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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The time has arrived when it is necessary, or at all events desirable, that we should again call attention to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This, the first of the great anniversary gatherings of the year, will be held, as our readers no doubt have already learned from our advertisement columns, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th February, under the auspices of Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire. There are, therefore, only about six weeks in which to complete the arrangements that Bro. TERRY and his staff have been making for several months past in view of this important gathering. The principal of these arrangements is the organisation of a Board of Stewards to support his lordship's advocacy. In our issue of the 22nd ult., we were fortunately in a position to announce that this Board consisted at the time of not far short of 180 members, and Bro. TERRY, in one of his speeches at the New Year's entertainment on the 2nd inst. to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, stated that on that day the number had been increased to 184 or 12 more than at the corresponding date in 1894. In the fortnight that has since elapsed this total of 184 has been augmented to about 215, and in the interval that remains between now and the 27th prox. there is every prospect that it will reach to at least 299—the figure at which it stood on the day of last year's Festival, while it is quite on the cards that the Board may ultimately prove still more numerous. It is useless, however, for us to be speculating about a matter which will, of necessity, remain in a condition of uncertainty till the very last moment. What we desire to do is to support Bro. TERRY in the very great efforts he is now making to strengthen his Board of Stewards, while there is still time for the new-comers to be able to render efficient service. Even those who volunteer their services at the last moment, are acceptable, firstly from the example they set to other brethren to come forward and do likewise, and secondly and chiefly—so far as the funds of the Institution are concerned—by reason of the personal donations they almost invariably give in order to qualify as recipients of the Charity jewel or of an additional bar thereto. But, as a matter of course, those brethren are the most valuable Stewards who volunteer in time to allow of their soliciting subscriptions and donations, either from the lodges or chapters they propose to represent or from their friends both within and outside Masonry. These are they who contrive to build up the "big lists" to which it is our privilege to refer in terms of just commendation in our analytical articles. While, therefore, there are still some few weeks to elapse ere the day appointed for the celebration arrives, it is our duty to urge upon those who may be contemplating to serve as Stewards, that they should lose no time in forwarding their names to Bro. TERRY, and obtaining from him supplies of those forms and that information as to the condition and requirements of the Charity, which those who go a-cavvassing find such useful auxiliaries in their endeavours to charm the guineas out of the pockets of their friends. Much may be done in the interval that remains in the way of compiling, if not big lists, at all events lists that will not have the effect of depreciating the average.

It is indeed most important that a large total should be obtained on this occasion. The Returns from the Festivals that were held in 1893 and 1894 amounted together—if we omit the sum paid for a Perpetual Presentation—to not much more than £20,000, or at the rate of some £10,000 per annum, while the sum annually disbursed among the annuitants is in round figures £16,000. So large a deficit was to be expected after the stupendous success of the Jubilee of 1892, but the advantages which the friends of the Institution have been hoping to see realised from that success will be thrown away, or in great measure neutralised, if the brethren take much longer in restoring the yearly Festival Returns to the old and necessary average. We know what has happened in the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which celebrated its Centenary in 1888 by raising £51,000, and which, though it obtained £14,000 in 1893, and £18,000 in 1894, has only averaged about £11,000 a year at the six Festivals that have been held since 1888, as compared with the average of £12,000 or £13,000 during the years that preceded it. With this experience to serve as a warning, it will be an act of folly if the Craft forgets to realise that a sum of close upon £16,000 is required annually in order to enable the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to fulfil the obligations which have been entered into by its Committee of Management. But the needs just now are even greater than we have depicted them. At the meeting of the Committee, on the 9th instant, the last batch of petitions that will be included in the lists for the May election were dealt with, and we are thus enabled to announce that the male candidates for this year's ballot will number 67, and the widow candidates 51. At present the

