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WILLIAM PRESTON AND THE "ANCIENT" MASONS.

It is difficult to suggest a reason for the conduct of WILLIAM PRESTON, author of the well-known "Illustrations of Masonry," in almost entirely ignoring the existence of that section of English Freemasonry which styled itself during the latter half of last, and the early years of the present, century as the "Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions," or more familiarly, as the "Ancient" or "Athol" Masons. According to the extract we published in our issue of the 29th ult., from KENNING'S *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, it is not clear when this distinguished member of our Order was initiated into its mysteries, but "it has been said at a lodge, which met at the White Hart, in the Strand, in 1760, under an Athol Warrant." Bro. GOULD, in his "Athol Lodges," in the note appended to No. 111, points out that PRESTON was a member of the lodge at the White Hart, having been initiated under the dispensation granted by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge to make Masons at the said White Hart to Bro. ROBERT LOCKHEAD on the 2nd March, 1763, while the lodge itself was constituted "on or about 20th April, 1763"; and he further states that "after meeting successively at the Horn Tavern, Fleet-street, the Scots' Hall, Blackfriars, and the Half Moon, Cheapside, the members of No. 111 (at the instance of WILLIAM PRESTON) petitioned for a 'Modern' Constitution, and the lodge was soon afterwards constituted a second time, in ample form, by the name of the 'Caledonian' Lodge, under which name it still exists (now No. 134)." It is also clear, from the letter which appeared in our columns last week from Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, that it was not long before Bro. PRESTON attained to a position of eminence in the ranks of the "Modern," or "Regular," Fraternity. Therefore, as an ex-member of the "Ancient" Society, and a prominent member of its more aristocratic rival, PRESTON was in a better position than 99 out of every hundred Masons of his time to know of the schism which existed amongst the Freemasons in England. Yet no one who has read the fourth Book of his "Illustrations," in which is traced "the History of Masonry in England to the great Masonic Re-union in 1813," can have failed to remark that, as we have before said, with the exception of a few scant references to the "Ancients" and—what could not be dealt with in a few lines—the account in detail, as it appeared in the last edition published during his lifetime, of "The Great Masonic Re-union in 1813," what purports to be a "History of Masonry in England" is merely a narrative of the proceedings of the "Modern" or "Regular" Grand Lodge. As a pervert to this latter section of the Craft in England, PRESTON, perhaps, was justified in the adoption of this course; but as the self-constituted historian of English Masonry, it was his duty to have described, as far as lay in his power, and with complete impartiality, the proceedings of both sections, and his omission to do this is a reproach to his fame which cannot be overlooked or condoned. When he was initiated, the "Ancient" Grand Lodge had 111 lodges on its roll; when he published the first edition of his history, this number had increased to about 180; and when the Union was effected in 1813, there were upwards of 300 of them. Moreover, this Union, as he well knew, or could without difficulty have ascertained, was effected on terms that were equally honourable to both Societies, so that, though, as we have before suggested, it may have been sound policy on the part of the "Moderns"—a policy enjoined on them by their Grand Lodge under the severest pains and penalties—to ignore their "Ancient" brethren, the conduct of Preston in framing his history in accordance with that policy seems all the more inexcusable, especially when we find from a perusal of the minutes of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, that when it suited his purpose, he was able, or professed to be able, to explain, as indeed he does in partisan fashion, the differences that existed between the two Societies.

In the minutes of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of the 1st Nov. 1775—at which time there existed a friendly intercourse between it and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland—it is recorded that Bro. DERMOTT, Deputy Grand Master, who presided on the occasion, "reported that the Grand Secretary had (upon y^e 16th last month) received a Pacquet from WM. MASON, Esq., Grand Secretary of Scotland, containing sundry printed Papers composed by one WM. PRESTON, a Lecturer on Masonry in London, that it appeared by such papers and a private letter sent with them to the Grand Secretary of Scotland, that the said WM. PRESTON had used every Art to cause a Disunion between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, that upon the 19th of the same month, he, the D.G.M. (in the presence of the Hon. Col. MURRAY, G. Sec., DICKEY, and G. STEWART, Master 14) had laid the above Pacquet before His Grace of ATHOL, Grand Master, who after perusing them very Attentively was pleased to order them to be laid before the Grand Lodge without loss of time for the purpose of

their framing a proper Answer to be transmitted to the R.W.G.I. of Scotland, and when done to be presented to His Grace for his approbation." The "Pacquet" referred to contained firstly a letter from WILLIAM MASON dated "Edinr. 17th Augt. 1775," to "WM. DICKEY Esq. Bow St. Covent Garden, Londn.," in which he describes the purport of PRESTON'S letter, and adds, by way of postscript, "I have given no Answer to Mr. PRESTON'S Letter, nor will not, until I hear from you, therefore shall expect you will be speedy in your Return to this, that I may have an opportunity to do it." PRESTON, in his letter to MASON, applied "for a Correct List of the present Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the several Lodges under your Constitution. As it is intended for an Annual Publication which goes to Press about a month hence, I shall be greatly obliged if favoured with an answer from you by return of Post." In a postscript PRESTON adds: "I should be extremely happy to be instrumental in introducing a Correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the place of my nativity, and the Grand Lodge of England. My Interest and Connexions in Masonry are at present very extensive here, & it would give me a sensible pleasure to have the satisfaction of recommending English Brethren to your favour & the Brethren Initiated by you to the Regular Lodges of this Metropolis." Secondly, there is a letter from Bro. MASON to Bro. DICKEY, in reply to one from the latter of the 28th August, in which he forwards copy of a letter which he had written to Bro. PRESTON on the 7th September, and which was to the following effect: "Sir—I duly recd. your Letter of the 7th ulto. & would have returned an immediate answer but that your request was somewhat singular and therefore as the Grand Lodge of Scotland have an Establish'd Correspondence with the Grand Lodges of England & Ireland & they the same with us, whatever new matter happens with the one is made known to all. So I made this known to my worthy Brother DICKEY, Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England & of him in Bow Street, Covent Garden, you will get any Information you may want to publish with regard to Masonry." The next letter is also from Bro. MASON, bearing date "Edinburgh, 9 October, 1775," and enclosing copy of a letter received from PRESTON in the interim. PRESTON in this letter, after politely declining to avail himself of Bro. MASON'S reference to Bro. DICKEY, on the ground that he has not "the pleasure of knowing that gentleman," neither do I wish to correspond with him in the character you give him, proceeds as follows: "It is with regret I understand by your Letter that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been so grossly imposed upon as to have established a correspondence with an irregular body of men who falsely assume the appellation of *Antient Masons*. And I still more sensibly lament that this imposition has likewise received the countenance of the Grand Lodge of Ireland." He refers Bro. MASON to an enclosed excerpt from his "History of Masonry in England from the revival of the Grand Lodge in 1717" for the alleged "Origin of those Irregular Masons with whom you correspond" and forwards a list of the Grand Masters of his Society from 1717. He adds—"I am sorry to find that the Duke of ATHOL, Gen. OUGHTON, Lord KELLY, and some other respectable personages have at different times been prevailed upon to give a sanction to these assemblies. I am convinced no nobleman apprised of the deception would give their countenance or wish to intrude upon the rights of other Noblemen who ever since the year 1721 have been regularly elected to preside as Grand Masters agreeable to the Antient Laws of the Society. You will find by the list that the greater part of our patrons have been noblemen of Scotch extraction, who have regularly attained the direction of the Fraternity. Under our patronage 480 lodges are established at home and abroad, and some of the first Princes in Europe do not disdain our Alliance." In commenting on this letter, Bro. MASON writes: "As this seems to be new and serious matter, I shall expect with your first convenience that you will favour me with an answer, and you will please also return the papers, as I intend laying the whole before our next Quarterly Communication, which happens on the 13th proxo." The "Ancient" Grand Lodge was fully equal to the occasion. A reply, in which is traceable the bold hand of Bro. DERMOTT, was at once prepared, and Grand Secretary DICKEY was instructed to submit it for the approval of the Duke of ATHOL, Grand Master, and, if approved by his Grace, to dispatch it forthwith to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This letter contains the following statements: "That all the Lodges under our Constitution pursue the Universal Practice of the Royal Craft, as appears by the Brethren now Assembled, several of whom were made in Scotland, Ireland, Asia, & America; We do most strenuously Insist & most religiously declare that the Masonical practice of the Gentlemen called Modern Masons (now under the sanction of Lord PETRIE) is contrary to the Ancient & Universal Custom of the Royal Craft. We do freely acknowledge that

the Society called Modern Masons are in possession of many Books, Papers, & Memorandums bearing Masonical Titles, which Books, &c., admitting them to be as old as the Creation, cannot constitute them the real Grand Lodge of Masons, having forfeited all right to such appellation by swerving from the Original System of Masonry which has been so solemnly handed down and Received by every Member of the Community. This Truth is confess'd by the Modern Advocate (Mr. PRESTON) in his History of Masonry, Page 4, line 35, &c., where he says, 'Under the fictitious sanction of the Ancient York Constitution, which was entirely dropt at the revival of the Grand Lodge in 1717,' &c. How an Ancient Grand Lodge could be revived by entirely dropping the Old Constitution and substituting* new forms &c., is a kind of mystery which we do not understand. Of equal sense and veracity is another Paragraph in the same Page, where the Author says 'That the regular Masons were obliged to adopt fresh measures more effectually to detect Impostors, &c.; to accomplish this more effectually some variations were made in and additions to the Established forms, the ancient Landmarks were preserved entire and no change admitted but such as the most scrupulous would approve.' Here an adoption of fresh Measures & Variations is openly Confessed & that at a time & place when & where no fault was found with the Old Forms & Ancient Ceremonies of the Craft, nor can human wisdom conceive how such a change could be Constitutional or even usefull in detecting Impostors or punishing delinquents if there were any such—though it is plain that such new change might be sufficient to distinguish the members of the new Masonical Hersey from those who adhered to the good old system. It is as remarkable (if such alterations were absolutely necessary), that no account of them had been transmitted to Scotland or Ireland, altho' such alterations obliterated the Ancient Landmarks in such manner as to render the Ancient System scarcely distinguishable by either of those nations, tho' ever famous for Masonry. The above remarks with several Papers (properly authenticated) which our Secretary is order'd to convey with this, will, We think, convince our Brethren of Scotland that we are of the same practice as themselves & sincerely wish that our United Grand Lodges may ever be famed for handing down the Royal Art according to its Original Institution which is the only means for Masons of every Place & Language to be known to each other."

The hope expressed in the concluding paragraph of this reply was realised. At the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, a letter was read from Bro. MASON, in which he said that he had laid the reply before the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 13th November, and that it would receive due consideration at the quarterly meeting in February, 1776. And on the 28th of that month Bro. MASON transmits the following result of such consideration: "Grand Lodge of Scotland, DAVID DALRYMPLE, Esq. Grand Master, held at St. Giles Lodge, Edinburgh, the 5th day of February, 1776. To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England held under the Sanction of the Right Worshipfull and Most Noble Prince JOHN Duke of ATHOLL, &c., &c., Grand Master. Greeting."

Right Worshipful Brethren

We are honour'd with your obliging Letter of the 1st November last & have considered it deliberately in our last Quarterly Communication. We assure you we are most sensibly of your Brotherly Kindness in communicating to us the Particulars contained in it, of which we do not entertain the smallest doubt.

We are by no means competent judges of the differences subsisting between your Grand Lodge and that held under the patronage of Lord PETRIE. But since we have had the honor of opening a Correspondence with you we have every reason to entertain the most Respectful opinion of your Grand Lodge. We shall always think ourselves happy in Keeping up the strictest communication with you, & Uniting our Endeavours to yours for promoting the Royal Craft & preserving it in its original purity.

Given under our hands & the seal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held in the City of Edinburgh the 5th day of February in the year of our Lord 1776 & of Light 5776.

The above is signed by DAVID DALRYMPLE, G.M.; WM. BARCLAY, D.G.M.; JAMES GEDDES, S.G.W.; and WM. SMITH, J.G.W.; and countersigned by WM. MASON, G. Sec., and DAVID BOLT, G. Clerk.

Thus was PRESTON foiled in his attempt, to cause an estrangement between the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and yet, though he made this attempt, and pretended to know all about the former, he almost entirely ignores their existence in his "Illustrations." This may have been in accordance with PRESTON'S idea of the manner in which history should be written, but it is not with that of the world generally. At all events, it was not by thus ignoring the "Ancient" Grand Lodge that the Union of the rival Societies of English Masons was ultimately accomplished in 1813 on terms equally honourable to both.

COURTESY TO STRANGERS.

Abraham once entertained three strangers and was surprised when they were about to depart to find out their celestial character. They had not revealed themselves as angels, but had been content to receive the courteous attention the good old Patriarch was willing at all times to extend to sojourners and strangers. Ever since that incident there has been an admonition to the people of this world to be careful to treat strangers civilly, for "they may entertain angels unawares." If there is any one who needs kind and courteous treatment it is "a stranger in a strange land," or in strange lodge. He is away from home and kindred, and must depend upon his fellow-men, those whom he never saw before or heard of perhaps, to make his stay in the

* In the original letter in the Minute Book the word is "subsisting," but "substituting" is evidently intended.

place or lodge pleasant. There is nothing that will make a man feel more uncomfortable than to be treated rudely by strangers. This is especially true of strangers in our lodges.

They may come from England, Scotland, or Bombay, but, being familiar with that universal language of Masonry, by which "one Mason may know another in the dark as in the light," they have a right to expect courteous treatment when they visit a lodge. A kind word, a brotherly grasp of the hand, and a friendly spirit, will make the stranger gratefully remember his visit to a lodge. But a lack of attention will fasten in his memory an unpleasant experience, and when he chances to pass that way again, he will be sure to give that lodge a wide berth, and refuse to visit.

An incident came to our knowledge recently of a brother from Bombay who was staying in Philadelphia for a few days and went to visit the Masonic Temple one evening for the purpose of visiting a lodge. He sent in a card that the Tyler had instructed him to fill out. He gave on it the name of the lodge in which he was made, and some other Masonic information requested. His card was returned to him with some short answer that he could not visit. He was not even treated with the courtesy of having a committee or a brother come from the lodge to know who he was or by what right he claimed the privilege of visiting. With no reasons given for it he was turned away, and carries with him a very poor opinion of the lodge that failed in a very simple act of courtesy due to any man claiming to be a Mason. If he had been found unworthy after making his statement, or undergoing a proper examination, there would have been time enough to turn him away. A little care to be courteous to strangers wins friends, while acts of thoughtless unkindness makes foes.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

MASONRY AMONG SAVAGE TRIBES.

Is Freemasonry known among the savage tribes of the earth, such as the Arabs of the desert, the red men of North America? The question has often been debated and apparently strong evidence produced on both sides.

I once had a conversation with Robert Morris, in the course of which he told me that when travelling in the East he had met many Arab Sheiks, and that every one of them was acquainted with some of the modes of recognition in use among Freemasons.

On his inquiring of them how they obtained this knowledge, they informed him that it was hereditary in the Sheik families, and that it had been handed down by one generation to another from the earliest ages of the world.

Many circumstances have from time to time been related which would lead us to infer that some knowledge of Masonic signs and symbols also exists among our native Indian tribes.

One incident which appears to favour such a belief has recently been related to me by Bro. W. S. Moote, who is at present a resident of our town of Dunville, and a member of Amity Lodge, No. 32, G.R.C., but who formerly belonged to a lodge at Hastings, Nebraska.

Here is the narrative as told by himself. He says: "I was one of the early settlers of the Territory of Nebraska. In the fall or winter of 1874 I went on a buffalo hunt, in company with several friends and neighbours. While hunting near the Prairie Dog, a tributary of the Republican River, we were attacked and surrounded by a band of hostile Indians belonging to the Sioux tribe. Our ammunition was nearly exhausted, and our chances of escape appeared very slim; but I remembered having heard that the savage tribes knew something of Masonry, so I gave the sign of the E.A. and then of the F.C. These signs, to all appearance, were recognised by the Indian chief, for hostilities immediately ceased, and we were allowed to depart without being further molested.

"I met some of the Sioux chiefs afterward, and conversed with them on the matter. They told me that the great chiefs were in possession of certain secret signs and tokens by which they were able to recognise one another; that these secrets had been handed down from generation to generation, and that they were known to the chiefs long before the trees grew."

