to appear in full regalia, the ball-room presented a pleasing and charming appearance. The music was supplied by Mr. J. H. Amers' band from Newcastle, and the programme consisted of 22 dances.

SPECULATIVE MASONRY.—Our attention has frequently been drawn to the indiscriminate use of the expression "speculative" Masons and "symbolic" Masons, and we have been asked to express an opinion as to which is correct. Certainly the former is the correct term. We say we are free and accepted or speculative Masons in contrast to operative Masons. Speculative Masons use the tools of the operative Masons as symbols to impart instruction. "Symbolic Masonry" is a corruption which has crept into use—we do not know exactly when or how. Some otherwise correct ritualists use this expression instead of the proper one, "speculative Masons," but it is a corruption nevertheless, and correct speakers avoid it. Writing on the subject, Mackey says Freemasonry is called speculative Masonry to distinguish it from operative Masonry, which is engaged in the construction of edifices of stone. Speculative science which, borrowing from the operative art its working tools and implements, sanctifies them by symbolic instructions to the holiest of purposes—the veneration of God and the purification of the soul. The operative Mason constructs his edifice of material substances; the speculative Mason is taught to erect a spiritual building pure and spotless, and fit for the residence of Him who dwelleth only with the good. The operative Masons works according to the designs laid down for him on the trestle board by the architect; the speculative is guided by the great trestle board on which is inscribed the revealed will of God—the Supreme Architect of heaven and earth. The operative Mason tries each stone and part of the building by the square level and plumb; the speculative Mason examines every action of his life by the square of morality, seeing that no presumption nor vain glory has caused him to transcend the level of his allotted destiny, and no vicious propensity has led him to swerve from the plumb line of rectitude.—*Australasian Keystone*.

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

BRO. THOMAS BRIGGS, Citizen and Loriner, is a candidate to represent the Ward of Aldersgate in Court of Common Council.

THE ANNUAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Thursday, the 13th inst.; and the Annual Convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter will be held at 4.30 p.m. on the same day.

THE PANMURE LODGE will hold a bazaar in the New Public Hall, Arbroath, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th April, 1895, for the purpose of raising funds for the extinction of the debt on the lodge hall, and to found a Benevolent Fund.

LODGE OF HONOUR AND GENEROSITY, No. 165.—A notice appears on the agenda paper for the meeting this week, of the resignation of Bro. R. C. Driver of the Secretaryship of the lodge after an uninterrupted tenure of office for over 37 years. Such valuable service as this calls for grateful recognition on the part of all the members.

AT A MEETING of the Friendship Lodge, No. 202, held at Granby-street, Devonport, on the 22nd ult., Bro. S. Martin was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Leonard, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Bro. W. Allsford, P.G. Treas., Representative on the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward; and T. Shears, Tyler. The annual banquet will be held at the Freemasons' Club on January 2nd.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT did not stay for very many hours at Worthing, where he went last Saturday to preside over some Masonic ceremonies, but his Royal Highness paid the town some well-timed compliments in response to the address of welcome, and with tact encouraged the townspeople to forget their misfortune and look cheerfully for a new period of prosperity in the future.—*Court Journal*.

A PRESENT FOR THE QUEEN.—By the ss. "Arcadia," which arrived a few days since from Sydney, New South Wales, there was sent to the Queen, a correspondent informs the *City Press*, a "small present from the inhabitants of Sydney." It consists of a bunch of wild flowers and a case of wine made from fruit grown a short distance from Sydney.

ISRAEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Bro. J. J. Hall will give an address on "Sun Worship and the Ancient Mysteries and their Resemblance to Freemasonry," on Sunday, the 2nd inst. (first Sunday in the month), at the Rising Sun, 248, Globe-road, Mile End, E., at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the lecture. Bro. Hall has devoted a vast amount of time in the compilation of the various interesting subjects upon which he will touch, and a large attendance is anticipated.

"How is it that young men are so largely outside the Church?" was a question an interviewer put recently to Bro. Professor Shuttleworth. "Partly," was the reply, "because parsons forget that they were ever young themselves, partly because many of them are afraid to use what are called secular weapons, and partly because of a certain restlessness which is characteristic of our time. Men have got more freedom, and they use it. And there is the uncomfortable recollection of what Sunday schools used to be in the days of their boyhood."