number of vacancies for which those will compete is seven on the Male Fund, and four on the Widows' Fund, so that, as matters stand at present, and taking into account the three deferred annuitants on each Fund, it will be possible to elect in May only 17 old men and women out of a grand total of 118. We are prepared for the occurrence of further deaths among the 435 annuitants at present on the establishment in the interval between now and the third Friday in May; but, though, as has been the case for several years past, the vacancies as declared at the February Committee have been invariably increased in number by the morning of the election, there must still remain a very large proportion of these unfortunate brethren and widows of brethren to whom it will be impossible to extend the benefits of the Institution. Even if the Returns should prove to be larger than we have any reason for anticipating they will be, the number of those who will be left out in the cold will be considerable; nor do we think the Committee of Management, unless, indeed, the total of Donations and Subscriptions next month is exceptionally large, will be justified in creating any additional annuities. There is, indeed, the bare possibility that they may suggest an increase in the Male Annuities from 195 to 200, but, as we have just said, it will be necessary that the Returns should be very large in order to justify this step, and there is no appearance of any such prospect being in view at the present moment. We therefore most earnestly entreat the lodges and brethren, both in town and country, to use their utmost exertions in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so that the total of the Returns, which it will be the privilege of Bro. TERRY to announce on the 27th February, may more nearly approximate to the sum required for the year's annuities than it has done at the last two Festivals. We know that Viscount DUNGARVAN and his Province of Somersetshire are working hard to attain this object. We know, also, that the other Provinces which have sent up Stewards, and the London lodges, so far as they are represented, will do their duty right loyally and generously; and as regards Bro. TERRY and his staff, that they, too, will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to score a success that will satisfy the needs of the year. But help is sorely needed, and for the sake of the distinguished brother who has undertaken the responsibility of presiding, and of the Stewards who are assisting him, but still more for the sake of the Institution itself—and the old men and women it succours in their declining years—we trust that help will be forthcoming on the day appointed.

FREEMASONRY IN LINCOLNSHIRE.*

Bro. William Dixon, P.M. 297 (the senior lodge in the county), has written the "History of Freemasonry in Lincolnshire," so thoroughly and so ably that he has left nothing for anyone else to do in that respect, save, as time rolls onward, to bring the work down to date, when later years and centuries come and go. It is, really and truly, a most exhaustive, interesting, and invaluable volume, not only for brethren in Lincolnshire, but for a far larger and wider circle of readers, who can appreciate Bro. Dixon's well directed researches, his conscientious labours, and the patience and care he has exercised from first to last to render this important and well got up history, all that could possibly be looked for or expected in such a work.

Many of the details are of considerable value, as respects their antiquity and character generally, and there is not an unreadable page in any of the numerous chapters. Not a few of us have been wishful for sometime past that Bro. Dixon would undertake this heavy duty, and, speaking for myself, I fear he will not feel over grateful for the fraternal pressure that was brought to bear on him, now that he has completed the large volume, which has involved so many months of incessant labour and anxiety.

The History has meant much more investigation, because such a number of old records have been brought to light, than was at first anticipated, so that what was expected to be but a small book has extended to a noble tome of nearly 400 pages.

The work is well arranged for perusal, and the full index at the end is a positive boon for the students of its numerous pages. Bro. Dixon begins with Freemasonry in Lincolnshire before the formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and naturally calls for Dr. Stukeley as first witness, who went to Grantham in 1726, and there "set up a body of Freemasons." Bro. Gould has written most pleasantly as to this old worthy in the Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge (vol. 6, 1893), and has prepared us, in a measure, for the interesting particulars cited by Bro. Dixon, both in reference to the learned Doctor and the local Craft at Grantham in 1726 (but not regularised), and also at Spalding from 1739. Some curious entries are quoted from the minute books of the "Spalding Gentlemen's

* A History of Freemasonry in Lincolnshire, &c., &c. By William Dixon, P.M. 297, Honorary Librarian of Provincial Grand Lodge. With an introduction by W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D. of England. Lincoln, Bro. James Williamson, 290, High-street, 1894.—[10s. 6d. post free].

Society," as to the old Lodge held at the "Bull" in that year, which was situated at "the East Side of the Town Hall."

The chief interest centres in the Records of the old Lodge, which was constituted in 1730 at the Siracen's Head. They begin, as respects the *Masters' Lodge*, in 1734, and are of the greatest importance in relation to the Third Degree. These extraordinary minutes should be carefully read and compared with others later on, and I am personally very pleased that they have thus been printed. The particulars as to Martin Clare, author of the "Defence of Masonry" (justly celebrated and never surpassed of the kind), about whom Bro. Gould has also written; also Sir Cecil Wray, and many other distinguished Masons, are of special value. The second lodge in Lincoln was constituted in 1737, and on the revival of the Society in the County, the St. Matthew's Lodge was formed in 1787 at Barton-upon-Humber, which kept on the Roll until 1851; followed by the Prince of Wales' Lodge at Gainsborough, which was chartered in the same year, the last entry in its Records being of 1808. The "Doric" at Grantham was started in 1791, but was erased seven years later. The Rev. W. Peters was Rector of Woolsthorpe, near this town, and as a most distinguished Mason, and also the first Prov. Grand Master of the Province, doubtless as Bro. Dixon suggests, he well backed up the petition for this new lodge, but his influence was insufficient to keep it active or prosperous for any time.