Now, the general opinion of reliable Masonic historians is that purely Speculative Freemasonry was first established in 1717, and that all the Masonic lodges in the world owe their origin, directly or indirectly, to the Grand Lodge of England, which was formed at London in that year, although some of them may have existed as operative lodges long before that time, and may probably have done some speculative work.

But both the Arab Sheiks and the Indian chiefs claim that the secrets they possess were known to their forefathers ages before we have any record of a Masonic lodge, either operative or speculative, having been established upon earth.

Notwithstanding this, it is quite possible that they may have an acquaintance with signs and tokens similar to those in use among Masons.

It is pretty generally admitted that the gypsies, as well as some Eastern sects, have secret modes of recognition whereby they are known to each other. These signs are of a symbolic character, and, like those of the Arabs and red men, are supposed to be of East Indian or Egyptian origin, and very ancient.

It is most probable that much of the mystic portion of Freemasonry was derived from the same source, for some of those who took an active part in the revival of 1717 were Oriental scholars and lovers of that occult learning of which the Eastern sages were the great masters and teachers. The close resemblance which is said to exist between tribes and those made use of by Masons could thus be accounted for without discrediting in the least any of the facts which the researches of Masonic historians have brought to light.—*T. L. M. T., in the New York Dispatch.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, Alfred C. Spaul, Col. Hugh M. Gordon, H. Massey, F. Wright, Sir John B. Monckton, W. H. Saunders, James Stevens, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., Patron, by permission of the Court, brought on his motion out of order. The motion was as follows: "That in consideration of her long service on the staff of the Institution, commencing as pupil teacher on the 20th November, 1851, and after serving as assistant schoolmistress and assistant governess, filling the office of sub-Matron of the Junior School from the 1st January, 1881, to the present time, at a salary of £80 per annum (with board and residence), a period in all of 43 years, Miss Mary Ann Kernot be allowed on her retirement a pension of £60 per annum." Sir John B. Monckton said he wanted to bring the motion on now as a personal favour, as he had to be elsewhere, in fact he ought to be in the City at that moment, 12 o'clock; but he came there to make the motion himself rather than let it be moved by any one else. The brethren had heard the motion read, and in commending it to the meeting—which was small but very important, because it represented the whole of the Governors of the Institution, and a meeting to pass such a resolution ought to be absolutely representative—he might say that the motion had the seal and the unanimous seal of the House Committee, and in a very few words he would explain the condition of things with regard to it, and that the Institution would not be a loser by the resolution, if carried. Miss Kernot, as they saw, had served the Institution very many years, and on her now retiring she was really entitled to some retiring allowance in the evening of life. When she became Sub-Matron of the Junior School, she had in that character the position of head of the junior establishment, with only one member of the actual staff above her. The duties now being relinquished by Miss Kernot will, without detriment to her present work, be undertaken by Miss Flintoft, under the general supervision of Miss Buck, the Institution's most able and most excellent Matron. It most thoroughly accorded with the idea of the Committee in what they now proposed, that on Miss Kernot's retirement—there was no division of opinion on the Committee with respect to this proposition—so that on Miss Kernot's very worthy retirement if she got the benefit of this annuity she would have £60 a year instead of £80, which she had been receiving as salary, and the Institution would benefit by that saving and also the saving of her board and lodging, for what that was worth; and there would be a great convenience in that there would be a little more room in the house by her giving up her apartments. It was a great point in this School that the system of having pupil teachers was now so well developed under Miss Davis that there was no want of junior assistants, which was useful to the girls and useful also to the establishment. He might likewise add that whereas the Junior School had been very full—perhaps rather over-full—for some time past, arrangements had been made by the admirable accommodation in the main building, to reduce the number to 50 instead of 62, so that there would be rather less absolute responsibility of children, and the House Committee were quite unanimous—and the medical officer, and Miss Davis, and the matron were with them—that it could be managed without making any addition to the staff on Miss Kernot's retirement. Miss Kernot had been closely connected with the School for many years—longer than he (Bro. Sir John Monckton) had been, and she had done her work there without fault of any kind, and she retired with the respect of everybody connected with the Institution.

(Bro. Sir John Monckton then read the motion.)

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS said he seconded the motion with pleasure, and he really could add nothing to what Bro. Sir John Monckton had remarked.

Bro. Col. GORDON enquired whether Miss Kernot had had any other employment out of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said, no. She was out of her time at 16 years of age, and the establishment then took her on; she was apprenticed, as there were no pupil teachers at that time, and she had been there ever since she was out of her apprenticeship.

The motion was put and carried.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON: Thank you, brethren. Nothing but duty carries me from this good cause.

Bro. Sir John Monckton then retired.

The SECRETARY reported that, in consequence of the usual day for the April Court and election falling on the Thursday before Good Friday, the Court and election will be held on Saturday, 20th April, in accordance with the provision made in Law 50.

The Committee then adopted the following recommendation of the General Committee, viz.: "That the 19 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 22 whose petitions have been this day approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that 22 vacancies caused by girls leaving be declared."

With reference to the resolution as to Miss Kernot, Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, who was not present at the

commencement of the meeting, asked whether there should not be a permanent arrangement for retiring allowances, and a fund started, to which the staff should subscribe, out of which they should be paid.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not think such a scheme could be carried out. Where there was a large company, and the officers of that company were receiving large salaries it could be carried out, but when the brethren considered the salaries the staff of that Institution were receiving they could see that they could not keep up an annuity fund out of those salaries.

Bro. SAUNDERS said he thought the Institution might contribute something to it, and the officers, say, sixpence a month. He merely mentioned the subject as he had at vestries and other bodies.

The CHAIRMAN informed the court that the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe would take the chair at the next Festival of the Institution, and that the receipts of the Institution for the past year were £20,043 7s. 1d.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE ETRUSCAN LODGE, No. 546.

The second annual ball under the auspices of the above lodge was held in the Town Hall, Longton, on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., and was in every way a success. The ball was under the patronage of Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, the Dep. P.G.M. The decorations were entrusted to Messrs. Goodall and Sons, and the result of their labours gave complete satisfaction. The floor was laid with diaper with a border of crimson, and the walls were draped with pale yellow and blue art muslins, with festoons of salmon pink muslin, to which were attached the Royal Arch banners. Between the draperies, overmantels and gilt mirrors were suspended. The bandstand was erected in the recess over the portico, and was similarly draped. Underneath the bandstand alcoves were arranged with cosy corners. The stage was fitted up as a drawing-room furnished in Chippendale. Choice and massive ware were kindly lent by Messrs. T. Forester and Sons, and some fine hot house plants and ferns, also kindly lent by Mr. Fred Williamson. The Master's and Wardens' pedestals and other emblems of the Craft were exhibited in the hall. The west entrance hall and staircase were also prettily draped. Bro. Arthur L. Harber ably discharged the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Ball Committee. The music, which left nothing to be desired, was supplied by Bro. W. T. Bonner, P.P.G.O., and his string band. Supper was served in the ante-room. The company numbered about 150.

UNFURLING OF A LODGE BANNER.

On Friday the 4th inst., a very large assemblage of brethren gathered at the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, in the Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle, on the occasion of the unfurling of a new lodge banner, the gift of the W.M., Bro. Dr. A. H. Sevier. Among the distinguished visitors upon the occasion was the Right Hon. Lord Barnard, P.S.G.W., and Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. A. H. Sevier, W.M.; J. R. Thompson, I.P.M.; Rev. Hartley Jennings, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; J. H. Dawson, P.M.; J. W.; R. C. M. Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; John W. B. Hislop, Sec.; Gibson Kyle, S.D.; G. E. Lockyer, J.D.; G. W. Jackson, I.G.; O. S. Scott; D. Finlay, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Welford, Org.; R. W. Mitchinson, Steward; R. Woodhams, Tyler; A. T. Piper, W. R. Atkinson, C. Hedley, C. H. Raper, and E. Winpenny. Among the brethren present were: Bros. J. M. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Isaac Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Mitchell, M.D., P.M.; B. S. Beckwith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hanley Holmes, P.P.G.R.; and J. G. Hall, P.P.G. Asst. D. of C. Visitors: Bros. John Joel, P.A.G. Sec.; John Barnett, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Johnson, P.A.G.D.C.; R. T. Richardson, P.P.G.R.; George W. Hudson, P.P.G. Stwd., N. and E. Yorks.; Henry Palmer, P.G.S.D.; T. Dunn, P.G.D.C.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.D.; W. C. Barron, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Barlow, P.P.D.G.D.C.; John Robinson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. S. Beckwith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; D. Finlay, P.P.G.P.; J. M. Moore, P.P.G.O.; J. S. Hall, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; W. E. Brown, W.M. 111; J. Suggitt, W.M. 2462; G. L. Wooley, W.M. 1862; E. Seaton Cockell, Sec., 1862; G. Harrison, W. Walby, and H. Walby, 1379; T. Coates, 16 50; J. Atkinson, 1862, P.P.G. Stwd.; M. D. Mulholland, 124; R. Storey, 2415; Edward C. Sowerby, 1650; T. Braybrook 1862; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97, P.G. Stwd.; William Philipson, 2497; Chas. Baister, 111; and Rev. W. H. Coney.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Sevier, presented to the lodge a handsome new banner, bearing the insignia of the town, and the name and number of the lodge, with Masonic emblems. The hymn "O God, our help in ages past," was sung, after which Bro. Rev. Hartley Jennings, P.P.G. Chap., S.W., offered up a special prayer for the dedication of the banner.

The W.M. then called upon Bro. Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., to unfurl the new banner and deliver an address.

Bro. HUDSON, in eloquent terms, referred to the uses of banners in ancient and modern times, and particularly in connection with the lodges of Freemasonry,

who assembled in Prov. Grand Lodge every year, and upon special occasions, under their respective banners. He hoped the W.M. and the brethren would be long spared to look upon their banner in lodge, and rally round it on important occasions.

Bro. R. C. M. COOKE, P.P.S.G.D., proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Sevier, W.M. for his valuable gift of the banner, which was seconded by Bro. B. S. Beckwith, P.P.G. Std. Br., and carried unanimously.

The W.M. responded, and a vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., for his interesting address, and in replying Bro. Hudson said the provincial brethren had great pleasure in attending, and having Lord Barnard at their head to represent Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion.

At a later stage, Bro. Dr. MITCHELL, in proposing the toast of "The P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.," coupled the name of Lord Barnard, P.S.G.W., with the toast, stating that Lord Barnard was in every way most excellently qualified for the position which he occupied in the province.

Bro. Lord BARNARD, in responding for the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, said he felt altogether inadequate to represent the high honour they had done him. He was glad they shared with him the feelings he entertained towards their Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson. He felt sure he expressed the opinion of all the Provincial Grand Officers at the very great satisfaction with which they had seen the W.M., Bro. Dr. Sevier, present that beautiful banner of the lodge. It was a very great pleasure to him to be present on such an auspicious occasion in a lodge bearing the name he himself bore.

Bro. the Rev. HARTLEY JENNINGS, P.P.G.C., proposed "The Health of Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.," who was the right man in the right place as the Secretary of the Province of Durham.

Bro. R. HUDSON responded, and gave "The Health of the W.M.," and the proceedings afterwards terminated.

FREEMASONRY IN WALES.

Welsh Freemasonry, says the *Craftsman*, has, during the year just ended, made rapid progress, and the Order is stronger in the Principality to-day than it ever was. Towards the close of the year 1893 a gloom was cast over the Brotherhood in the Eastern Division of South Wales by the lamented death of their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir George Elliot, who for so long a period had taken a prominent and active interest in the affairs of the Craft. In January a new Masonic Hall was opened at Tredegar, and on the 26th of the same month the Freemasons of Cardiff were much interested in the visit of Bro. Lord Roberts, who was feted and lionised by the townspeople in a manner that must have been most gratifying not only to the object of the demonstration, but also to every Freemason in South Wales. In February the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attended the North Wales National Eisteddfod, and was received with enthusiastic loyalty wherever he went. The death of Bro. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, in March, was a sad blow for the brethren of that division, and the loss of so staunch and so lovable a brother will be long felt. On March 16th the venerable Dr. Wm. Reynold Salmon, M.R.C.S., of Penllyn Court, Cowbridge, completed his 104th year, and received many Masonic greetings. The doctor occupies the unique position of being the oldest Freemason in the world. In April Cardiff had another distinguished Masonic visitor in the person of Sir John Gorst. Sir John was the guest of Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., of Rookwood, Llandaff, who also acted as the host of Bro. Lord Roberts. On the 31st of May one of the most successful Royal Arch meetings ever held in Cardiff, or in the Province of the Eastern Division, took place at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, on which occasion the "Marmaduke Tennant" Chapter was duly consecrated. In July, the Merlin Lodge, Pontypridd, set a noble example, which was followed by a number of other Welsh lodges, by devoting a portion of its funds for the relief of the widows and orphans of the terrible colliery explosion at Cilfynydd. On July 12th, Bro. Colonel Lyne was re-installed as P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, in the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Rhymney, and on September 27th the notable event of the installation of Bro. Lord Llangattock as P.G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales took place at Cardiff, and was one of the most magnificent spectacles ever witnessed by Welsh Freemasons. On October 18th, Bro. C. R. Lyne, the respected son of Bro. Col. Lyne, of Newport, was installed as D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, and has since amply justified his appointment.

Death has been busy among the brethren during the past year, and among the demises chronicled in the columns of the *Craftsman* during the 12 months just ended were those of Bro. Captain Homfray, Newport; Bro. John May, Tenby, 73 years of age; Bros. L. McIntosh and R. Davies, of Merthyr; Bros. John Nolcini and Sir Morgan Morgan, of Cardiff; and Bro. Thomas Hall, of Porthcawl.

In another portion of the *Craftsman* a sympathetic notice is given of Bro. W. Pickford, Newport, recently deceased.

THE WILL of Bro. Deputy Gover, of Casino House, Herne Hill, who died on November 24th, was proved on the 31st ult. by Mr. William Henry Gover and Mr. Arthur Sutton Gover, the sons, two of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to £4972.

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Masonic Notes.

The ceremony of Constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Derbyshire, and the Installation of Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss as R.W. Prov. Grand Master, will take place at Derby, on Monday next. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by the Grand Secretary and other Grand officers.

Bro. The Right. Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., attended at Stroud Subscription Rooms, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter in Royal Arch Freemasonry to be called the Sherborne Chapter. The founders of this new chapter are chiefly composed of brethren of the Sherborne and Hicks Beach Lodges of Craft Masonry. We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Michael was attended by his hard-working deputy, Bro. R. Vassar Vassar-Smith, whose health has improved since his sojourn abroad.

We hasten to correct two errors, which we regret to say occurred in our article last week on "Masonic Benevolence in 1894" in connection with the particulars furnished in respect of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. In the first place, an item—"Interest on Cash at Call, £25 os. 3d.—was omitted altogether from the Statement of Receipts for the year. In the next, as the £1260 received for "Perpetual Presentation" was included in the total of the Returns (£13,086 6s. 7d.) from the Benevolent Festival, it should, in justice, have been added to the total of "Donations, &c.," received during the year (£14,112 10s. 3d.), thereby raising the latter amount to £15,372 10s. 3d. As a consequence of this amendment, the excess of "Donations and Subscriptions" received during the year over the Festival Returns is increased, in the case of the three Institutions taken together, from £1778 6s. 4d. to £3038 6s. 4d.; and in that of the R.M. Benevolent Institution particularly, from £1026 3s. 8d. to £2286 3s. 8d. We regret this latter error all the more, because by omitting to note that this £1260 had been made a separate item in the Statement of Receipt, we very greatly detracted from the merit of Bro. Terry, as Secretary, and Bro. John Mason, as Collector, in gathering in so large a sum as £14,112 10s. 3d., when the Festival Returns, after reducing them by the said £1260, only amounted to £11,826 6s. 7d.

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We are likewise desirous of pointing out that in Bro. Terry's speech in the report of the "New Year's Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," in replying to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," the annual contribution from Grand Chapter was, by a clerical error, set down at £350 instead of £150. As this latter sum was specified in the Statement of Receipt, for the year by this Institution, our readers will no doubt have noticed, and for themselves corrected, this error.