MUSICAL EXHIBITION.—The next display at the Royal Aquarium, which building has so completely established itself as the best hall in London for exhibitions, will deal with music, and, judging by the advanced copies of the catalogues, will be of striking interest and value. The loan collection, which consists of antique and obsolete instruments, such as harpsichords, spinets, early pianos, stringed instruments, including harps of extreme antiquity, early forms of brass instruments, manuscripts of eminent composers, autograph letters and portraits of great musicians, will be unusually complete, and will afford an infinite amount of pleasure to all students of matters musical. Amongst the trade exhibits will be found every variety of modern instruments, these being shown by the principal London and country manufacturers. The exhibition, which commences on the 12th inst. will remain open until the 20th January next. The Aquarium entertainments will continue as usual, there being no extra charge for the exhibition. Mr. T. Ritchie the Managing Director appeals for loans of objects connected with musical art.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT WORTHING.—In connection with the recent visit of his Royal Highness to preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, the *West Sussex Gazette* gives the following: "The Mayor of Worthing, who had only recently joined the Craft, wore his Mayoral robes and also the apron of an 'Entered Apprentice.' He had the support of two brother Mayors in their Worships of Brighton (Alderman Botting) and Eastbourne (Councillor Skinner), while the close relationship which exists between civic life and Masonry were exemplified by the presence of Alderman Ewart, M.D., thrice Mayor of Brighton, Alderman Farncombe, thrice Mayor of Lewes, and Alderman Morrison, thrice Mayor of Eastbourne, who have all been advanced to the Warden's chairs in Provincial Grand Lodge. Alderman Dr. Paxton, Ex-Mayor of Chichester, and Alderman Piper, Ex-Mayor of Worthing, were also present; and Sussex M.P.'s were represented by Col. Brookfield, of the Rye Division, and Mr. Gerald Loder, of Brighton."

MASONIC BALL.—A meeting of the general committee entrusted with the arrangements in connection with the annual festival and ball, to be held in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—an Institution which at the present time is clothing, educating, and maintaining nearly 400 children—was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday, Bro. W. Simson, P.P.S.G.W., in the chair, and Bro. John Edwards, P.M., 1182, in the vice-chair. A large number of Patrons and Stewards were proposed. The Hon. Sec., Bro. Povey, announced that the chairman had generously offered to defray the whole cost of the commemorative jewels to be presented to the Patrons and Stewards, an announcement which was received with much pleasure and applause. A special and attractive feature in this year's ball will be a procession in full dress Masonic regalia of the different Degrees in Freemasonry at certain intervals during the evening, and at 12 o'clock, amidst illuminations of electric and coloured lights, the Royal Lancers will be danced beneath the Ancient Arch of Steel. This spectacular scene will be very interesting to both the Masonic fraternity and the public generally who attend the ball, as it has not been seen in Liverpool for many years past.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has decided to stand at the approaching elections as a candidate for a seat on the Warwick Board of Guardians.

THE WINTER CONVOCATION of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor, will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday next at six o'clock.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK have intimated their intention of being present at the marriage of Lady Margaret Grosvenor and Prince Adolphus of Teck.

TEN PENSIONERS will be placed upon the books of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association at the election to be held at the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, 13th inst.

SIR JOHN HUTTON will preside at the concert to be given at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst., in aid of the Children's Breakfast and Dinner Fund of the Hoxton Market Christian Institute.

MR. CECIL RHODES is ordering 650 miles of materials to be sent out for the construction of his Cape to Cairo telegraph line. It is estimated that this additional material will suffice to build the line from Blantyre to Ujiji, on Lake Tanganyika.

THERE WAS A CROWDED GATHERING on Monday evening at the South-place Institute, Finsbury, on the occasion of the illustrated lecture Mr. G. F. Richings, an American lecturer, gave on the cultured and progressive side of negro life in the States.

BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS opened a World's Fair at Coventry on Thursday, in aid of St. Thomas's Church, in that city. The Rev. Eric Farrar, son of Archdeacon Farrar, is vicar of the parish. The Speaker of the House of Commons introduced the Baroness.

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.

A NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY of the Orders of the Temple and Malta will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst., at five p.m. At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, under the banner of the Bard of Avon Preceptor, London, into which any Knights Templar who shall have so signified his desire can be admitted. The fee is one guinea to include the certificate.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF COBURG, accompanied by Bro. Lord Carrington, who represented Queen Victoria at the Imperial wedding, left St. Petersburg on Wednesday for Berlin, where they will spend a few days; their Royal Highnesses subsequently proceeding to Coburg, and the Lord Chamberlain to England. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, accompanied by Colonel Ellis, will leave on Sunday for Berlin, on their return to England. The Princess of Wales will remain for some time with the Empress Dowager, her sister.