We are now introduced to the inauguration of the Prov. Grand Lodge in 1792, an interesting account of the origin and character of the office of Provincial Grand Master appropriately commencing these long and important chapters.

I cannot stay to describe the numerous and interesting details, biographies, and tables which are to be found in these 100 pages, dealing as they do with the Provincial Grand Lodge and its rulers for over a century. They cannot fail to make most pleasant and instructive reading for brethren in and out of the province.

The "Lodges formed since the establishment of Provincial Grand Lodge," commencing with the "Urania," at Brigg, of 20th October, 1792, to that of the "Ermine," at Lincoln, 21st January, 1890, are some 25 in number. There were only two "Ancient" lodges (the former noted being all "Moderns" or post "Union") started in Lincolnshire, one at Stamford, in 1803, and the other at Grimsby a few years later, but neither were prosperous, and died soon after their birth. Histories, more or less exhaustive, are appended of all these lodges, and then about 50 pages are devoted to the Rev. Samuel Oliver, and the celebrated Dr. George Oliver, full biographies of these old and esteemed worthies being appended, and a long account of the difficulties between Dr. Oliver and the local and Grand Lodge authorities through his support of Dr. Crucefix, P.G.D.

Royal Arch Masonry in the province has much interested me, especially as it goes back to 1788, and the old warrant of that year for No. 58, Barton-upon-Humber, is reproduced. Mark Masonry and Knight Templary are duly noted, and also the Provincial Charities, which are noble monuments and memorials of faithful Craftsmen, who were devoted to the Fraternity, locally and generally.

The numerous statistical tables and other details of value must be passed over now, so I must rest content with offering my sincere congratulations to Bro. Dixon on the successful completion of his labours.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE EMBER LODGE, No. 2540, AT EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

On Friday, the 11th inst., a new lodge was consecrated at Bro. Mayo's The Castle Hotel, Hampton Court Station, which is to bear the name of a tributary discharging itself into the Thames close by. The founders numbered 19 and are Bros. George Moorman, P.M. 1638 and 1981, P.P.G.P. Surrey, W.M. designate; T. H. R. Beck, P.M. 1981, 2146, P.P.G.D. Surrey, S.W. designate; H. Wheatley, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., J.W. designate; H. Woods, P.M. 1309, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. Robinson, W.M. 1149; J. H. Mayo, W.M. 2222; H. J. Brook, J.W. 2473; J. T. Mayo, J.W. 2222; F. Mills, S.D. 1638; J. Mayo, J.D. 1614; A. H. Bowers, C. Wheatley, 1512 and 2473; G. Alderton, 1981; T. A. Grisenthwaite, 857; J. Rothwell, 1981; J. J. Knox, 2222; A. Bard, 1981; W. Goddard, and D. Saines.

Among the visitors were Bros. Col. Gerard Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Secretary Surrey; Langton, P.P.G.W. Surrey; S. Hewett, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; A. J. Harris, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; J. W. Chapman, P.G.P. Surrey; H. J. Shelley, P.P.A.G.P. Surrey; Lewis and Burgess, P.G. Stewards Surrey; Dr. Segar, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; E. C. Crouch, P.M. 857; S. Ellis, W.M. 1981; F. Ford, 1901; W. G. Ford, 1901; W. Squires Codner, 2386; F. Swinford, 2024; J. Warren, P.M. 1343; Barry Lindon; Edgar Bownes, 2424; Vernon Lee, 1288; F. Lockett, S.W. 2222; C. F. Davis, S.D. 1981; Morris Martwell, 179; A. B. Whiteley, 1613; R. Grendon Twaite, 857; and S. J. Tagg Hemming, 151.

The lodge was formally opened by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., assisted by Bro. S. Hewett, P.P.G.S.B., as S.W., and Bro. Dr. Segar, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., as J.W.

The Consecrating Officer opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and by virtue of his power resumed to the Second Degree, and the opening hymn, "Hail eternal," was then sung by the brethren.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed those present in most appropriate and felicitous terms on the nature of the meeting, and the P.G. Chap. offered prayer.