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The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 10th instant, when, as will be seen from the report which appears elsewhere, a list of 41 candidates was approved, and 22 vacancies were declared for the election at the April Court.

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The M.W. Grand Master has appointed Bro. Lord Henry Bentinck to be R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to his father-in-law, the late Earl of Bective. The installation will take place during August. Next week Lord Henry Bentinck will also assume the office of S.W. of the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. Last October, it will be remembered, his lordship was installed R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Craft) of Cumberland and Westmorland.

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We are obliged to our Bro. G. Robinson, of Sydney N.S.W., who signs himself "S.W. 656," for his letter, which appeared in our last week's issue, but we think he is going too far when he describes the statement in one of our "Masonic Notes," of the 27th October last, as being "absolutely incorrect." We have always understood that the brethren in South Australia were unanimous in their desire for a Grand Lodge of their own, but it is clear that the unanimity was not absolute, as Bro. Robinson tells us that the Duke of Leinster, No. 363, is still working under its original Irish warrant. As regards New South Wales, the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656 (E.C.), joined with the rest of the lodges in the colony in the movement, and figures on the roll of its United Grand Lodge, nor does it invalidate our statement that some of its members now, and for some time past, claim to be the lodge As for Tasmania, the fact that the Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 536 (E.C.), though it objected in the first instance, has since taken its place on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, is, according to his own showing, a confirmation of our statement.

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With our statements absolutely correct in two out of these three Grand Lodges, and practically so in the case of the third, his assertion about their being "absolutely incorrect" is somewhat bold. The action subsequently taken by some members of Cambrian, No. 656, after our Grand Lodge had recognised that of New South Wales, being nothing to the point. As for the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (E.C.), Melbourne, Victoria, we have known from the outset that this lodge held aloof from the local Grand Lodge, nor indeed was the Grand Lodge of Victoria included in our statement.

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GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A commendable custom prevails in many lodges for a member to sign and receive his Grand Lodge certificate in open lodge, the fact being duly recorded in the lodge minutes. It is now very well known that such a course is not essential, but that such a certificate may be sent to a member through the post and signed by him anywhere. There is, however, but little doubt that a young Mason, whose Grand Lodge certificate had been signed and delivered to him with a little formality in open lodge, would attach to it a far greater sentimental value than if he simply received it through the post.

Recently a young Mason, upon whom the Third Degree had been conferred in September last, directly afterwards removed to a distant part of the country, by reason of ill-health. The Secretary of his lodge, in due course, forwarded by post the Grand Lodge certificate to the brother, with a request that he would take it to a lodge in the town where he was residing, and there sign it at one of the regular meetings. The brother accordingly, in due course, presented himself at a lodge, and after having duly satisfied the Tyler and one of the Past Masters of his title, was admitted. At the second rising of the W.M. the visitor's request was presented that he might be permitted to sign his certificate in open lodge, in accordance with the request of the Secretary of his lodge, two of the Past Masters at once somewhat abruptly interposed an objection that the members knew nothing of the visiting brother, nor had the lodge anything to do with his certificate. The matter accordingly dropped. The feelings of the brother concerned can be better imagined than described. Several present thought that but scant courtesy had been shown to a visiting brother, and that he might very well have been allowed to have signed his certificate as requested. I should like to be informed by any of your readers if there is any canon of Masonic jurisprudence that would have been transgressed had such a course been adopted and the visitor's request complied with.—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY.

Reviews.

PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

"PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE, 1895."—Although not very elaborate in appearance, this compilation is one of considerable importance and value, giving as it does a complete roll of the Masonic lodges in West Yorkshire, numbers, names, places of meetings, number of members, and days of meetings throughout the year, as also the hours and other particulars. There are 76 lodges thus individually described, having together 3725 members; 40 Royal Arch chapters, with 1298 companions; 12 Mark lodges, with 387 members; 10 Knights Templar preceptories, and 226 knights and four Rose Croix chapters, and other societies. There is also a calendar for the year. It is an excellent compilation.

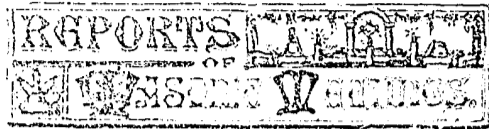
"MASONIC ALMANAC, PROVINCE OF SUSSEX, 1895."—This directory is always ably edited, and contains much interesting matter. Sussex is noted for its excellent reports by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and this publication contains several of these as to finance, &c. The statistics are very full as to the 30 lodges, and embrace many points rarely touched upon by provincial authorities. The members number 1384, being almost the same as in 1893, when they were 1382. The almanac appears to be paid for *pro rata* by the lodges, and does not average 15s. to each, so it is a boon in every way. A list of extinct lodges, revised by Bro. John Lane from his "Masonic Records, 1717 to 1886," adds much to the interest of this publication, and for this year there are "Masonic Memoranda," which should be carefully studied by the Masters and Secretaries in the province.

"MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY for the Province of Middlesex, 1895."—This very handy guide is edited by Bros. Howard H. Room and William H. Lee, the Prov. G. Sec. and Scribe E. respectively. Statistically and generally, this annual is as it should be, and the information is ably condensed and arranged. There are 40 lodges, with 1332 members, and 14 chapters, with 267 companions, the figures being very much the same for several years. The nine Mark Lodges are also duly noted. The "Masonic Notes, &c.," compiled from the Book of Constitutions, &c., are most valuable aids, and cannot fail to prove very useful to the brethren. If attended to as they deserve, much labour should be spared the courteous officials, who have much to do in such a large province, even if all do their duty in a satisfactory manner.

"PROVINCE OF DUMFRIESHIRE — FREEMASONS' DIRECTORY, 1895."—This neat little annual is in its second year of welcome service, and is carefully edited by Bro. James Smith, the Masonic historian of Dumfries. The oldest warranted lodge is No. 53, of A.D. 1750, but it had a prior existence, as those know who have the excellent history of this old lodge by Bro. Smith, who is now writing that of No. 63. We feel assured that these handy wee Masonic Guides will prove of great advantage locally, especially if compiled by competent brethren, as in this case.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE, 1894-5."—This is an old friend in a new dress, and will be heartily welcomed by the brethren in Lincolnshire, as it is compiled by Bro. B. Vickers, the zealous Provincial Grand Secretary, and is issued in a handy size for frequent consultation. It dates

from 1st July annually, but did not reach us until January, or it would have been included in the list of such publications in the Christmas *Freemason*, 1894. The guide is published by authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge, as agreed to at Bourne, on 31st May last. The varied information is ably condensed and arranged, and, doubtless, as the years roll around, this neatly printed Directory will be enlarged. The "Calendar of Lodges, 1894-95," is most useful, and will be found so helpful as to abundantly justify the labour bestowed on its preparation.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Joppa Lodge (No. 188).—The brethren of the Joppa Lodge, together with a gathering of between 20 and 30 visitors, had the pleasure of witnessing, on Monday evening, at the installation meeting of the lodge, at Freemasons' Tavern, an extraordinary exhibition of the ability with which a foreigner can master the intricacies of the English language. Bro. B. Weigel, the Master of the lodge, who has now made England his home, and is very proud of it, had before him three ceremonies as the work of the evening—three initiations, a raising, and the installation of W.M. The programme being found too heavy for the limited time, the candidate for raising kindly consented to forego his right, but Bro. Weigel performed the initiation twice, and afterwards installed his successor, and the style in which he did the whole of the work showed that he not only knew the ritual verbatim, but thoroughly appreciated the language he employed. On more than one occasion during the evening did the members and the visitors bestow upon him praises for his accomplishments, and a vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. H. Lazarus, P.M., and seconded by the new Master, Bro. M. Seigenberg, W.M., was unanimously ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The meeting was called for four p.m., and the banquet was arranged for seven. While the lodge was in session there were present, amongst many other brethren, the following, viz.: Bros. B. Weigel, W.M.; M. Seigenberg, S.W.; Rev. S. J. Roco, J.W.; A. G. Dodson, P.M.; H. Garrard, P.M.; H. Lazarus, P.M.; I. Botibol, P.M.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; and Visitors: Bros. J. Gaskell, P.M.; S. Dancyger, P.M. 205; S. C. Kauffman, P.M. 176; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; Louis Herman, 220; N. S. Lyon, 188; James Speller, P.M. 1677, 2256, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. R. Plaford, W.M. 1608; L. Levy, W.M. 185; L. M. Myers, 135; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; I. Myers, 185; John Nash, 1608; E. Solomon, 1017; James Bunker, 1158; George Hall, 1571; Dr. L. Barnett, 43; H. Wolff, 2374; J. B. Dodson, 860; W. S. Lyon, 185; W. H. Caton, P.M. 1365; W. L. Liffaur, 205; James Lewis, 205; A. H. Toye, 1278; S. Andpell, 188; A. Kauffman, 1760; and J. Seigenberg, 212.

Bro. Speight, W.M., after the reception of the balance-sheet of the lodge, and the report of the Benevolent Fund, initiated Messrs. Robert Hugh Taylor, Louis Joseph, and James William Ferry, and afterwards installed Bro. M. Seigenberg as Worshipful Master for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. B. Weigel was invested as I.P.M. The officers of the lodge invested were: Bros. the Rev. S. J. Roco, S.W.; Davy, J.W.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; Onken, S.D.; Rosenberg, J.D.; Whyt, I.G.; Bahr, and Rosenbaum, Stwds.; and John Ives, P.M., Tyler.

The brethren sat down to banquet at half-past eight, when a glance at the programme proved that the proceedings could not possibly be concluded at an early hour. There was a selection of music under the direction of Bro. H. Prenton, with seven other performers—Misses Constance Adair, Ella Cleugh, Bessie Greenhill, Bro. Gurney Russell, Mr. Sadleur Brown, Mr. Arthur Major, and Mr. Jack Dandy.

The W.M., when the banquet, an excellent one, was disposed of, stated that the speeches would be short, in view of such a musical entertainment, and this rule was adhered to except in one or two instances, but the meeting was not brought to a close at midnight.

Bro. B. Weigel, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said he was perfectly sure every member of the lodge and every visitor would receive it with great rejoicing; they would agree with him that they had a brother in the chair who thoroughly deserved that honour. Bro. Seigenberg would do justice to the position, and they would all become "awake," the title of the song next on the list, to the prosperity of the Joppa Lodge. Bro. Seigenberg would employ his best energies in assisting the progress of the old Joppa Lodge.

Bro. Seigenberg, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most warmly received, said he felt his position that night very acutely indeed. He would not say he had fought hard for it, for he had always met with the greatest amount of kindness from the brethren of that lodge. But it had been his ambition to become Master of one of the "sister" lodges. He hoped one day to become W.M. of another lodge, but, of course, he must have patience for that. He could only tell the brethren that his chief aim was to carry out Freemasonry in its truest sense, and in the manner that it should be carried out—not in name only, a Freemason because a man happened to be initiated, but a Freemason at heart—a conscientious man, whose bosom was expanded by Charity—that was the proper position of a Freemason which he liked to take, and that was the sort of man whose hand he liked to take. The brethren might depend upon it that while he was W.M. he should do all in his power for the benefit of the Joppa Lodge, and that he should also do all in his power for the benefit of Freemasonry in general if it lay in his power. He could only thank the brethren for the very generous way in which they had received him, and he hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing many of the brethren then present who did not happen to be members of the lodge among them on a future occasion. While thanking Bro. Weigel very much for his kind expressions, he would ask him with the greatest amount of anxiety to do all in his power to assist him during his year of office. He was a young Mason, and naturally

wanted a P.M. to assist him, and he was sure he should not find the performance of his duties a very hard task if Bro. Weigel stood at his side.

Bro. M. Seigenberg, W.M., next proposed "The Initiates," to which each initiate separately replied.

Bro. M. Seigenberg, W.M., then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. B. Weigel, I.P.M.," a toast which, he said, would be received with the greatest amount of enthusiasm, and did not need many words to recommend it, for the brethren had all heard Bro. Weigel in the lodge go through the ceremony of installing him in the chair. They had often heard of old experienced Past Masters of the lodge who had installed their successors in a style second to none. Bro. Weigel since his installation had proved himself a man and a Freemason; he had performed the duties of a W.M. as every Master should do who undertook the responsibility; he knew how to initiate a candidate, how to pass one, and how to raise one. There was a great deal to be said of him. It was extraordinary that not having an English tongue he should become so perfect in the ritual. They all wished him good health, long life, and prosperity, and hoped that he would be associated with this lodge many years as a Past Master. They could show their gratification only in a small way for the services he had given to the lodge, by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which he (Bro. Seigenberg) now did as a token of the esteem and regard of the brethren. It was not the intrinsic value of the jewel, because that did not show in any shape or form the esteem in which they held him. The longer he was with them the more they would learn to respect him. The brethren at the conclusion of his year of office understood him better than they did at the beginning.

Bro. B. Weigel, I.P.M., replying, said that in thanking the W.M. for the manner he had proposed his health and the kind remarks he made, and the brethren for the kind way they had received them, he could only say that it would be a memory to him for all the rest of his life. It was a very kind remark for a brother Past Master to make—and he had no doubt others with him—that when he (Bro. Weigel) came to this country (he felt perfectly sure the brethren would believe him) he did not bring more than half a million with him, and yet without having any friends, relations, or anything, except his artistic work, that he learned and had with him, he could have aspired to be this day a Past Master of the oldest Lodge of Israel in England. It would be most likely a great folly for a man to try. And yet with perseverance, hard work, and trustiness in his friends he had arrived at that position. Not that like the Worshipful Master he aspired to it; to a certain extent he was forced into taking that position, and he had no doubt the brethren—the Past Masters in particular—taught him how to do it. It was surely a great position for a foreigner to aspire to, and he was glad to say he had reached it, and had passed it. Bro. Weigel having referred to a song which had just been sung and gesticulated, "She was in my class," observed that it could not be said of him and the English that he was not in their class. The jewel that was given to him by the lodge, and added to in value by the brethren individually, they would understand that to a man of his profession such things were almost *nil*, and they would see he was not very boastful. Still, that was a jewel that he considered he gained on the battlefield in Masonry. Being 35 years a Mason, he could say he stood among the brethren without a blemish on his character, that he had always acted in Masonry and out of Masonry as a man ought to act to another. He learned by the Masonic lecture to be meek, humble, and resigned; he never tried to create discord, he always tried to create harmony among brethren and friends; and he should love that jewel, and trusted his children would love it, and he hoped to leave it respected, and that it would recollect him when he died. He believed that when a man had done his little at the age of sixty years, and had brought himself to that position, as he might mention again, as a foreigner, as he had been installed in the chair of K.S., he hoped he should always live among the brethren, and that they would look on him and on that jewel, not as a gift of value, but as it was a gift of honour to him, and that he should live to wear it.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M. and Sec., responding to the toast of "The Joppa Lodge Benevolent Fund," said that originally, and up to now, the lodge had shown a very good example. This was the first lodge that constituted its own Benevolent Fund, an example which had now been emulated by other lodges. The lodge Benevolent Fund took a very large amount of burden from the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. It had been, and was entirely supported by members of the lodge. It had done in its time, and it continued to do, an immense amount of good to members who, when they were initiated in the lodge, least expected that they would have to be applicants to the fund, and when they had applied to it they had had that which had set them up in business, and started them afresh, and they had found themselves again at the banquet table. This fund being supported by members of the lodge only, must naturally be a source of credit not only to the lodge of Joppa, but to the whole of the Craft. It was only during the last couple of months he received a communication from a brother asking for information as to forming a benevolent fund to be attached to a lodge. That brother had that evening told him that no doubt some good would come of it. For the benefit of the initiates, he would say this fund was dispensed by members of the lodge, but not by every member; however, there was an opportunity to have a finger in the pie by making a donation of five figures from half a guinea upwards. It was his idea and desire that in a short time, when the annual election of representatives on the fund came round, that there would be no necessity for such a course. Bro. Lazarus then read a list of donations to the fund to the amount of 10 or 12 guineas.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed, the Tyler's toast concluding the evening, which had derived great assistance in its success by the energy and attention of Bro. A. G. Dodson, D.C.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Jas. Smith, W.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; Rev. T. Selby Hemery, Chap.; T. Cohn, Treas.; H. Legge, Sec.; A. J. Holmes, S.D.; Chas. Garton, J.D.; J. M. Mower, D.C.; W. Baker, I.G.; E. Chatterton, Org.; C. Couchman, Tyler; F. Hughes, P.M.; G. Godes, P.M.; Simmonds, Clarke, Eggleton, Stokes,

Johnson, Houlder, Welch, Crawshaw, Roche, and Ferguson. Visitors: Bros. Frederick Joy, 1420, and Elsbury, 243 (Guernsey).