A MASONIC SERVICE of a specially interesting character will be held on the 10th inst., at St. Helens' Church, Bishopsgate, on the occasion of the unveiling of a Mural Tablet in memory of the late Dr. Cox, for many years Rector of St. Helens, and for nine years consecutively Grand Chaplain of England. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will be present, as well as many of the Grand Officers, a dispensation having been obtained for wearing Masonic clothing. The offertories will be devoted to Masonic Charity. Tickets of Admission, for which prompt application should be made, may be had from Bro. J. Tollworthy, Warden of St. Helens, 54 Old Broad St. E.C.

THERE IS ON VIEW at Exeter Hall, Strand, for a short time, Madame Stavena's famous picture, fellow to the one known at the Chicago Exhibition as the great ecclesiastical picture, and offered for sale there for £8000. It is claimed for it that it is the most wonderful specimen of the engraver's art extant. It is 4 feet 10 inches by 3 feet 10 inches in size, and is one of three only struck from the famous Ramalas plates, taking this wonderful artist monk over 30 years to engrave. It is believed that after these three pictures were struck off the whole of the plates were destroyed. The subjects represented are biblical history from the Creation, also giving the Masonic history from its earliest origin, and representing important passages and illustrations from the early Hebrew writers.

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WE DO NOT THINK we are betraying confidence in quoting from a personal letter received a few days ago from one of our prominent Masons. He says: "I cannot let the opportunity pass without thanking you for your attacks upon 'making records.' Freemasonry suffers more from those who ought to be its best friends through their baleful action than it ever will from its avowed enemies outside the Order. It is nothing more than self-pride which shows the smallness of the calibre of the Master whose only boast is that he beat 'the record.' It brings into the Fraternity the most undesirable elements, and to it can be attributed a very large proportion of our unaffiliations. 'I trust you will continue to 'peg away' at this crying evil, and that you may have the hearty support of every District Deputy as well as the Grand Master himself in leading the Fraternity to higher aims and nobler privileges." We thank the brother for his words of approval. Everyone who gives this matter proper thought and consideration, must see to what shoals we are drifting. It is not in numbers that the strength of a lodge is found, but in the "internal qualifications" of the members.—*New York Dispatch*.

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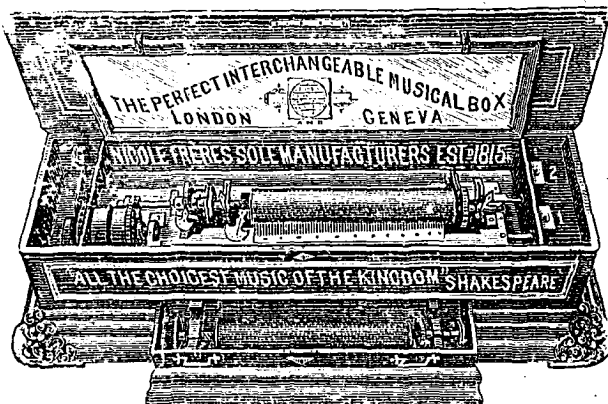
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At 8.15, A GAITY GIRL.

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At 8.30, HIS EXCELLENCY.

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GRAND THEATRE.

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SURREY THEATRE.

At 7.30, YOUTH.

BRITANNIA THEATRE.

At 7, PHANTOMS.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE THEATRE.

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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., Black-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.  
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Old Pan's Head, Knight-riever-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.  
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

## CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley.  
1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant.  
1881, Strand, Criterion.  
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.  
2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.  
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.  
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.  
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane.  
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.  
MARK LODGES.  
7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.  
36, Samson and Lion, Masons' Avenue.  
ROSE CROIX.  
44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
117, New Temple, Inns of Court Hotel.  
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
Burdett-Countts, 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.  
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30.  
Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 7.  
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 7.30.  
Tredgar, 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, Lock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Great Priory, Knights Templar, Mark Masons' Hall.

## CRAFT LODGES.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.  
789, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel.  
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
2309, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.  
59, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.  
ROSE CROIX.  
111, Belgrave, 33, Golden-square.  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. 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, 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 Sion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 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 15.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, December 15, 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 10.