The brethren of the lodge having been arranged and presented to the P.G. Master, the P.G. Secretary read the warrant dated 5th December, 1894, and the petitioners having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the P.G. Chaplain delivered an oration on the subject of Freemasonry.

The lodge being dedicated and duly constituted,

The W.M. designate, Bro. G. Moorman, P.P.G.P. Surrey, was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, and in a most impressive manner he installed him into the chair of K.S. as first Master of the Ember Lodge.

The W.M. having been duly proclaimed, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. R. Beck, P.P.G.D. Surrey, S.W.; H. Wheatley, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., J.W.; H. Woods, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; acting I.P.M.; A. H. Bowers, Treas.; H. J. Brooke, Sec.; C. Wheatley, S.D.; G. Alderton, J.D.; F. Mills, I.G.; J. H. Mayo, D.C.; and J. Rothwell and T. A. Grisenthwaite, Stwds.

At the close of the installation ceremony, a vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M. to Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., who alluded to the splendid working of the ceremony that day, and asked him to accept, in the name of the lodge, a founder's jewel as a mark of their thanks, also to commemorate the occasion, and, further, he asked him to be allowed the honour of making him an honorary member.

The jewel was of massive gold, and had a bar on the top with the words, "Consecrating Master;" beneath this are the emblems of office of P.G. Master; under this another gold bar and enamel, lettering "Consecrated 1895;" then there is a hand-painted and enamelled view of the old rustic bridge over the River Embur with the waters rushing beneath, and on a garter around this view are the words "Ember Lodge, No. 2540," each of the founders had a similar jewel pinned to their breast as a memento of the event, on each of which there is a small token denoting their respective appointments that night.

Bro. Col. MONEY gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and said he felt sure from what he knew of the working and Masonic spirit of the principal officers appointed in the establishment of the lodge, he predicted for it unbounded success.

Honorary membership was conferred upon the other Provincial Grand Officers who had assisted in the ceremony.

Three propositions were given in for initiation, and two joining members, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to host Mayo's banquetting room, where a banquet was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Mayo.

After the repast the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in pleasant terms, but with commendable brevity, and which were heartily responded to.

Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D. Eng., responded for "The Grand Officers."

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Master" met with a most enthusiastic reception, for he, like his Deputy, are most popular throughout the province.

The acting I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He congratulated him on his appointment, and wished him every happiness during his year of office.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. G. MOORMAN, in replying, was most enthusiastically received, he paying a warm tribute of praise to the Masonic experience of his officers, especially to Bros. Beck and Wheatley, his Senior and Junior Wardens, who both have previously been awarded provincial honours by their respective provinces, Surrey and Middlesex, for their labours in the Craft.

"The Visitors" toast having been duly honoured was suitably responded to by Bros. HEWETT, BURGESS, LUCAS, and J. W. MOORMAN.

The toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening, and a successful meeting.

The pleasures of the evening both at the consecration and at the banquetting table were greatly enhanced by the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bros. A. H. Bowers, and T. A. Grisenthwaite, ably assisted by Bros. Barry Lindon, Edgar Bownes, Frank Swinford, Victor Oppermann, and Vernon Lee, whose musical renderings were much appreciated and applauded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST P.G. MASTER.

The gathering which took place on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, will not readily be forgotten by those who were privileged to participate in it. Mark Masons came from all parts of the country to testify their interest in the inauguration of the new Province of Derbyshire, and their personal regard and goodwill to its first ruler. The handsome edifice was crowded, and among those present were many brethren whose Masonic zeal and influence are widely known.