The lodge having been opened, Bro. W. Baker was invested as I.G., Bros. Crawshaw and Roche were raised, and Bro. Houlder passed. Mr. Peach was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. stated that in order to leave the next regular meeting free for the musical evening he would probably have to call another lodge of emergency on the 31st inst.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

La Tolerance Lodge (No. 538).—There was a most agreeable meeting of this lodge at its annual installation ceremony at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Edridge, W.M., presided for the last time during his very successful year. The W.M. was supported by all his officers: Bros. Walter Hooker, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Pittman, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; James B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; S. T. Anspine, S.D.; T. H. Clear, J.D.; Thos. A. Tidy, I.G.; W. E. Willby, P.M.; W. Webb, P.M.; T. W. Smale, Humphrey, and W. G. Fenn. Visitors: Bros. W. Gunner, P.M. 720; Charles Everest, P.M. 720; Matthew Skedden, 382; N. J. Day, J.W. 1799; John M. Newnham, S.D. 1556; J. E. Fox, P.M. 1988; W. D. Hayward, J.W. 2076; George Ridout, W.M. 1287; J. Taylor, W.M. elect 180; Henry Massey, P.M. 1928; S. Lucas, P.M. 2395; E. Palmer, 96; John Paul, P.M. 1287; G. J. Allen, J.W. 1329; S. E. Holloway, 731; C. E. Wavell, W.M. 862; and W. H. Kidson, 2395.

The W.M. initiated Mr. Horace Hewison Perry, and after other business had been transacted, resigned the chair to Bro. Kench, P.M., Treas., for the purpose of the installation. This ceremony Bro. Kench performed as a real master of the art, and placed Bro. Walter Hooker in the Master's chair in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. The collars, other than the collar of Master, were bestowed on the following brethren: Bros. J. J. Pittman, S.W.; G. T. Augspurg, J.W.; J. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Clear, S.D.; T. A. Tidy, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; J. Cumming, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, and G. A. Sturgess, Stwds.; S. C. Cross, Charity Stwd.; W. E. Willby, P.M., A.D.C.; and J. H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. After the delivery of the charges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas., replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said: I have the honour to acknowledge with hearty thanks the toast of the Grand Officers, and assure you I was much gratified to witness the cordiality with which it was received, as it clearly demonstrates to our brother visitors that the services of those brethren to the Craft in general and to Grand Lodge in particular are fully appreciated by the members of the Lodge La Tolerance. I was reading a few weeks back in one of the daily papers, W.M., an account of a speech delivered by the late American ambassador, wherein he spoke of the great feeling of respect for law and order that he found among all Englishmen. This respect for lawfully constituted authority, which is so essential to the welfare of the community and to the good government of the country, is not restricted to those accomplished gentlemen who preside in our courts of justice, neither is it limited to those fortunate individuals who have to attend a coroner's inquest, but, as we know, it prevails among rich and poor alike, the high and the low of every degree. Now, how far and to what an extent this feeling is to be attributed to the teachings of the Craft, I will not undertake to say. Yet, bearing in mind that the first duties we learn on our initiation, are (a) to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties, (b) never to propose or at all countenance any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society, (c) to pay due respect to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of our residence, (d) and above all, never to lose sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of our native land. It seems to me impossible that these teachings disseminated, as they have been for hundreds of years past, throughout the length and breadth of the land can, by any possibility, have failed to make a due impression on the thousands ranged under our banners, and through them on the outside world; and that this is so, is proved by the fact of the immense increase in the number of lodges on the roll of the Grand Registrar of England during the last quarter of a century. Now, with regard to these teachings that our Preceptors in our lodges of instruction take such pains to inculcate in our minds, it would be of advantage to us to remember the words of our nation's greatest poet that:

"Heaven doth with us as we with torches do;
Not light them for themselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely touch'd
But to fine issues; nor nature never lends
The smallest scruple of her excellence.
But, like a thrifty goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a creditor,
Both thanks and use."

One thing at least, brethren, is most needful for us in these times, and that is that we should constantly bear in mind that the volume of the Sacred Law is the alone unerring standard of truth and justice. We have no need to learn over again the lessons of our boyhood, when reading of the ruin of ancient cities and nations, for we know well enough that the same causes that worked in those days for good or for evil are working at this present moment amongst ourselves, as well in the case of individuals as in nations, for the same laws of truth and justice apply to both. We read in Roman history that it was not until the atheistical doctrines of Epicurus became the fashionable opinions of Rome and throughout all her great cities that her decline commenced. Those doctrines were the real cause of the rapid depravity of Roman manners, and what they were St. Paul gives us a pretty good account of in the first chapter of his epistle to them, for manners are never so effectually and speedily depraved as by the entire extinction of all religious principle. The historians of the Roman Empire supply us with the most graphic and terrible pictures of the state to which that nation was reduced, from its ancient condition of moderation, sobriety, and reverence, to a state of enormous wickedness and vice, and that was the true reason why she fell to pieces and was ground to powder, and not by the irruption of the immense hordes of barbarians

that invaded the country. These had been always where they were, and always ready to attempt the conquest of Rome. Rome had been able to do far more than hold them in check, and keep them at bay, she had bowed them to her will, and held them in the reins of her sovereignty, but she fell by the inward weight of that awful corruption which paralysed and loosened all the joints and rivets of her power. She fell, because she disregarded and set at naught God's moral laws, and remembered not that righteousness exalteth a nation.

Bro. S. G. Edridge, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said that among the pleasing duties—and he might say, speaking for himself personally—the most pleasing duty which fell to the lot of an I.P.M., was to have the honour and privilege of wishing God-speed to his successor. He spoke the hearts and minds of all present when he wished Bro. Walter Hooker God-speed on the year that was opening that day in the high office which he had taken by the acclaim of his brethren. He considered—and he was sure the brethren would echo that feeling—that it was an auspicious fact that on the occasion of Bro. Hooker's becoming Master of the Lodge La Tolerance he had been able to introduce a brother who, it spared, would gladden all their hearts. Masonry was not exclusive, and when the policy of a lodge was to restrict the number of brethren who joined it, he did not consider the highest principles of Masonry in that lodge were in vogue. In Lodge La Tolerance they looked for good men to join their ranks, in order to spread the privileges of Masonry and the good it undoubtedly could do. The W.M. had introduced a brother, and, as he said it was an auspicious fact that he should do so on the occasion of his taking the chair of the lodge. He hoped the W.M. would not take the fewness of his words as an index of the sincerity with which he spoke.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he could not but think that the kind way in which the brethren received the rising of the I.P.M. were due more as a parting compliment to the I.P.M. than as a compliment to the present W.M. He (the W.M.), at any rate, did feel, knowing the I.P.M. as he did, that he meant the kind words he spoke, and he thanked him all the more heartily on that account, and the brethren for the kind way they had received the toast. He had been elected as their Master for that year, and he would do his very best to keep up the traditions of La Tolerance Lodge. He hoped at the end of his year it would stand as well in Freemasonry as it did now. It was about seven or eight years ago he joined the lodge, and there were now several brethren coming on who joined immediately after him. He hoped to see all those stick together and keep with La Tolerance Lodge until they held the position he was now holding. Before he sat down he should like to draw the brethren's attention to one or two events which he hoped would happen this year. Since Bro. Fenn was Master, three or four years ago, they had not had a ladies' night. With the assistance of the brethren he hoped to have one, and Bro. Humphreys, P.M., had very kindly offered the use of his rooms, the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, for the dance. He trusted that with the assistance of the brethren, who were at the Audit Committee, and who agreed to form the committee for arranging the dance, that it would be a successful evening. The date in February had not yet been fixed. The other matter had to do with the Charities. He proposed to stand as Steward for the Aged Freemasons, on February 27th, and to carry out his Stewardship he had started a subscription list, to which some of the brethren had put down their names for 10 guineas. He should be glad if any brother who was not going up independently to the same Festival would add his name to the list.

After a short interval for music,

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. S. G. Edridge," who, he said, had had a most successful and pleasant year, and had introduced several new members, who were very kind among other things to entertain the lodge on its ordinary meetings. They would make good Masons, and when their time came, thoroughly good Masters. It was really a good Master who could introduce good brethren into a lodge, and in that respect Bro. Edridge had done excellent work. It was only a year ago that day that they had a banquet which would not be forgotten in the annals of La Tolerance Lodge. At the other end of the room they had a very pleasant evening, and from what he had experienced that evening, he had no doubt they had a pleasant evening at the W.M.'s end of the room. Bro. Edridge had frequently said during his year that the I.P.M. was Master of the lodge—that the W.M. was Master, that he had the *clat* of the position, and that was all. Now, he took exception to that remark, for he thought Bro. Edridge's year passed off successfully on account of the real Masonic labour he infused into the lodge, and all the brethren would agree that that was so. He would now present to Bro. Edridge a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the members of the lodge, and it was with the greatest pleasure indeed that he ornamented Bro. Edridge's breast with this testimony of the brethren's appreciation of his work and efforts.

Bro. S. G. Edridge, I.P.M., in acknowledgment of the toast and the gift, said he estimated at its full the kindly sympathy which had been extended to him by the W.M. in the remarks he made, and of the brethren by their reply thereto; and when he said he estimated that sympathy at its full, he could not help solacing himself for the loss of the position he recently held, by the fact that though he had ceased to be Master of the lodge, he had not ceased to be a member of it, or one who still hoped to retain the kind feeling which had always been shown towards him. (One word, and one only, with regard to the mark of the esteem of the lodge presented to him as the I.P.M. It was also given to the distinguished brethren who had filled the position before him. He had had attached to his breast by the W.M. a Past Master's jewel. He had before at Masonic gatherings remarked about the value of jewels—he did not mean their intrinsic worth, but what they meant by being worn. What he meant was that if one wore a jewel it must have some special significance as regarded the man's action in the matter, and what he said about his jewel was this—he wore it, he esteemed it as the mark of the brethren's esteem. At the same time, it pledged him to act as he understood he was, as the I.P.M. was the Master of the lodge—one of the rules of the Craft. What Craft; what Institution? Let them not forget what Institution it was, what duties were allied to it, and the significance they bore as Masons as regarded their duties to work.

Bro. Perry replied to the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. Ridout, W.M. 1287, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said: In thanking you for the very kind and

cordial way in which the toast of the visitors has been proposed and received, I feel that we, as visitors, ought to shake hands with ourselves that we are privileged to be present to-night, on this, your installation banquet, when the air, aye, even the very walls are resounding with good wishes—hearty good wishes—that your W.M. may have a successful year of office. I am sure we all trust that the wishes that go forth to-night laden with hope, may return in another twelve months freighted with congratulations—congratulations for good work accomplished and success achieved. I am delighted to hear that you purpose having a ladies' night, for I feel that the fair ones ought in some way to be compensated for our enforced absence from our own fireside. I therefore trust that your ladies' night will prove a great success. I have asked Bro. Willby (whom I believe is a very active member of your Committee) to secure me two tickets, and that this popular lodge will become even more popular under the rule of one whom we all trust will prove a most popular Master, to whom we, as your visitors, return our grateful thanks.

Bros. Dr. Nicholls, Williams, Kidson, Paul, Newnham, and Hall also responded, and Bros. Elvin and Willby to that of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Cumming, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and Bro. Evenden, P.M., gave the Tyler's toast.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent vocal and instrumental music by Miss Florence Shepherd, and Bros. G. T. Augspurg, J. J. Pittman, Harry Lee, and Tom Burgess.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 554).—This lodge, which is now within three years of its jubilee, held its installation meeting on the 4th inst. at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, when Bro. Albert Ed. Sallaway, W.M., presided, supported by, among others, the following brethren: Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, J. L. Anderson, G. Etheredge, W. Cross, John Taylor, and F. Whitworth, Past Masters. Visitors: Bros. D. McNish, W.M. 1962; J. Holmes, S.D. 1306; J. Walmsley, 360; C. Pidduck, W.M. 1107; J. Beveridge, 1962; J. Hall Brown, P.M. 933; W. J. Jones, 174; C. J. Hill, 2374; H. Massey, 1928; A. R. Trew, P.M. 2409; W. Green, 1158; R. T. Godfrey, S.W. 141; H. T. Taylor, 2003; W. H. Shepherd, 1816; John E. Gill, 20; F. W. Clayton, 1558; J. C. Tilt, 1562; John Page, P.M. 753; P. A. Boulton, W.M. 21.

The Auditors' report, which was, as usual, highly satisfactory, was received and adopted, and Bro. J. Wesley Tauranae, who came accredited with the highest testimonials from the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, was accepted unanimously by ballot as a joining member. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M., was requested to perform the ceremony. Bro. Stevens then took the W.M.'s collar and installed Bro. Samuel Hall Latham, S.W. and W.M. elect, who is also a highly-respected member of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, as Master of the lodge. The customary congratulations followed the investiture of Bro. A. E. Sallaway as I.P.M. The officers of the new W.M. for the year were invested as follows: Bros. A. W. Fawkes, S.W.; G. Smith, J.W.; Hugh Cotter, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; W. Cameron, S.D.; J. S. Chapman, J.D.; C. E. Barber, I.G.; D. B. Thomas, D. of C.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., and James Allen, Stewards; and G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Organist. The out-going Master was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and after the "Hearty good wishes" of sister lodges were given by different visiting brethren, an adjournment was made to a beautiful banquet, and when that had been disposed of, the customary toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. A. E. Sallaway, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," who, he said, he hoped would, having been installed W.M., come with new life and vigour to carry on the Yarborough Lodge in a far better manner than he (Bro. Sallaway) had during his year. He hoped to see a large number of good men and true introduced to the lodge, and, if possible, a larger balance at the audit meeting. Bro. Latham was a bigger man than he, and he expected of him the accomplishment of bigger results.

Bro. S. H. Latham, I.P.M., in reply, said he was very diligent at all times, but during his year of office he should endeavour to the best of his ability to carry out the highest qualities of the Yarborough Lodge. Any work he might have to do he should execute in the best form within his power. He could see in the near future only two or three initiates, but if any brother would bring up a few he should try to do the work well. He did not think he could attempt to cope with the working of the past year of Bro. Sallaway, who did everything it was possible to do. He could only emulate him, and he should do so. He would ask the brethren to put up with any little defects, but these he would redress as soon as possible. He was just a 10 years' old Mason; that was not his mother lodge. In his mother lodge he was still 10 years off the chair. He was exceedingly proud of being installed W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge that night.

Bro. Latham, W.M., proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M., and the Masonic Institutions," which he considered was the principal toast. He did not think the way in which Bro. Stevens installed him could have been excelled. Unfortunately Bro. Stevens was laid up last year, so that he could not instal Bro. Sallaway, who succeeded him. But he had retaken that position and had installed him. With regard to the Institutions, he (the W.M.) was going up as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, to represent that lodge at the Festival in February, and he was pleased to say he had the promise of great support. He had no doubt he would get it, and everything he got would go to the credit of the Yarborough Lodge, which had always been to the front in the past, and which he did not think would fall back in the future. He was not sending out circulars, because he did not like to do so, on the principle that the brethren ought to give freely and without any asking.

Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M., in response, said that last year he was prevented by illness from installing his successor. He had installed Masters in this lodge for several years. He felt an interest in the lodge, for he was initiated in it 33 years ago. Last year he was serving as Master of the lodge for the second time, and it was extremely disappointing to him not to be able to instal his successor. It was one of the regrets of his life—certainly of his Masonic life—for he had looked forward to installing Bro. Sallaway. However, he was to-night pleased, gratified, and thankful to say he had installed Bro. Latham; most honestly, it was

a pleasure to have the opportunity of doing so. He had known Bro. Latham some time, and he respected him. There were some brethren you met you took a mental gaze of their qualities, and in some instances you did not find them wanting. At the end of Bro. Latham's year of office he would not be found wanting. The W.M. had been pleased to name the Institutions, and, therefore, as an executive officer of the Benevolent Institution, he had to thank, first of all, the W.M. for undertaking the duties of Steward for the next Festival. The Yarborough Lodge had gone on many years standing in a pre-eminent position with respect to support to the Institutions; but he passed the educational Institutions by now, only to say a few words for the Aged Freemasons. Nothing could be more beautiful than to sustain and support the aged when they were unable to support themselves. The Benevolent Institution was for that purpose—to sustain, support, and keep as far as the Craft allowed it, 450 or 460 aged people. To do that they had to pay year by year £16,800 odd in annuities alone. With the working expenses the sum was made up to £19,000. The Institution had funded property which provided something like £3600, and they had a grant from Grand Lodge of £1600 a year, so that they had to make up by the efforts of the Stewards something like £12,000 or £13,000 to keep the Institution going. It was by the generosity of the Craft throughout the length and breadth of the land that the Committee had been able to carry on their duties, and they had never failed to do so. They had never failed to pay the annuities when the quarter came round, and he hoped they never would. He was speaking in the presence of the Vice-President of the Institution and of the Board of Management, and if he did not say what was correct he should be pulled up. The Committee wanted to take on a few more annuitants. The W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge was Steward this year, and he would like the brethren to send him their cheques. Of course they would. Every Mason, as a matter of course and duty, considered he was bound to support the Steward. It had been his pleasure on several occasions to represent that lodge, and the brethren had never failed to support him, and he had taken up large sums of 200 and 100 guineas. The Yarborough Lodge was untiring in supporting the Charities, and it had a great number of votes. Twenty years ago it stood very low as regarded possession of votes, but it had attained now a very high position, and it had four or five widows on the Benevolent Fund, and all the annuitants were happy and comfortable. He would conclude by saying that he hoped the brethren would never forget they were asked to give if they could; the time might come when they might ask to be given to.

Bro. Trew, P.M., 2409, in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," said it had given him the greatest pleasure to be present, and especially to witness the ceremony of installation, and particularly by Bro. Stevens, whom he had seen installed in that chair. He had no doubt Bro. Stevens would have been present to perform the installation ceremony last year but for his illness; he was, however, determined to come this year, and he must say he had been delighted by the admirable manner in which it had been conducted. He was very pleased that Bro. Stevens had been spared to come among the brethren again, and he felt positive that the Yarborough Lodge would lose none of its lustre. He wished the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Several other visitors responded also.

Bros. Anderson and Cross responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," and the S.W., and Bros. Hugh Cotter, and G. Ward Verry, and the S.D., responded to the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. Marx Gross gave the Tyler's toast before the brethren separated.

The songs of the evening were given by Bros. A. W. Fawkes, H. T. Taylor, E. A. Sallaway, P. A. Boulton, F. C. Chapman, and John G. Stevens.

Wickham Lodge (No. 1924).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at St. Peter's Hall, Brockley, Bro. W. Gore, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. V. Morley, I.P.M.; T. Ingle, P.M., S.W.; Dr. A. S. Brown, P.M., J.W.; and other officers and brethren. After the ordinary business, Bro. P. A. Adams was raised to the Third Degree, the whole ceremony being performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner, when it is considered this was his first essay, after being installed. Subsequently a donation of £5 was voted and placed in the hands of the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. R. Pratt, M.A., for distribution amongst the poor of his parish in Deptford. Bro. W. F. Lamonty, P.M., in accordance with notice of motion, moved that a "ladies' night" be held under the auspices of the lodge. This was seconded by Bro. A. Clark, P.M., supported by the W.M. and Bro. Morley, P.M., and agreed to. A Committee was formed to carry out the details of the celebration.

The lodge being closed, a pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BEVERLEY.

Constitutional Lodge (No. 294).—The above lodge held its annual installation ceremony at the Masonic Hall, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. James Robinson Lane was installed in the highest position in the lodge. The ceremony was performed by the ex-Mayor, Bro. Tom Turner, J.P., P.M., and Bro. M. M. Westerby, P.M., in an impressive manner. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren of the lodge, and the following brethren from Hull: Bros. Thomas Thompson, P.M.; John Walton, P.M.; James A. Brown, W.M.; R. Carson, W.M.; H. C. Colbeck, S.W.; Capt. Coys, J.W.; F. Bentley, J.W.; Carlill Savill, Sec. 1010; J. Wilson, S.W.; R. L. Kemplay, J.W.; A. G. Browne, P.G.D.C.; J. A. Walker, J. G. Wallis, I.P.M.; F. Eustace, J. J. Ridley, G. W. Dimbleby, J.W.; F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, and others. The appointment of officers was then made as follows: Bros. David Morley, I.P.M.; R. Pape, S.W.; Harry Wray, J.W.; Joel Edgar, P.P.S.G.D., Chap.; S. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Eldred Oliver, Sec.; J. J. Ridley, S.D.; G. F. Barton, J.D.; J. P. Park, M.D., P.M., Orator; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Almoner; Thompson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Charity Representative; J. W. Stephenson, D. of C.; J. R. Proctor, Org.; J. Darker Butterell, I.C.; G. H. Knight, J. E. Elwell, J. Payne, G. A. Ridgway, J. Wallis Mills, and J. T. Whipp, Stwds.; and J. Westoby, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, the ex-Mayor, Bro. Tom Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., proposed "The Health of Bro. Lane, the Worshipful Master, and his Officers." He said he regarded it as an honour to propose the toast. Any brother who was skilled in Masonic art and ritual, and had a ready method of imparting his ideas to others, was certain, sooner or later, to obtain the favour of his brethren and attain "first rank," as had their respected Worshipful Master.

Bro. Lane, in acknowledging the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received, said that it was the proudest day of his life to have been made the Worshipful Master of his mother lodge by the kindness and goodwill of his brethren. He could hardly have dared to have accepted the arduous duties of the office, unless he had been assured of the ready support of the expert Past Masters and officers generally. He promised them to carry out the ancient landmarks and charges, and to uphold the dignity and prestige of the old Constitutional Lodge, as far as his abilities would permit.

Various brethren contributed harmony during the intervals of the toast list, Bro. J. R. Proctor accompanying. Bro. J. W. Stephenson, Prov. G. Stwd., assiduously and efficiently carried out the duties of D. of C. The gathering proved to be a very enjoyable one.

CAMBRIDGE.

Lodge of The Three Grand Principles (No. 441).—The annual meeting of this lodge, which is now in the 50th year of its existence, was held, at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there was a large gathering of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. James Catling, who must have been highly gratified with the respect thus testified, the attendance of 102 being a record for the lodge. An important engagement in town prevented the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, from being present; but the Province was officially represented by his deputy, Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, who was received in due form by a large muster of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. The out-going W.M., Bro. Philip H. Young, P.P.G.S.B., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros J. Bell, J. S. Youngman, Joshua Taylor, George Cole, F. Dewberry, J. Sheldrick, C. A. Vinter, T. Watts, S. H. Sharman, John Fuller, J. F. Symonds, W. C. Dewberry, J. Royston, and E. W. Harry. The array of visitors was a large one, and included Bros. Thomas Catling, P.M. 2190, W.M. 2127 (brother of the W.M. elect); Dr. F. Osmond Carr, P.M. 859, W.M. 2488; John Northcott, W.M. 2190; J. Hornsey Casson, P.M. 859; B. Chennell, P.M. 88, 2107; W. H. Francis, P.M. 859; S. George, 813; H. King, P.M. 1280; Frank Piggott, P.M. 88; W. P. Spalding, P.M. 88; Dr. Bushell Annington, P.M. 859; W. Purchas, P.M. 88; O. Papworth, P.M. 88; A. J. Elworthy, W.M. 809; C. H. Banham, W.M. 88; Rev. D. Hall, P.M. 441 and 859; Rev. C. W. Groves, 1179; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M. 859; William Bray, P.M. 809; John L. Rutter, W.M. elect 88; J. R. Bainbridge, 809; C. Armstrong, 1154; A. H. Cross, 107; Geo. Foster, 1280; A. T. Grain, 88; Walter M. George, 1807; Wm. James 88; R. Moore, 88; J. Morley, 88; W. H. Whitehead, 2207; B. W. Beales, 88; J. H. Moyes, 88; A. E. Chaplin, 88; J. Stevens, 1426; W. E. Wood, 2030; J. Dempster, 441; C. F. Charlton, 88; M. J. Freelove, 1280; C. L. Palmer, 88; H. L. Davidson, 88; E. S. Wood, 88; E. Oliver, 1435; Edgar Geeson, 2427; H. H. Griffiths, 2206; H. N. Cavitt, 475; Warwick Fuller, 88; J. C. Heffer, 68; and others.

The duties of Installing Master were ably performed throughout by Bro. P. H. Young, with Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M., as D.C. There were no fewer than 32 Past Masters present at the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. James Catling having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted, then proceeded to invest his officers as under: Bros. P. H. Young, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. R. Roper, S.W.; F. W. Potts, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; J. Royston, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; F. R. Leach, S.D.; L. Hosegood, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., P.D.C., Mus. Bac., D.C.; F. Palmer, Std. Br.; W. H. Berridge, P.P.G. Org., Org.; G. R. Barnes, I.G.; J. Vail, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., F. Cole, P.P.G. Purst., and F. W. Miller, Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Tyler. The investment of officers was carried out in a masterly and happy manner, the newly-installed W.M. thereby affording to the brethren a foretaste of his ability in the chair, and he was sent on his year of office with the heartiest good wishes of all, and with the full assurance that the prestige of the lodge would in no wise suffer in his hands.

At the banquet which followed, the D.P.G.M., in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. P. H. Young a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of good work done, remarking that during the ceremony of installation Bro. Young had more than once informed them that they were Speculative Masons, but this jewel would serve to remind him that for one year, at least, he had been an Operative Mason with much success.

It remains to be added that the respected D. of C. of the lodge, Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M., Mus. Bac., has written most appropriate music for the "odes" at the opening and closing of the lodge; that an anthem, composed by Bro. A. J. Caldicott, Mus. Bac., was sung at the termination of the ceremony of installation; and that the harmony after dinner was ably supplied by Bros. A. H. Cross, of Sandringham, F. W. Miller, E. W. Swann, D. B. Flack, and W. M. George, with Bros. F. Dewberry and W. H. Berridge at the organ and piano.

CLARE.

Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 1823).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 7th inst., when there were present Bro. E. S. Garrett, W.M.; C. C. Vincent, P.P.G.S., S.W.; H. J. Hargrave, J.W.; Rev. T. M. Smith, S.D.; E. W. Griggs, J.D.; W. Gosling, I.G.; Rev. B. Syer, P.P.G.C., Chap.; M. Sedgwick, Org.; J. Bardwell, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; C. S. Goodchild, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.G.O.; Andrew Boa, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Vincent, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Crowe; W. J. Ward, P.P.G.S.; and T. Stokoe, Sec. Visitors: Bros. N. Tracy, 576, P.G.S.; F. G. Perks, P.M. 1507; A. Ray, 1911; W. B. Ferguson, P.M. 1594; C. J. Row, 1224; A. Sawer, 1457; R. H. Adie, 859; W. Vincent, 749; E. Humphreys, P.M. 1594, P.P.G.S.B. North Wales; I. Bates, S.D. 1224; and A. J. Grimwade, P.M. 332, P.P.S.G.W.

The lodge was opened, and letters expressing regret for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and W. C. Quilter, M.P. Bro. C. C. Vincent was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Humphreys. The new Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. S. Garrett, I.P.M.; H. J. Hargrave, S.W.; Rev. J. Manners Smith, J.W.; Rev. B. B. Syer, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. E. Barnes, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Stokoe, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; C. H. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; E. W. Griggs, S.D.; J. H. H. Mostyn Sedgwick, J.D.; Maurice J. Doidge, I.G.; and D. F. Glazin, Tyler. The address to the newly-installed Master was delivered by Bro. C. H. Vincent, and that to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Tracy, P.G.S. A proposal with respect to maintenance and increase of the voting power of the lodge in the various Masonic Charities was ordered to appear on the agenda of next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Half Moon Hotel.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Netherhall-road, on Friday evening, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. C. H. Woodhouse, W.M.; C. Newsum, I.P.M.; J. H. Pawson, S.W.; R. Bridge, J.W.; F. H. Buckland, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; G. F. Hanson, I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; C. Hopkinson, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; F. Webb, P.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; W. Goodair, P. Jenner, W. Blake, T. W. Turner, C. Reasbeck, H. Gunby, S. Lester, W. W. Peacock, and C. Richardson. Visitors: Bros. E. Simpson, 2259, and J. Constable, Sec. 2259, P.P.G.S.B.

Successful ballots were taken for one joining brother and two candidates. After lodge the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where a substantial repast was followed by one of the most enjoyable musical evenings one could possibly wish for, those who took the principal parts being Bros. Jenner, Duff, Reasbeck, Woodhouse, Webb, Peacock, Hanson, Turner, Grinby, and Simpson.

DURHAM.

Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. H. Brown was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The musical installation service was used. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. T. Dunn, P.M., P.G.D. of C. The appointment and investiture of the officers for the ensuing year afterwards took place as follows: Bros. W. J. Goodenough, I.P.M.; Isaac Burrell, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Rev. J. Haworth, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; Rev. J. C. Kirby Turney, Chap.; Matthew Fowler, M.P., Treas.; George Hewitt, Sec.; J. Walton, S.D.; M. L. Mullholland, J.D.; H. Palmer, D. of C.; R. H. Blyth and J. Rickerby, Stwds.; and W. Grabham, Tyler. There was a large gathering of brethren. Bros. John Nutton, S. Pilling, and W. Lonsdale contributing to the proceedings.

EAST LOOE.

St. Anne's Lodge (No. 970).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Henry Shapcott, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. J. Doney, P.M. 856, P.P.A.G.D.C., assisted by a Board of 15 Installed Masters of the lodge, also visiting Bro. Major Shanks, K.M., P.P.G.S.W. Devon. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Oliver, I.P.M.; V. J. Maddock, S.W.; G. Collings, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Wilson, Chap.; J. Crossman, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; John G. Henwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; S. Cook, S.D.; Thos. Tamblin, J.D.; John Harris, I.G.; J. W. Oliver, D.C.; S. H. Hare, Org.; John Walters, and George Holwill, Stwds.; and J. Oliver, Tyler. The addresses having been delivered, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Doney, as the working of the installation in his hands gave the greatest satisfaction to all; his delivery of the ritual was very impressive and dignified, and his conduct of all points of the ceremony precise.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Looe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. L. A. Cook.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. J. Newland, in responding for "The Visitors," remarked that he had visited all the lodges in the province, but had never before seen 17 Past Masters, all belonging to one lodge, present at the banquet.

LEICESTER.

St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren of the lodge and also visiting brethren. After the usual preliminary business, Bro. Walter D. Grant, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Henry Pickering. Bro. W. D. Grant then invested his officers, Bros. Dr. C. Lakin, S.W.; John Butcher, J.W.; Rev. Canon Sanders, LL.D., P.M. 360, P.G.C. Eng., Chap.; Robert Mechie, P.M., Treas.; John Clifton, Sec.; M. H. Pearson, S.D.; George K. Billings, J.D.; William Farin, D. of C.; William Hunt, Org.; William Tyler, I.G.; W. E. Keites, and W. T. Topott, Stwds.; and James Tanner, Tyler. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Pickering, and spoke of his valuable services to the lodge and the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Pickering thanked the brethren for their kindly feeling towards him.

After other business the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the W.M. presided over a banquet, and about 50 brethren were present. Amongst them were Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M.; Canon Sanders, P.M. 360; H. Pickering, I.P.M.; J. H. Marshall; E. Holmes, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Maurice Williams; Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M. 1650; C. Bennion; R. Michie; C. E. Stretton; H. Samuels, P.M. 960; A. Bott, P.P.G.D.C. Lincs.; Dunckley, P.M. 426; A. Chambers, W.M. 1391; George Neighbour, W.M. 523; H. J. Grace, W.M. 2028; A. J. West, W.M. 2081; B. A. Smith, P.M. 523; J. L. West, P.M. 2081; T. B. Laxton, P.M. 1007; J. J. W. Knowles, W.M. 1007; J.