CRAFT LODGE.	Town	Time
Alford	Alford	1600
Bury	Bury	1611
Falmouth	Falmouth	1730
Harleston	Harleston	1741
Dorchester	Dorchester	1802
North Walsham	North Walsham	1852
Stockport	Stockport	1895
Faversham	Faversham	1914
Newport, I.W.	Newport, I.W.	1948
E. Stonehouse	E. Stonehouse	1952
Swansea	Swansea	1977
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	2144
Batley	Batley	2185
Liverpool	Liverpool	2197
Sheffield	Sheffield	2238
Lincoln	Lincoln	2276
Bradford	Bradford	2376
Gt. Yarmouth	Gt. Yarmouth	2452
Preston	Preston	2505
Bodmin	Bodmin	1272
Penrith	Penrith	1280
Bath	Bath	1286
Halesworth	Halesworth	1302
Haverth	Haverth	1350
Nottingham	Nottingham	1436
Brightlingsea	Brightlingsea	1449
Oldham	Oldham	1474
Newcastle	Newcastle	1477
Stokesley	Stokesley	1480
Birmingham	Birmingham	1496
Redruth	Redruth	1504
Thrapston	Thrapston	1575
Southport	Southport	1592
Old Brompton	Old Brompton	184
Norwich	Norwich	213
Bradford	Bradford	302
Brighton	Brighton	315
Northampton	Northampton	309
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	521
Leominster	Leominster	892
Gosport	Gosport	903
Monice Town	Monice Town	954
Jersey	Jersey	958
Penryn	Penryn	997
Frome	Frome	997
Crewe	Crewe	973
Neyland	Neyland	979
Barrow-in-Fur-	Barrow-in-Fur-	1023
Alfreton	Alfreton	1028
Chipping	Chipping	1037
Norton	Norton	1036
Keswick	Keswick	1073
Newton Abbott	Newton Abbott	1138
Wymondham	Wymondham	1193
Batley	Batley	1214
Aspatria	Aspatria	1220
Warrington	Warrington	1250
Poulton-le-	Poulton-le-	1250
Fylde	Fylde	1250
Oakhall	Oakhall	1205
Egremont	Egremont	1207
Seacombe	Seacombe	1276
Bala	Bala	1309
Andover	Andover	1373
Torquay	Torquay	1402
Newport Pagnell	Newport Pagnell	1410
Barton-on-	Barton-on-	1447
Humber	Humber	1447
Blackpool	Blackpool	1470
Crowley	Crowley	1482
Ilkley	Ilkley	1522
Newquay	Newquay	1528
Marlboro'	Marlboro'	1533
Leicester	Leicester	1560
Cheadle	Cheadle	1587
Walton-on-Hill	Walton-on-Hill	1713
Walton-on-	Walton-on-	1713
Naze	Naze	1799
Clare	Clare	1823
Wilmington	Wilmington	1837
Stonehouse	Stonehouse	1847
Winchester	Winchester	1883
Bedlington	Bedlington	1902
Herne Bay	Herne Bay	2099
Peel	Peel	2104
Chingford	Chingford	2250
Manningtree	Manningtree	2339
Southport	Southport	2360
Burford	Burford	2414
Wyvenhoe	Wyvenhoe	2477
R.A. CHAPTERS.		
Birmingham	Birmingham	43
Keighley	Keighley	205
Leeds	Leeds	289
Darwen	Darwen	381
Chester	Chester	425
Birkenhead	Birkenhead	537
Wallsend	Wallsend	591
Sudbury	Sudbury	1224
MARK LODGES.		
Tavistock	Tavistock	23
Manchester	Manchester	34
Southampton	Southampton	63
Maidenhead	Maidenhead	257
Brecon	Brecon	271
Malton	Malton	277
Alfreton	Alfreton	414

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

CRAFT LODGES.	Town	Time
Sunderland	Sunderland	80
Norwich	Norwich	93
Burnley	Burnley	120
Reichford	Reichford	100
Norwich	Norwich	213
Liverpool	Liverpool	241
Warwick	Warwick	284
Lymington	Lymington	310
Milford	Milford	300
Maryport	Maryport	371
Huntingdon	Huntingdon	373
Birmingham	Birmingham	473
Ashton-in-	Ashton-in-	473
Makerfield	Makerfield	484
Axminster	Axminster	494
Rugby	Rugby	502
Maidstone	Maidstone	503
Hales Owen	Hales Owen	573
Banbury	Banbury	590
Tofts	Tofts	603
Burton	Burton	624
Chippingham	Chippingham	626
Harwich	Harwich	650
Bristol	Bristol	680
Wednesbury	Wednesbury	690
Aldershot	Aldershot	723
W. Hartlepool	W. Hartlepool	704
Windor	Windor	771
Launceston	Launceston	780
Crewkerne	Crewkerne	814
Dukinfield	Dukinfield	830
Wootton-under-	Wootton-under-	830
Edge	Edge	855
Jersey	Jersey	877
Leicester	Leicester	1560
Cheadle	Cheadle	1587
Walton-on-Hill	Walton-on-Hill	1713
Walton-on-	Walton-on-	1713
Naze	Naze	1799
Clare	Clare	1823
Wilmington	Wilmington	1837
Stonehouse	Stonehouse	1847
Winchester	Winchester	1883
Bedlington	Bedlington	1902
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Southampton	Southampton	63
Maidenhead	Maidenhead	257
Brecon	Brecon	271
Malton	Malton	277
Alfreton	Alfreton	414