The circumstances leading up to the constitution of the Province of Derbyshire are entitled to some notice. Locally speaking, Mark Masonry is an institution of recent growth. Practically, it dates from the establishment of the Derby Lodge, some fifteen years ago. It is true that the Duke of Connaught Lodge had then been some time in existence, but it is to the remarkable success which attended the movement in the county town that the recognition of Derbyshire as a prosperous home of the Degree must be attributed. The consecration of the William Kelly Lodge at Burton-on-Trent, the Dove Valley Lodge at Ashbourne, the Ilkeston Lodge, and the St. Martin's Lodge at Alfreton, led to a large increase of numerical strength; indeed, Derbyshire speedily became the most important branch of the United Province to which it was attached. In process of times suggestions were made as to the advisability of running Derbyshire as a separate province, but the brethren were reluctant to sever their allegiance to so eminent and venerable a chief as Bro. Wm. Kelly, the oldest of Provincial Grand Mark Masters. It was not until after the decease of this estimable gentleman that decisive steps were taken to split up the old Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland. There was no hesitation on the part of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to extend to this county the distinction of a separate province, and when it subsequently transpired that his Royal Highness had appointed as its first P.G. Master a Mason so able, so experienced, and personally so popular as Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, it was felt that the cause in Derbyshire was morally bound to gain in influence and in prosperity. Bro. Woodiwiss, for many years, has worked unceasingly to promote the general interests of the Masonic body, but his intimate friends have not failed to perceive that for the Mark Degree he has always exhibited a particular fondness. Having served nearly all the offices and passed through the chair of the Derby Lodge, and obtained the honour of Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Woodiwiss's services received substantial recognition at headquarters, the honour of Grand Master Overseer (Eng.) being conferred upon him. The Board of General Purposes next claimed his attention, and for some time past he has been an active member of that body. He has now been chosen to bear a responsibility greater, in some cases, to any he has previously sustained; but that his ability and tact will enable him to give a good account of himself, no one competent to judge entertains the least doubt. It may be added that the rest of the old province has been subdivided, and that Lord Euston, not content with the almost continuous demands made upon his time by the duties of Pro Grand Master of England, has consented to preside over the new Provinces of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

Monday's installation ceremony was preceded by an ordinary meeting of the Derby Mark Lodge, presided over by Bro. William Cooper.

After it had been closed, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, entered, accompanied by a number of Grand Officers, and was received and saluted with customary formalities. Lord Euston was supported by Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire (who acted as Deputy P.G. Master in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan); Colonel Cook, P.G. Master of Middlesex, S.G.W.; C. H. Driver, P.G.O., J.G.W.; C. F. Matier, G.S.W., Grand Sec.; Charles Belton, P.G.O., Grand Inner Guard; J. B. Cockburn, G.D.C., D. of C.; and the Rev. W. Trevor Parkin, P.G.C., Chap.

After the observance of divers formalities, including the production and examination of the patent of appointment granted by the Prince of Wales to the new P.G. Master, Bro. Woodiwiss was admitted into the lodge escorted by a group of Past Masters, two of whom carried the various emblems of his high office.

The patent was then read, and the ceremony of installation duly carried into effect by Bro. the Earl of Euston with much impressiveness. In the course of a brief address concerning the nature of his duties and the qualifications of the office to which Bro. Woodiwiss had been appointed, the Prov. Grand Master took occasion to express the pleasure he derived from being present on that occasion. He had followed Bro. Woodiwiss's career with deep interest, and had formed the highest opinion of his zeal and ability. That his appointment would be amply justified by results he entertained no doubt whatever.

Bro. Woodiwiss having been formally proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint as his Deputy Bro. Edward C. Milligan, to whose long and honourable Masonic career he referred in appreciative terms.

After the transaction of some further formal business the P.G. Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers in the following order:

Bro. J. Howell	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Beadon Woodforde	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. R. Fielding	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Tatam	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" A. Wither	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. T. Orrell	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. W. Groves	...	...
" William Cooper	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Percy Wallis	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Whittaker	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. Tarver	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Diamond	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Stacey	...	...	Prov. G. I. of Wks.
" J. H. Orme	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Elphinstone	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Slack	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Beardmore	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. L. Dodd	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. H. Harrison	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Hern	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.

Bro. WOODIWISS then delivered a short speech expressive of his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him. It was an honour, he said, which he had neither coveted or expected, but one he was deeply sensible of. Especially complimented did he feel by reason of the willingness shown by the M.W. Prov. Grand Master to install him, and his presence that day attended by so many eminent Grand Officers. Incidentally, Bro. Woodiwiss alluded to the labours of the late Bro. Kelly, and to the esteem entertained for him. Turning to the future, he invited the co-operation of all Mark Masons in the province. If they were to succeed, it must be by united effort. He had, he believed, secured the support of an able Deputy in the person of Bro. Milligan, but he looked to every officer and every member of the rank and file to assist him. He paid a high tribute to the zeal and capacity of Bro. Wallis, to whom they ought all to feel indebted for accepting the arduous position of Prov. Grand Secretary. In conclusion, he said they had done a great deal of work in the past, but there was a great deal to be done in the future. He saw no reason why they should not look for the establishment of a Mark lodge in every centre of population in the county.

Various business committees were appointed, and a hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the Earl of Euston and the officers of Grand Lodge for their services, and suitably acknowledged by his lordship, the lodge was closed.