Young, P.M. 523; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.M. 1146; T. S. H. Ashwell, P.M. 1391; Thomas Colman, P.M.; C. F. Oliver, P.M. 1007; W. H. Burrows, Mus. D., P.M. 523; J. Vaughan, P.M. 60; J. G. Parr, P.M. 2081; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, P.G.D.C.; Thomas Paget, P.M. 455; J. Forknall, W.M. 1161; H. Goodacre Marriott, S.W. 2028; E. C. Kilby, J.W. 2081; Paul Potter, 1939, Africa; Dr. C. Crossley, 1560; Dr. A. Crossley, 523; A. Page and C. H. Page, 1391; H. W. Dymock, 2028; H. Nicholson, 523; W. M. Walters, 139; Norman Scorgie, and others. Apologies were received from Sir Thomas Wright, P.M. 1391; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523; Dr. Pratt and Dr. Blakesley, 1560; Dr. Fulshaw, W.M. 50; R. Porter Keates, W.M. 2428; F. Birch, P.M. 1007; W. J. Curtes, P.M. 523; Alec. Laurence, W.M. 1330; Montague Stone, W.M. 1560; F. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, and many others.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very happy evening was spent.

Musical contributions were given by Bros. Dr. Barrow, H. Nicholson, A. Page, J. McRobie, and W. H. Noble.

LOSTWITHIEL.

Restormel Lodge (No. 856).—The annual installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd instant, in the presence of a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge, also several visiting brethren. Bro. C. Haddy, the W.M. elect, was ably and impressively installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. Doney, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.M. 331, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; T. P. Tonkin, P.M. 330, P.P.G.P.; A. C. Parkyn, W.M. 1151; B. Blight, P.M. 496, P.S.G.W.; H. Lake, P.M. 496; W. R. Brewer, P.M. 330, P.G.S.; C. H. W. Whetter, W.M. 496; S. Rundle, W. Boxall, W. McLean, P.G.S.; F. Parkyn, J. H. Stewart, and J. Bassett, P.P.G. S. of Wks., all of 896. The W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. S. Rundle, I.P.M.; E. V. Bryant, S.W.; N. Lean, J.W.; T. W. Perry, P.M., P.P.G.S., Sec.; R. Pease, Treas.; the Rev. E. Drewe, Chap.; H. Blewett, S.D.; J. A. Beswarrick, J.D.; M. E. Hawkin, I.G.; J. R. Martin, D.C.; J. Rowe and W. H. Webb, Stwds.; R. Wherry, Org.; and C. Brown, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. W. Fish, 330; F. Kitt, S.W. 1151; W. J. Samuel, J.W. 977; J. Gilbert, 510; and J. Newland, P.M. 1544. Bro. J. Bassett was appointed Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund, and Bro. E. R. Brown, Stwd. of the Charity Association. The Treasurer's report showed the lodge in a good financial position.

The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Rowe's, Monmouth Inn, where an excellent dinner was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

MONMOUTH.

Loyal Monmouth Lodge (No. 457).—At a meeting of the above lodge held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 1st inst., Bro. Rev. H. M. T. Bidwell, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. Capt. C. C. Powell, I.P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. C. Groves, S.W.; W. S. Poole, J.W.; T. R. Oakley, P.M., Treas.; R. Gooding, P.P.G.S., Sec.; T. Addis, S.D.; H. H. Preece, J.D.; Rev. W. Neville, Chap.; F. A. Powell, P.M., D.C.; F. W. B. Jones, Org.; G. Renele, I.G.; and W. M. Teague, Tyler. The meeting was attended by the newly-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. R. Lyne, and the following visitors: Bros. Garrett, W.M. 2186; and Hamilton Baillie, P.M. 2382.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent, the W.M. presiding.

PLYMOUTH.

Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—This lodge held its annual meeting on the 2nd inst. under the presidency of its newly-installed Master, Bro. W. Smeeth. Two brethren were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which the brethren adjourned to the refectory. The W.M. was supported by the following: Bros. S. Jew, R. B. Johns, A. Trout, W. S. Luscombe, H. Roberts, and H. Mortimore, Treasurer.

Bro. Mortimore, who has been connected with this lodge since 1875, and who has held the office of Treasurer for the past eight years, was the recipient of a handsome marble clock, in recognition of his past services.

Bro. Johns, in making the presentation, spoke of the good qualities of their esteemed brother.

Bro. H. Mortimore thanked the brethren for their kindness, and hoped the year 1895 would prove as successful to the Brunswick Lodge as the past had.

Songs having been rendered by some of the brethren, a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

RAMSGATE.

Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on the 2nd inst., when a large number of brethren were present, among them being: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. J. Sturgeon, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Morley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Goodbourne, I.P.M. 429; M. H. Gill, P.M. 1209; E. L. Dixon, P.M. 429; E. Croser, W.M. 127; T. Nebel, C. J. Ayton, P.M.; W. F. Gadd, G. J. Baldwin, C. Godsmark, P.M.; S. R. Wilson, P.M.; F. W. Pointer, A. W. Larkin, G. Chapman, W.M., all of 1209; W. J. A. Norris, 784; A. G. Harvey, W.M. 2438; G. Tyler, P.M. 1078; H. F. Sheppard, 704; C. J. Elliott, J. Neale, A. H. Hale, P.M.; J. T. May, P.M.; W. F. Ferridge, W. Cowell, T. Martin, N. F. Merriman, G. West, W. H. Austen, F. J. Wraight, J. E. White, H. E. Boulter, A. Bear, C. F. J. B. Briggs, F. L. Pettman, R. H. Lovett, and H. R. Pennfather. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. J. Neale) was ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. C. J. Elliott, after which the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. A. Page, S.W.; W. F. Ferridge, J.W.; J. T. May, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Hale, P.M. 1209, Sec.; W. Cowell, S.D.; J. E. White, J.D.; C. T. L. Cole, I.G.; F. L. Pettman, D.C.; F. J. Wraight, A.D.C.; C. West, and W. H. Austen, Stwds.; G. Hurst, Org.; and T. Martin, Tyler.

After the ceremony a banquet was served in Bro. J. J. Roach's excellent style, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to.

ROSS.

Vitruvian Lodge (No. 338).—The annual installation festival in connection with the above lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 7th inst. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. J. E. S. Hewett, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., and the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. W. F. Marwin, invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Cutfield, S.W.; Ernest R. Davies, J.W.; J. E. S. Hewett, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Thomas Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; A. P. Small, S.D.; J. H. Bussell, J.D.; J. H. Hall, Supt. of Wks.; J. C. Tearne, D.C.; Walter Small, I.G.; and W. Haines, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where dinner was provided. About 50 guests were present, including the Deputy Prov. G. Master and several of the brethren of the Palladin Lodge (Hereford) and other lodges.

During the evening Bro. F. W. Wittle, the last Worshipful Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The annual meeting of this brisk working lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., when there was an average attendance. The retiring W.M., Bro. T. R. Short, P.G.D.C., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.; J. A. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; Wm. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.G. Sec.; F. H. Corder, P.M. 463; Wm. F. Carmon, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; T. R. Jobson, S.W.; A. Dodds, J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chaplain; C. P. Laidler, M.O.; Wm. Stafford, S.O.; H. Jackson, J.O.; W. J. Jobson, R. of M.; H. S. Bird, Sec.; T. W. Bagnall, S.D.; W. Holzapfel, J.D.; Wm. Douglass, I.G.; T. Douglass, Steward; R. Harrison, J. Lightbown, J. H. Elliott, J. Appleyard, W. E. Peacock, C. W. Hodgson, W. N. Petersen, W. T. Hall, and others.

The preliminary work having been accomplished, Bro. Reed, D.P.G.M., presented Bro. T. R. Jobson, W.M. elect, to Bro. T. R. Short, Installing Master, and he was duly installed as W.M. The officers were afterwards invested as follows: Bros. T. R. Short, I.P.M.; A. Dodds, S.W.; C. P. Laidler, J.W.; W. Stafford, M.O.; H. Jackson, S.O.; W. J. Jobson, J.O.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; H. S. Bird, R. of M.; T. W. Bagnall, Sec.; W. Holzapfel, S.D.; W. Douglass, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Douglass, I.G.; T. Chegwidan and Robt. Harrison, Stewards; and J. Curry, Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Wardens, and others were delivered by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.

The proceedings closed in the usual way, after which most of the brethren dined together, and spent an enjoyable and pleasant evening.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. Kraus, W.M.; B. Dukes, S.W.; H. C. Parker, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Tidy, S.D.; George Ridout, J.D.; W. Truman, I.G.; Jackson, P.M.; T. Smale, P.M.; S. C. Cross, J. Mason, Bande, A. Narten, and H. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and being resumed in the First, Bro. H. Smith was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. Smith being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Mason; the 2nd Section by Bro. J. Paul; the 3rd Section by Bro. Thom, P.M.; and the 4th Section by Bro. Mason. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Dukes, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HONOUR AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE (No. 1266). A meeting of this lodge was held on New Year's night at the Masonic Hall, Blandford, when there were present Bros. Gill, W.M., P.G. Steward; Watson, S.W.; Alexander, P.M., P.G.S.B., J.W.; Cherry, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Turner, Chap., P.P.G.S. of W.; Crocker, S.D.; Gordon, J.D.; Old, I.G.; Curtis, P.M., Org.; Skivington, P.M.; Stickland, P.M.; Barrett, Marsh, Pond, Humphrys, A. Gill, and Strange, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened to the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed with music. On the lodge being closed in the Second Degree, the W.M. announced that he had a somewhat unusual duty to perform. Bro. Gill then addressed the S.W. as follows: Bro. Dr. Watson, I can safely say for my own part, and as safely too, I feel sure, for every brother in the lodge, that we anticipate your removal from amongst us with feelings of the deepest regret. You have discharged the duties of every office you have held in the lodge with ability, and with credit to yourself, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren; but especially for the lodge of instruction have you rendered good service, and as a slight recognition of that service, the brethren have asked me to present you with this jewel, and I need scarcely say how pleased I am to do so. Long may T.G.A.O.T.U. spare your life to wear this jewel, and I would express the hope, a hope in which I am sure every brother of the lodge will unite, that good health and strength, happiness and prosperity, and, in fact, all that tends to make life worth living, may be granted to you throughout the years to come. So mote it be. Bro. Dr. Watson, in returning thanks, said: W.M., P.M.'s, and brethren, I esteem it a very great compliment to have been considered worthy by Lodge Honour and Friendship

to be the recipient of such a testimonial. I must say that my duties as Secretary to the lodge of instruction have been remarkably light. From week to week I have looked forward with great pleasure to the meetings, not only on account of the instruction I have received in the mysteries of the Craft (and in this respect I must acknowledge the valuable instruction received from Bro. Turner, Preceptor), but also to the thorough brotherly feeling which has at all times been a distinguishing characteristic of the meetings of No. 1266. The lodge was then closed.

At the farewell supper which followed, given in honour of Bro. Watson, S.W., who is leaving for Scotland, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present Bros. Milton Smith, W.M.; W. Ropley, S.W.; E. Faux, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Smith, S.D.; R. Eddie, J.D.; G. T. Peall, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; R. P. Upton, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. E. Thomas, R. Loomes, A. Cox, and P. F. Holmden, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Upton being the candidate. Bro. Thomas answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Thomas being the candidate. The investiture of officers was then rehearsed by the W.M. and afterwards by Bro. Cox. Bro. Thomas was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. W. H. Bird, W.M.; J. O'Dea, S.W.; J. Akers, J.W.; W. Roots, Preceptor; J. Hattersley, acting Sec.; O'Brien, S.D.; Park, J.D.; A. Atkin, I.G.; Millmann, and Watts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Watts, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Watts being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millmann being the candidate. The W.M. rose as usual, and officers for the next meeting were elected. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. George Read, P.M., Grand Std. Br. Eng., W.M.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, S.W.; A. J. Turner, J.W.; James Barker, P.M., I.P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Mddx., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rumbal, S.D.; T. T. Gething, J.D.; Lewis Beale, I.G.; T. C. Dyer, Stwd.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; J. R. Roberts, P.M.; E. E. Gellowski, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; W. H. Dresden, P.M.; T. W. Heath, P.M.; J. J. Mackay, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; G. C. Knightley, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; George Davis, P.M.; E. Fox, W.M. 1275; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090; W. Fayers, W.M. 1585; E. W. Dennis, W.M. 2108; S. Sidders, R. H. Larter, Robert Reid, J. H. Neville, W. Thwaites, James Clark, A. G. Bean, C. Ortnor, C. E. Betts, R. Hendy, A. C. Browne, Henry Bone, W. Hyde, and W. T. Key. Visitors: Bros. H. Dehane, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; and J. R. Ward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Neville acting as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Neville being then in the chair, the brethren saluted in the three Degrees, the lodge being duly resumed as occasion required; Bro. G. Read gave the three addresses incidental to the ceremony. Bros. Stiles, Scurrah, Bone, Hyde, Davis, Knightley, and Key were elected joining members. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George Read for his excellent services on that and other meetings as Preceptor. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. J. R. Roberts for his gift of four jewels, to both of which replies were given.

The lodge was then closed, after a very pleasant and instructive meeting.

A meeting was also held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, W.M.; A. Williams, P.M., S.W.; Lewis Beale, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; T. T. Gething, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; J. G. Bean, W. H. Dresden, James Clark, R. S. S. Walker, J. H. Neville, J. Worth, and H. Dalloway.

The lodge was opened in accordance with ancient custom, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Bean acting as candidate. Bro. Walker answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. Williams. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for the meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., the meeting on Tuesday next being officers' night. "Hearty good wishes" were given, 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 4th inst., when there were present: Comps. Elgar, M.E.Z.; Belchamber, H.; Osterstock, J.; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Cope, S.N.; Grumant, P.S.; Pullen, and Meirhoff.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pullen personating the candidate. Comp. Belchamber was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the M.E.Z., and Comps. Belchamber, H., and Osterstock, J., for so ably performing their respective duties for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

LIVERPOOL.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 359).—The annual meeting was held at the Bear's Paw Restaurant on Saturday, the 5th inst. Bro. John C. Robinson, W.C.N., occupied the chair, and conferred the Degree on seven candidates. Bro. William Platt was installed W.C.N. by W. Bro. Capt. J. D. Murray, P.C.N., and appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Fletcher, J.; Thos. Adams, S.; W. Goodacre, P.C.N., Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.C.N., Scribe; M. H. Boyd, S.D.; R. Sharrock, J.D.; A. Cross, D.C.; and J. Pittaway, G. Ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

LIVERPOOL.

Portal Council (No 1).—A very successful meeting of this council was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Bear's Paw Restaurant. The W.M. Bro. John C. Robinson, having opened a Lodge of St. Lawrence, Bro. J. H. Barrow, P.M., G.J.D., conferred the Degrees of St. Lawrence and Knights of Constantinople upon eight candidates. Bro. Capt. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G.D.C., conferred the Degrees of Knights of Red Cross of Babylon, and Holy High Priesthood, and afterwards installed Bro. William Platt as W.M. Bro. Platt then appointed as his officers: Bros. M. H. Boyd, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; W. Goodacre, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.M., G.J.D., Sec.; J. Pittaway, S.D.; J. Milne, J.D.; and A. Cross, I.G. The W.M. was appointed Representative to Grand Council. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Subsequently the members dined with the Ark Mariners, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

A NOBLE MASONIC RECORD.

The *North Star*, Darlington, of the 4th inst., in an article dealing with the Masonic Charities, after giving the figures which we laid before our readers last week, comments as follows:

"There is a curious thing about these Charities, of which we have never seen any satisfactory explanation. It is this: Unlike most other far-reaching and well-known benevolent institutions, they receive few testamentary legacies, and no large ones. What makes this the more singular is that very large numbers of Freemasons have, particularly in the last generation or two, been wealthy, and many of them very rich men. Apart from this circumstance, the generosity of Freemasons to the Institutions associated with their Order is proverbial. How is it that they do not remember Masonic Charities to more purpose when they are making their wills? Surely there are no charities that have better claims upon them than those of the Craft they have supported with such enthusiasm in their journey through life. There are other Benevolent Masonic Institutions besides those we have referred to. One of them is the Benevolent Fund of the United Grand Lodge. To this fund every Freemason under the English Constitution who is a subscribing member of a lodge contributes. It has an income, exclusive of investments, of about £9000 a year; and last year grants were made out of it to the extent of £8970. Another large Benevolent Fund is that of the Mark Masons' Grand Lodge, out of which extensive payments were made in 1894 for relief, annuities, and the education of children. In addition, there are many individual lodges that have private funds of their own, which they administer in a similar way.