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lodge	Address	Time
Cardiff	Cardiff	36
Birmingham	Birmingham	74
Margate	Margate	127
Batley	Batley	264
Bacup	Bacup	286
Maryport	Maryport	371
Broadstairs	Broadstairs	419
Halifax	Halifax	448
Aylesbury	Aylesbury	591
W. Bromwich	W. Bromwich	602
Woolwich	Woolwich	706
Stafford	Stafford	726
Crewkerne	Crewkerne	814
Stockton	Stockton	940
Cardiff	Cardiff	960
Bradford	Bradford	974
East Derham	East Derham	996
Jarrow	Jarrow	1119
Redcar	Redcar	1244
Waterloo	Waterloo	1380
Kingston Hill	Kingston Hill	1638
Liverpool	Liverpool	1675
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	1793

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.	Town	Time
Rochdale	Rochdale	54
Guernsey	Guernsey	84
Hythe	Hythe	125
Bolton	Bolton	149
Bristol	Bristol	187
Manchester	Manchester	204
Ipwich	Ipwich	225
Jersey	Jersey	244
Hull	Hull	250
Heckmondwike	Heckmondwike	258
Newchurch	Newchurch	274
Oldham	Oldham	277
Launceston	Launceston	281
Todmorden	Todmorden	288
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	290
Alcester	Alcester	301
Mottram	Mottram	320
Yeovil	Yeovil	329
Hadleigh	Hadleigh	332
Sandbach	Sandbach	368
Burleigh	Burleigh	371
Salterton	Salterton	372
Morley	Morley	380
Dudley	Dudley	408
Congleton	Congleton	533
Framingham	Framingham	555
Ormskirk	Ormskirk	580
Caernarvon	Caernarvon	606
Seaham Harbour	Seaham Harbour	661
Aberdare	Aberdare	679
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	681
Calchester	Calchester	697
Chorley	Chorley	730
Derby	Derby	731
Llandudno	Llandudno	755
Gloucester	Gloucester	1005
Bradford	Bradford	1018
Maldon	Maldon	1024
Birmingham	Birmingham	1031
Tamworth	Tamworth	1060
Burnley	Burnley	1064
Stalybridge	Stalybridge	1088
Liverpool	Liverpool	1094
Reading	Reading	1101
Tiverton	Tiverton	1125
Heaton Moor	Heaton Moor	1140
Seaton	Seaton	1181
Ramsgate	Ramsgate	1209
Douglas	Douglas	1242
Aldershot	Aldershot	1331
Liverpool	Liverpool	1350
Chipping Sud-	Chipping Sud-	1363
Dalton-in-Fur-	Dalton-in-Fur-	1368
ness	ness	1405
Cuckfield	Cuckfield	1495
Cannock	Cannock	1520
St. Columb	St. Columb	1520
Cambarne	Cambarne	1544
Liverpool	Liverpool	1547
Stretford	Stretford	1588
Whitby	Whitby	1703
Grange-over-	Grange-over-	1715
Sands	Sands	1715
Langport	Langport	2038
Seacombe	Seacombe	2132
Boscombe	Boscombe	2158
Ashburton	Ashburton	2169
Widmermere	Widmermere	2217
Westbury	Westbury	2227
Guildford	Guildford	2234
Workington	Workington	2285
Whitechurch	Whitechurch	2311
Kelvedon	Kelvedon	2342
Waddesden	Waddesden	2420
Coalville	Coalville	2428
Manchester	Manchester	2449
R.A. CHAPTERS.		
Guernsey	Guernsey	243
Barnet	Barnet	280
Hertford	Hertford	493
Rugby	Rugby	502
Jersey	Jersey	590
Southport	Southport	613
Liverpool	Liverpool	823
Pontypridd	Pontypridd	

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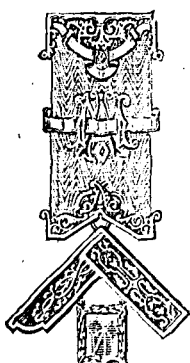
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