It ought to be added that the whole of the arrangements passed off admirably, thanks in no small degree to the skill and assiduity displayed by Bro. Percy Wallis, who, as acting P.G. Secretary, had been actively employed for several weeks past in preparing for the occasion.

Later in the evening the brethren, to the number of about 120, dined together in the Athenaeum Room, under the presidency of the P.G. Master. An elegant banquet was capably served by Miss Baker, the manageress of the Royal Hotel, and elicited the warmest expressions of approval.

The toast list was a brief one.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been honoured,

Bro. WOODIWISS submitted "The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, Present and Past."

To this the Earl of Euston replied, and subsequently proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss," that brother duly responding.

Bro. W. J. PIER proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," to which a response was made by Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

Bro. W. H. MARSDEN gave "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," replies being made by Bros. MILLIGAN, JOHN HOWELL, and WM. WHITTAKER.

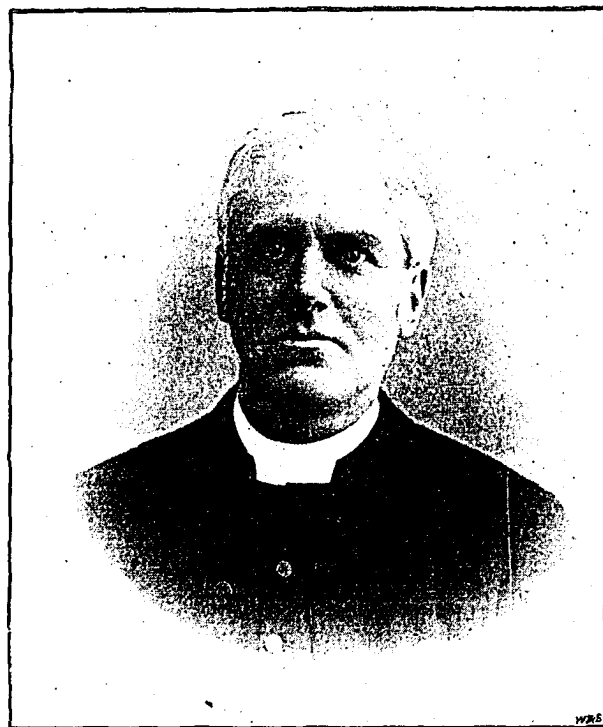
In the course of the evening the PROV. GRAND MASTER referred to the nomination of Bro. Percy Wallis for the office of Grand Treasurer, and having dwelt upon the many claims of that brother upon their gratitude and esteem, urged upon all qualified to vote in Grand Lodge to attend on the day of election, and see that the interests of their friend were not neglected.

Our Portrait Gallery.



W. BRO. REV. STEPHEN LEA WILSON, W.M. 1845.

The accompanying portraits are those of Bros. the Rev. Stephen Lea Wilson and the Rev. W. Quennell, the first and present Worshipful Masters respectively of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504. The former was a founder of the lodge, and was installed W.M. on the 1st January, 1845. He was at the time a curate in Berkhamstead, and exhibited so much ability in the discharge of his Masonic duties, that, on vacating the chair at the close of his year of office, he was presented by the brethren with a pocket communion service. So long as he retained his curacy, Bro. Wilson remained one of the most active members of the lodge, his services being fully recognised by the Grand Master, who, more than once selected him for the post of Prov. Grand Chaplain. On removing from Berkhamstead to another sphere of clerical duty in the adjoining Province of Essex, Bro. Wilson still continued to exhibit his interest in Masonry. He was installed W.M. of a lodge at Barking, which has since become defunct, and was rewarded for his labours with the appointment of Prov. Grand Chaplain. Our respected brother, who was invited to be present at the Jubilee Celebration of the Berkhamstead Lodge, was prevented by age and infirmity from



W. BRO. REV. W. QUENNELL, W.M. 1895.

accepting the invitation, but his letter of regret at being unable to attend contained his heartfelt wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodge, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes. We imagine it must be almost, if not quite, a unique case in the history of our lodges that the first W. Master of one which was consecrated 50 years since should be living, and but for the state of his health, prepared, as we have said, to take part in the proceedings of its jubilee meeting. Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell, who, on the 9th instant, was installed the 51st Master of the lodge, has also rendered efficient service to the Craft. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Hertfordshire, and in that capacity delivered one of the ablest addresses it has been our privilege to read, on the occasion of the consecration of the Bushay Hall Lodge, No. 2323. Bro. Quennell is a P.M. of a lodge in Essex, and a Past Grand Chaplain of that province, so that here again we are met by a rare coincidence—that of the first and 51st W.M.s. of a lodge in Hertfordshire being subsequently in the one case a Past Grand Chaplain in the other, W.M. of a lodge in Essex, and both of them Grand Chaplains in these contiguous provinces.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