"It will be seen that the good work which is being done by Freemasons in the direction alluded to is large in volume, and must be productive of great and lasting benefits, not only to those immediately concerned, but to the whole community. Many a man to whom fortune has been unkind has received timely help which enabled him to tide over an evil day, when otherwise he would inevitably have gone to the wall, and have had his prospects in life wrecked. Assistance of a more permanent kind has cheered and blessed the declining years of many a wayfarer on the earthly journey, who, under other circumstance, might have been forced to appeal to cold, cast-iron public charity, the acceptance of relief from which would have been accompanied by degradation. Then there are the widows and the orphans, those bereaved ones who, like the widows and orphans of all time, evoke in us a pathetic interest springing from some of the best and purest emotions that animate the human heart. Who are there among us who do not pity, and, if able to do so, would not tenderly help, the widow and the orphan left wholly or in part unprovided for? A portion of their life has, so to speak, been torn away in the removal of the husband and father, who was not only the bread-winner, but part of their very being. Who can estimate the feelings of soothing comfort and peaceful, if mournful, security brought into the homes of many such helpless ones by the Masonic funds of which we have been treating? Unavailing sorrow and hopeless regrets for loved ones called away are bad enough; but when they are accompanied by the blank despair caused by the cutting off of the means of procuring the necessities of life and of educating the children, they are infinitely worse. Therefore we hope that the Charitable and Benevolent Funds of the Masonic Order will go on growing, and do even more good in the future than they have done in the past."

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF SPENCER WALPOLE LODGE, No. 2197, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN.

The first Ladies' night of the above lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Granville Hotel Promenade, Douglas, and from the number that attended, the promoters are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking. The following were amongst those present: Bros. T. G. Taylor, W.M., P.A.G. Sec.; T. S. Aylen, P.M., P.G.S.B., and Mrs. Aylen; Champion Bradshaw, P.M., P.Z. 1242, P.P.G.S.B., and Mrs. Bradshaw; F. W. Watson, I.P.M., and Miss Rothwell; J. Lewin, J.W., and Mrs. Lewin; L. R. Corkill, Sec., P.G. Stwd., and Mrs. Corkill; F. Kilborn, S.D., and Miss Birchmore; R. W. Creer, I.G., and Mrs. Creer; Christian, Stwd., and Mrs. Christian; T. Watson, Stwd.; T. Sharrocks, J.W. 758, and Mrs. Sharrocks; J. Watson, and Miss Sharpe; Proctor, 2050, and Miss McAndrew; Mr. Farrington and Miss Plock. Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Quine, Mr. Gibson, Bro. W. Kelly, P.M. 2050, P.A.G.T.; Mrs. Nattan, Miss Kohler, and Miss Marie Golnz.

The W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Watson, Corkill, and Creer, received the guests. During the reception, Mr. Gilmour, electrician, who kindly brought a great number of electrical appliances, including electric coil for giving some good shocks, entertained the early arrivals, after which the company adjourned to the dining-room to partake of a substantial supper, provided by (Sister) Nattan, as our Manx brethren prefer to call her, the late Bro. Nattan holding the office of P.G.S. of W. at the time of his decease.

Before leaving the supper table, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER asked those present to join with him in drinking "The Health of her Majesty the Queen, G. Patroness of the Order, of whom he was reminded by an energetic brother of the lodge before sitting down to supper, that her Majesty was the mother, grandmother, daughter, niece, aunt, &c., of Masons, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare her to be the great grandmother of a Mason. He also gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Members of the Royal Family," which were received with that loyalty and enthusiasm characteristic of the name.

The wants having been supplied, the company re-assembled in the spacious drawing-rooms, when a very excellent concert followed, the undermentioned taking part: Bros. Aylen, Bradshaw, Proctor, J. Dutton, Misses Sharpe and Rothwell, Mr. Farrington and Mr. Rothwell, Bro. F. Watson, assisted by Mrs. Bradshaw, played the accompaniments, the last mentioned giving some pretty selections, which, along with the singers, received well merited applause.

The toasts being in the hands of Bros. Taylor, W.M.; Corkill, Sec.; F. Watson, I.P.M.; and Aylen, P.M., it is needless to state were given with that eloquence and enthusiasm for which these brethren are noted. The responders, Bros. Bradshaw, Creer, Sharrocks, Kilborn, and Mr. Farrington, caused much merriment by their humorous terms.

It might be added the W.M., in thanking the musical guests on behalf of the lodge, said that he sincerely trusted the other insular lodges would follow the commendable step taken by his lodge, and this only the forerunner of many such enjoyable nights.

Mr. FARRINGTON, when responding, said that before long he trusted they would accept him as a candidate for the Masonic order, when he should feel proud to be addressed by those present as "brother."

"Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the Queen" being sung by the whole of the company, with three lusty cheers asked by Bro. CORKILL for the Spencer Walpole Lodge, and which several brethren have since stated was heartily responded to by the ladies, brought this not to be forgotten happy evening to a close.

Scotland.

MASONIC SERVICE IN ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH.

A Masonic service took place a few days since in St. Giles' Cathedral, and, like previous services of the kind, it was very largely attended, not only by members of the Order, but by the general public. The arrangements were practically the same as those that obtained three years ago, when, to obviate the undue crowding of the church, the public were asked to pay a small charge for admission, the sum thus raised, as well as the collection taken at the close of the service, being applied to the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. By request of the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, M.P., the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, Edinburgh, undertook the organisation and management of the choral service, which was under the immediate charge of Bro. James A. Moonie, Past Grand Director of Music and Musical Director of the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, who himself conducted. Bro. Moonie had succeeded in bringing together a first-class orchestra and choir, numbering upwards of 140 in all, and by them the choral part of the service was admirably performed. As on former occasions, the choir and orchestra were accommodated in the seats immediately in front of the organ; the general public found places, for the most part, in the nave, and the east portion of the church and north transept were in great measure occupied by the members of the Craft in full Masonic regalia. For the occasion the Parliament Hall was put at the disposal of the Craftsmen, and there they robed, marching

across the square in processional order—two-and-two—entering the Cathedral by the west door. At half-past two o'clock the officiating clergymen, Bro. the Right Rev. Professor Storey, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Past Grand Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. John Glasse, Past Grand Chaplain, preceded by the mace-bearer, entered the building; and soon after they had taken their places—Bro. the Rev. John Glasse first occupying the pulpit in order to conduct the devotional services—the members of the Order, headed by the Grand Master and the office-bearers of Grand Lodge, filed into the church, presenting in their regalia, and by reason of their numbers, an imposing appearance.

Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple was supported by Bros. Captain Hope, M.P., Grand Master of Linlithgow, shire; C. M. Pelham Burn, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Nicaragua; Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Gibraltar; Major H. G. Fenton Newell Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles; Col. W. Ivison Macadam, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, and Grand Sword Bearer; Joseph Loxdale, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire (West); D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; D. Reid, Grand Cashier; Councillor R. M. Cameron, Grand Architect; James Muir, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Munro Denholm, Grand Marshal; R. J. Jamieson, President of Grand Stewards; J. McIntyre Henry, Past Grand Architect; P. L. Henderson, Past Grand Architect; and the following Grand Stewards: James Drummond, W. Adamson, George Crawford, James Thompson, R. N. Johnston, Jones Melville, James Simpson, and R. S. Brown.

The service opened with the singing of the 100th Psalm, the choir alone rendering the third verse; and this was followed by prayer. The orchestra then performed the Magnificat in F (Berthold Tours), and subsequently Nunc Dimittis in F. was rendered. The Grand Master read the scripture lessons—that from the Old Testament being the 20th chapter of Isaiah, and the new testament reading from the 21st chapter of Revelations. Mr. GLASSE then offered up an intercessory prayer; and the anthem, "Lord, hear my prayer" was sung, this again being followed by the collect and Lord's Prayer.

Professor Storey having now succeeded Mr. Glasse in the occupancy of the pulpit. Professor Storey took his text from the 1st Kings, chapter viii., verse 18, "And the Lord said unto David my father, whereas it was in thine heart to build a house unto My name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart," and from the same book, chapter vi., verse 7, "And the house, when it was building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." The thoughts, he said, suggested by the text were those of a great idea and a great work, and the passages he had read dealt with the building of the magnificent Temple, the memory of which was closely connected with their Masonic ritual. The idea of the Temple had originated with David, but it was left to Solomon to carry the idea out. Now-a-days we were inclined to think the test of any idea was whether it could be carried out and whether it would pay. In David's case, however, his idea built the Temple, though it was the hands of Solomon that carried it out. The possession of one great idea—one great principle, one great affection—lifted up the heart and mind of him in whom it dwelt above the sordidity and selfish aims and the littleness of the world. The effort, after infinite attainment, was pointed to when Christ said to his disciples, "Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." There was no walk of life in which the keeping in view of that high idea might be of more use for their guidance than in the Masonic Craft. If they simply went into the Craft carelessly, if they carried through the ritual slovenly, if they regarded the Craft only as a means of social fellowship, what a poor thing Masonry was. How different it was if they kept in view its history and its traditions, and strove to act up to its great principles of charity and brotherhood. If they were all to do that, Masonry might become a power in the land second to none on the side of social order, and the spreading of the message of goodwill to men. And that power would be none the less potent because the work was done silently, as the building of the Temple was. Performed in silence as that great work was, it possessed this characteristic, specially interesting to the Masonic Craft, that it must have been a harmonious work—work in which perfect order ruled, in which no wrangling prevailed, and in which under the Great Master Builder's eye each workman did faithfully his allotted part in the realisation of the great idea. The builders of the Temple must have worked like people guided by one will, with one purpose in view, and cheered in their toil by sympathy. The Temple as a visible structure had passed away, and but the broken remnants of Israel mourned its desolation; but the great idea of men preparing a house for the Most High still remained, and the spirit of the builders of the Temple lived in the higher idea of man making himself a living temple of the Lord. The smoke of the sacrifice no longer arose from the altar, but the spirit of sacrifice lived still and moved men to lay their offerings on the altar of the needs and sorrows of their brethren.

After the sermon, the 18th Paraphrase was sung, after which prayer was offered.

The collection in aid of the Masonic Annuity Fund was then taken, and the service was brought to a close by the singing by the choir of the "Hallelujah" chorus and the pronouncement of the Benediction.

Mount Edgcombe, Havlock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1071, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
100, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
619, Beadon, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel, Upper Norwood.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1278, Burdett Coutts, London Tavern.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1673, Welcome, Anderton's Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern.
2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2361, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
2456, Chancery Bar, The Hall of Lincoln's Inn.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
2199, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, S.
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, S.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Hford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Pucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-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., S.
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, Kito-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, S.
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, S.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1130, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
1227, Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.
1395, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1430, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender Hill.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1023, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1091, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.

MARK LODGES.

361, Onslow, Cafe Royal.
411, Ubique, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.
1902, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2340, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' 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, S.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Mark Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., at 6.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

70, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1320, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1304, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1700, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, January 19, 1895.

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, JANUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Hastings	40	Chacewater ... 699
Bristol	68	Chester ... 721
N. Walsham	102	Dartmouth ... 797
Faversham	133	Dewsbury ... 827
Newport, I.W.	151	Wirksworth ... 884
E. Stonehouse	180	Millbrook ... 893
Swansea	237	Knutsford ... 941
South Shields	240	Shirley ... 1112
Shrewsbury	252	Sherborne ... 1168
Berkeley	270	Chester ... 1174
Liverpool	292	Leeds ... 1221
Sheffield	296	Enfield ... 1237
Lincoln	297	Manchester ... 1253
Teignmouth	303	St. Ives, Corn. ... 1272
Gt. Yarmouth	313	wall ... 1302
Bodmin	330	Halifax ... 1350
Penrith	339	Bootle ... 1350
Halesworth	358	Seaford ... 1380
Nottingham	411	Stalybridge ... 1408
Stokesley	543	Sandgate ... 1430
Birmingham	587	Birmingham ... 1474
Thrapston	607	Mold ... 1477
Troxbridge	632	Kingsbridge ... 1480
Filey	643	Woking ... 1504
Lyme Regis	665	Bury St. Edmunds ... 1592

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton ... 184	Chester ... 721	Hebburn-on-Tyne ... 1643
Norwich ... 213	Liverpool ... 824	Bromley ... 1092
Taunton ... 261	Workington ... 962	Landport ... 1770
Bradford ... 303	Saltash ... 1071	Walton-on-Naze ... 1709
Brighton ... 315	Mossley ... 1218	Hull ... 2134
Northampton ... 369	Old Brompton ... 1424	
Spalding ... 469	Canterbury ... 1449	

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Norwich	213	Walmer ... 1096
Pembroke	378	Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225
Wareham	386	Seacombe ... 1270
Nottingham	402	Liverpool ... 1570
Reading	414	Bridgnorth ... 1620
Hanley	418	Northampton ... 1764
Nuneaton	432	Buckingham ... 1787
Halifax	448	Skegness ... 1893
Birmingham	468	Slough ... 1894
Carmarthen	470	Ealing ... 2002
Shipley Gate	506	Surbiton ... 2146
Ventnor, I.W.	551	Halstead ... 2154
Stourport	560	Willows ... 2155
Devizes	603	Liverpool ... 2310
Liverpool	667	Bury ... 218
Jersey	958	St. Austell ... 275
St. Day	1000	Gosport ... 305
Farnham	1040	
Ramsey	1075	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74	Maryport ... 371	Wootton-under-Edge ... 855
Weymouth ... 179	Broadstairs ... 439	Stockton ... 940
Liverpool ... 241	N. Shields ... 431	Bradford ... 974
Batley ... 264	Halifax ... 448	Wretham ... 1339
Ragup ... 280	Aylesbury ... 591	Boole ... 1473
Dartford ... 299		Huddersfield ... 1793

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Penzance	121	Whitefield ... 934
Margate	127	Wokingham ... 962
Wigan	178	Canterbury ... 972
Scarboro'	200	Wakefield ... 1019
Bolton	221	Driffield ... 1040
Guernsey	243	Kirkdale ... 1086
Cheltenham	246	Fakenham ... 1114
Taunton	261	Rochdale ... 1129
Worcester	280	Torpoint ... 1136
Shepton Mallett	285	Ilkstone ... 1179
Huddersfield	290	Stoke Damarel ... 1212
Lewes	311	Aston ... 1346
Salford	325	Grimsby ... 1294
Birkenhead	537	Swansea ... 1323
Openshaw	581	Durham ... 1334
W. Bromwich	602	Lancaster ... 1353
Newport, Mon.	683	Hornsea ... 1511
Stafford	720	Ramsbottom ... 1634
Liverpool	823	Gt. Stanmore ... 1702
Tunbridge Wells	874	Rayleigh ... 1734
Kingston	889	Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1774
		Hurstpierpoint ... 1797

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 29	Bingley ... 439	Liverpool ... 1356
Shrewsbury ... 117	Haverfordwest ... 404	Herne Bay ... 2009
	Newbury ... 574	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Bury	42	Bradford ... 600
Littlehampton	50	Birkenhead ... 605
Hull	57	Glossop ... 625
Burslem	98	Rhymney ... 625
G. Yarmouth	100	Blyth ... 659
Ringwood	132	Runcorn ... 758
Liverpool	203	Guilford ... 777
Haslingden	215	Derby ... 802
Devonport	230	Aberavon ... 833
Jersey	245	Workshop ... 930
Taunton	261	Batley ... 971
Macclesfield	267	Southend ... 1000
Ashton-under-Lyne	268	Portland ... 1037
Bacup	280	Leeds ... 1042
Stockport	322	Battle ... 1184
Stalybridge	324	Crediton ... 1332
Preston	343	Lincoln ... 1386
Blackburn	345	Liverpool ... 1394
Whitworth	363	St. Germans ... 1404
Rochdale	367	Oswestry ... 1432
Southampton	394	West Gorton ... 1450
Chester	425	Dunstable ... 1470
Ashton-under-Lyne	430	Hampton Court ... 1512
Leicester	523	Lindley ... 1514
		Aldershot ... 1592
		Landport ... 1770
		Bury St. Ed. ... 1821
		Brighdon ... 1861
		Sandown ... 1861
		Surbiton ... 1872
		Wallingford ... 1887

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31	Leeds ... 280	Sudbury ... 1224
Nottingham ... 47	Uxbridge ... 382	Romford ... 1437
Colchester ... 51	Maidstone ... 591	Sandown, I.W. ... 1884
Plymouth ... 70	Hartlepool ... 531	Hazel Grove ... 1957
Liverpool ... 210	Liverpool ... 673	New Brompton ... 1967
Batley ... 204	Rochester ... 1050	Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Manchester	152	Pendleton ... 1773
Brighton	271	Nottingham ... 1794
Tipton	347	Clacton-on-Sea ... 2003
Levenshulme	603	Manchester ... 2447
Sale	1357	R.A. CHAPTERS.
		Rawtenstall ... 283
		Huddersfield ... 521

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond ... 123	Leeds ... 309	Saltash ... 1071
Bristol ... 187	Bristol ... 320	Penistone ... 1402
Keighley ... 205	Reigate ... 416	Bristol - Province
	Bradford ... 1634	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

CRAFT LODGES.	London	Other Towns
Romilly	1126	Croydon ... 1550
		Hounslow ... 1871
		Eton ... 2458

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

BREAKFAST-SUPPER.

E P P S'S

GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.

C O C O A

BOILING WATER OR MILK.



BRO. E. F. B. FULLER has presented a silver loving cup to the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

A GRAND MASONIC BALL in aid of the "Bussell" Masonic Memorial Fund, will be held at the Town Hall, Newark, on the 31st inst.

BRO. COLONEL PHINEAS COWAN has been installed Master of the Worshipful Company of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year.

A MASONIC BALL will be held under the auspices of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, in the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Thursday, the 31st inst.

THE WILL of Bro. Charles John Perceval, of S. Thurlow-place, Brompton, who died on October 14th, was proved on the 20th ult., by Mrs. Elizabeth Perceval, the widow and residuary legatee, the value of the personal estate amounting to £209.

THE £277,575 of Mr. John Walter, of the *Times*, is the largest personal estate left by any newspaper proprietor since the death of Mr. Edward Lloyd, in 1890. Mr. Lloyd's fortune was £563,022. In 1889, Mr. Levy, of the *Daily Telegraph*, died, leaving a personal estate of £475,000.

AT THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, Dorchester, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Knight, S.W., was installed W.M. for the year. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. J. Neville, S.W.; Barrow, J.W.; Rev. H. Charlton, Chap.; Lock, Treas.; Kingdom, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Hunt, I.G.; Ling, D. of C.; E. Newman, Org.; and Talbot, Tyler.

PETERHEAD—MASONIC BALL.—A ball under the auspices of the Peterhead Freemasons was held in the Music Hall, on the evening of the 27th ult. The hall was decorated in a most tasteful and attractive manner, being gaily festooned with flags, and profusely decorated with evergreens, the whole of which was interspersed with lanterns of different hues. A large company assembled, and to the music of Mr. Hyam Dimmer's band the evening passed off in delightful style; not a little credit of which was due to the excellent arrangement made by a committee, of which Mr. W. H. Leask was Secretary. Messrs. Leask and Forrest acted as Masters of Ceremonies.

FEELING AGAINST FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRIA.—On Tuesday last, in the Diet of Lower Austria a noisy scene was provoked by the Anti-Semites. Dr. Haberl, the Vice-President of the Diet, resented the repeated attacks made upon him by that party because he is a Freemason. He protested that to be a Freemason was by no means high treason, and that in other countries Princes and Monarchs held office in the Order. He said: "All the world knows that Freemasons are not traitors, but noble, generous men." Here the Anti-Semite member Gregorik interrupted: "They are Jews; they are no men at all." But the President continued that they were men who, without considering confessions or nationalities, performed charitable works, and went on to speak in this connection of the Prince of Wales. At this point he was interrupted by offensive cries.—*Daily News*.

MASONIC BALL.—On Friday evening, the 4th instant, a meeting of the Masonic Ball Committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. W. Simpson, P.P.S.G.W. There was a very large attendance, and the reports given in with regard to the sale of tickets were of a very encouraging nature. The ball patrons now number about 70, and the list of stewards embraces upwards of 300. Bro. R. Tunnicliffe, I.P.M. 1182, was unanimously elected captain of the stewards, and Bro. R. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C., was chosen Sub-captain. Other important offices were assigned to Bros. S. Swift, 1675; G. Beeken, P.P.A.G. Sec.; E. Jones, 241; and others. The ball takes place on the 15th instant, when all the stewards are expected to be in attendance at 7.30 at the Town Hall. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have kindly consented to receive the guests. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., will for the 16th time again carry out the duties of director of ceremonies, assisted by Bros. G. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., and E. R. Latham, P.M. 594.

THE LATE BRO. SIR EDWARD A. INGLEDEN.—The will, dated April 3rd, 1894, and written by the testator, has been proved of Bro. Admiral Sir Edward Augustus Inglefield, of 99, Queen's-gate, who died on the 5th September last, aged 74 years, and who served at St. Jean d'Acre, 1840, at the battle of Parana, 1845, commanded an expedition to the Arctic Regions and discovered Smith's Sound and explored Jones' Sound, 1852, commanded two Government expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin in 1853-54, was at the capture of Kinburn in the Crimean War, Naval attaché at Washington in 1872, in command in the Mediterranean and Admiral Superintendent at Malta Dockyard, 1872-76, and Commander-in-Chief on the North American and West Indian Station, 1878-80. The executors of Bro. Admiral Inglefield's will are his brother-in-law, Mr. Francis John Johnston of Dunsdale, Westerham, and Mr. Francis Alexander Johnston, of Meadow Cottage, Betchworth. It was the testator's desire that the expenses of his funeral should not exceed £25, and he ordered the payment of certain charges on his securities incurred to satisfy a claim of £10,000 in respect of the Genoa Waterworks Company. The proceeds of sale of his house are to be paid to the trustees of his marriage settlements, and he bequeathed to Lady Inglefield his furniture and household effects. The Admiral bequeathed to his son Henry Beaufort as heirlooms the silver salver presented to him at Liverpool, the portraits of the Queen and Prince Albert, given to him by her Majesty, the gold snuff box given to him by the Emperor of the French, and the brooch made from the lid of the snuff box, his own, his father's and his grandfather's medals and orders, the pictures of his grandfather's ship *Centaur* in action with the *Cesar*, and of his grandfather's shipwreck, a letter from Lord Nelson to his grandfather, and all the testator's Arctic relics. He leaves his residuary estate (after satisfying the covenants made by him as to his son Fitz-Maurice's marriage settlements) to his said son Henry Beaufort. The gross value of Bro. Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield's personal estate is entered as £12,992.

THE REVENUE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The revenue of Western Australia during the past three months amounted to £247,000, being an increase of £83,000, as compared with the corresponding period of 1893.

THE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY of New York has issued a very useful office calendar, which, for boldness of figures and attractive appearance, is equal to anything we have seen. Their desk-pad is also a very good one. We presume they may be obtained by any business firm on application to the agents of the company.

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.

ON TUESDAY LAST, at the meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, Bro. William Belsham, P.M. 733, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. George Coleman, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. Robert F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. We heartily wish the W.M. a successful and happy year of office.

MORE MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE.—After a long discussion on Wednesday, the Liverpool City Council, by 29 votes to 13, decided to offer to purchase from the Liverpool Electric Supply Company, Limited, the whole undertaking of the company as a going concern this year, instead of waiting until the period when the corporation could compel the company to sell.

THE *South African Masonic Record* notes the interesting and curious fact that the W.M. of the Lodge de Goede Trouw, N.C., is an Englishman, as is the R.W.M. of the Lorne Lodge, S.C.; the W.M. of the Lodge de Goede Hoop, N.C., is a Welshman; while the W.M. of the British Lodge, E.C., is an Irishman; that of the Carnarvon, E.C., is a Scotchman.

AT A MEETING of the Dagmar Chapter of Instruction, held at the Half Moon Hotel, Borough High-street, on Friday, the 4th inst., Comp. Morley, on behalf of himself and Comp. Kite, presented the chapter with six handsome new jewels for the officers' collars. They were accepted by Comp. Walker, M.E.Z., who thanked Comps. Morley and Kite for their kindness, and informed them that a hearty vote of thanks would be recorded on the minutes to them.

SOME MASONS have remarkable ideas on Masonry. At a recent Masonic function a visitor, in responding, expressed his regret that the meeting had not been more freely advertised, as he should judge from his experience that evening, that the body would be fairly successful if it gave more publicity to its proceedings, and he had no doubt many initiates could be got to join if they only knew, &c. The brother was, doubtless, somewhat surprised at the absence of enthusiasm in the reception of his remarks, which may be explained from the fact that the body in question for the past 17 years has prided itself on securing Masonic quality at the expense of quantity.

WE ARE SOMETIMES led to advise those seeking membership in the fraternity to keep out of it because they cannot afford it. A man has no right to join any society at the expense of his own or his family's comfort. Masonry is not an asylum or school of correction, intended to reform men; it seeks only to make reformed men better; neither is it an institution of benevolence, where the man goes to receive certain monetary benefits or better a crippled condition; it takes care of its own when misfortune overtakes them. He should be able to support himself and family, and to lay aside something for a rainy day, before he joins a Masonic lodge.—*Australasian Keystone*.

TABLEAUX VIVANTS, under the patronage of the Duchess of Teck, will be given at Chelsea Town Hall, at 8.30 p.m., on Tuesday next, in aid of the poor of Chelsea and Kensal Town. This entertainment promises well, since the management of the tableaux is in such practised hands as Mrs. Jopling, Mr. G. A. Storey, A.R.A., Mr. G. P. Jacob Hood, and others of well-known name. Tickets can be obtained from Lady Adeliza Manners, Belgrave Mansions, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.; from Mr. Bertram F. Hartshorne, 41, Elm Park Gardens, S.W.; from Mr. Hailey Audain, New Travellers' Club, Piccadilly, W.; and Messrs. Gastrell, 15, Sussex-place, S.W. The Duchess of Teck intends to be present at a matinee performance of the tableaux to take place later on.

THE DEATH of the once celebrated Mrs. Bloomer is announced. In all probability her name will never be entirely forgotten, because she had the good, or evil, fortune to impress the peculiar hideousness of the costume which she wore, but did not, as a matter of fact, invent, upon the mind of Leech, who enshrined it in immortal caricatures. A Mrs. Miller was, we believe, the real inventor of the costume. It is to be feared that Mrs. Bloomer's apprehension that she would be famous only as the woman who wore trousers will be justified, though she did a good deal of real philanthropic work, and was not nearly so foolish as her ridiculous dress made people think her.

WE FREQUENTLY HEAR the phrase "ancient constitutions," and appeals, are frequently made to them as supreme authority. This is all a mistake. The "ancient constitutions" referred to are simply the Constitution, or "General Regulations," of the Grand Lodge of England as adopted by that body when they "approved" the Charges as compiled by Anderson. These "Regulations" for the Government of the Craft in England are enactments based upon the Charges; or, in other words, they are simply the Constitution of that Grand Lodge, and are of no more authority beyond the jurisdiction of that body than is the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan or that of any other Grand Lodge. The Regulations may be changed at pleasure, so that they do not contravene the Charges; they have been changed frequently since they were first adopted, and will probably be again.—*American Tyler*.

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

BRO. JOHN GAGGIN asserts that there is a sort of Masonry practised among the cannibals of the Fiji Islands.

THE DEMAND for the costume cards issued by the "Johannis" Company has been so great that the stock of 25,000 has been exhausted.

THE CHARACTER of a wise man consists in three things—to do himself what he tells others to do; act on no occasion contrary to justice; and to bear with the weaknesses of those around him.

WHATEVER be the cause of happiness may also be the cause of misery. The medicine, which rightly applied, has power to cure, has, when rashness and ignorance prescribes it, the same power to destroy.

A PAPER is published in Rome by the clerical party, and the Vatican has issued orders to all priests, compelling them to publish the names of all Masons in their parishes, particularly the leaders and officers of lodges.

AT THE LATE MEETING of the Grand Lodge of Illinois some one placed an Overseers' square on Grand Master Coburn's bald head, and remarked: "It is neither oblong nor square, but owing to its singular form and beauty I am unwilling to reject it." It passed.

IF YOU HAVE ambition for Masonic honours you must attend your lodge regularly and endeavour to do well the work assigned to you. Then obeying its moral precepts, thereby gaining the respect of your brethren, you will climb to the top of the ladder. Taking the degrees places you only inside of the door; you must earn the honours.

HYRAM LODGE OF TURN-SEVERIN, Roumania, which has, since 1865, existed under the Grand Orient Lusitania in the Orient of Lissabon, has received the distinction to use the additional name of "La Meritante." Besides this, two of its members have received the medal "Merite maconique," for their untiring efforts and Masonic zeal.

THE CONSTITUTION of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has this provision, which constitutes Article XV: "Electioneering in any way for office in the Grand Lodge is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offence shall not be eligible to office, and, if an officer, shall forfeit the office held by him; and the same rule shall apply to subordinate lodges. How would a similar law affect the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer with us?"

WE REGRET to announce the death, which occurred on Thursday, the 27th ult., from typhoid fever and pneumonia, of Mr. C. Lambert, the managing director of the London branch of Laird and Johnson (Limited), shawl and dress manufacturers, of Glasgow and Watling-street. The deceased gentleman, who was 52 years of age contracted the disease whilst on a visit to Glasgow a month ago. He was a nephew of Major G. Lambert, at whose residence, 12, Coventry-street, Piccadilly, he passed away after a brief illness. The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the principal mourners being the deceased's widow and Major Lambert.—*City Press*.

SO MOTE IT BE.—We love this quaint old response. To use it means unity borne of harmony, which is the key to heavenly enjoyment. It says we have sat together on the level, and profit has been its fruit; that we are better men by so doing, and as little things make up our natural Temple, so these meetings from time to time, build up our spiritual. It should be our aim to make these words golden. Let them be an echo from the heart. They are a benediction born of Charity which has its sustenance from a world unseen by mortal eyes—the source of all inspiration. For more than a century has this Masonic saying been borne heavenward as incense. We trust, as the years roll by, they will be dearer, as the sun of that land of rest begins to shed its lustre over the mountain peaks which look upon the landscape where a weary footfall is never heard, and tears and sighs are aliens.—*Dr. R. Adams*.

THEFT FROM A LODGE.—At the Northumberland Epiphany Sessions, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, Elias Burnett, aged 36, labourer, was indicted for stealing one bottle of gin, one bottle of rum, one bottle of port wine, and two bottles of vinegar, the property of Matthew Armstrong and others at Alnwick on October 28th, 1894. Mr. Strachan appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Blake defended. Matthew Armstrong gave evidence to the effect that he was Master of the Alnwick Lodge of Freemasons in October last. The meetings were held at the Freemasons' Hall, in Alnwick, where there was an ante-room, and the property in that room was vested in the Master for the time being. Witness on the 28th October went to the ante-room and found that it had been broken into. Witness gave information to the police, and on returning to the hall found that the place had been entered again, and that some full bottles were missing. He had known prisoner for 30 or 40 years. Prisoner was not a brother Mason, but he had been engaged to work in the hall. The Steward of the lodge identified the bottles produced which were found in the house of the prisoner. A police-constable said that when he went to the prisoner's house he found him with a cup of rum in his hand. He explained that he was going to take it to a neighbour. A police-sergeant said that when the prisoner was arrested he said, "It's all the drink; you cannot put the vinegar against me; you did not find that in my house." The defence was to the effect that prisoner, who was the worse for drink, was walking past a field next the Masonic Hall, where he saw some boys drinking from a bottle. They ran away, and prisoner went to the spot and found the bottles produced. Then, foolishly, in his drunken state, he thought he had got a "find," and took the bottles home. The entrance had been made by breaking a window, and the defence urged that the size of the hole in the glass was much more in accordance with the theft of boys than with that of a substantial man like the prisoner. Prisoner was found not guilty of breaking into the premises and stealing the goods, but they found him guilty on a second count of receiving the goods well knowing them to have been stolen. Prisoner was sent to prison for one month.