We have very much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale has very kindly promised to preside as Chairman at the next anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. His lordship is Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Mark Lodge, and, as the Earl of Lathom, his father, is a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and the Province of Lancashire, to which they both belong, the strongest in England, there are good grounds for anticipating a large amount of success at this anniversary, which, we imagine, will be held about the usual time—that is, in the month of July.

The late Bro. G. P. Britten, who died recently, and to whose memory several well-merited tributes of respect have been paid by the press, was, till within

the last few years of his life, one of the most regular attendants at the Board of Benevolence, and whenever a more than usually distressing case came before the brethren, his voice was always raised in favour of treating it generously. But this differs materially from the course which has been ascribed to him—that he made a point of pleading for such a grant to an unfortunate brother as would reinstate him in his old position. Bro. Britten was a man of the world, who, in his time, had had a large business experience, and none would have known better than he that such recommendations would have been preposterous, even if the funds of the Board of Benevolence had been sufficient to furnish such grants.

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At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana it was resolved to deprive non-affiliates of all Masonic rights except that of petitioning to be restored to membership. Therefore, if a non-affiliate is in distress, he must remain so, if he dies by the way-side, he must be buried like a dog, if he leaves a widow and children they must perish for want of necessities. Such, at least, is the resolution at which the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Montana have arrived, and we know they are honourable men, all of them, and Masons inspired with the purest feelings of Charity towards their brother Masons.

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But what of the Grand Lodge of Montana? Well, it is a body that was established 30 years ago. It has some 37 lodges on its roll, with an aggregate membership of 2354. Its receipts last year were 4600 dollars (£920), and its disbursements 3500 dollars (£700), in which we presume is included the 440 dollars (£88) appropriated to Charity. It has a balance in hand of upwards of 4300 dollars (£860) and a Charity Fund of about 750 dollars (£150). This is the Grand Lodge of Montana, which is thus contributing its help in building up the laws which shall govern the future destinies of the venerable Craft of Masonry.

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The Grand Lodge of Delaware held its 88th Annual Communication at Wilmington in October last. In this case the body numbers only 21 lodges with a total membership of 1975. In the report of the proceedings, which we have read, there is no resolution about non-affiliates of the character we have referred to in connection with the Grand Lodge of Montana, but the compiler of the report on Correspondence is of opinion that "brethren socially inclined should meet the expenses from their own pockets." The *Voice of Masonry* in commenting on this expresses its belief that "Masonic entertainments" occasionally given by a lodge are "just as necessary to lodge success as are regular and special communications. Even an occasional collation will do much to overcome the too cold and formal restraint of association in the lodge room." Well, said, *Voice*! We thank thee for exhibiting so much good sense. What a beautiful society Freemasonry will in time become, how happy in itself, and how charitable towards others, if these fiddling little Grand Lodges of yesterday's growth are to have a share in framing the laws for its future government! Thank heaven, while the *Voice of Masonry* and similar publications are able to guide Masonic opinion in the United States, and while the more important Grand Lodges are able to exercise their just influence, there is little danger to be feared to the true character of Masonry.

Correspondence.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the interests alike of our deserving Charities and those upon whom they depend for support, I venture to ask you to give publicity to the following, since nothing is more injurious to the many cases of distress around us than the begging impostor, the cause of many a hasty resolution to give alms to none in order to be on the safe side.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., a few hours after publication of your issue containing an account of the installation meeting of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, I received at my office a call from a man, undoubtedly a Mason, representing himself to be in great distress, and coming with a recommendation for assistance from a much beloved Grand Officer and P.M. of that lodge, and presenting a letter purporting to have been written by an officer of high rank.

Unfortunately, however, for my visitor, my brother I.P.M., upon whom he had practised the same deception with some success just a year before, had very kindly and thoughtfully warned me against this individual only two days previously, so that I was not altogether unprepared to receive him, and being able to identify him by the message he sent to me, I soon had a

detective in attendance to whom I introduced him, after taking down sufficient particulars to justify that step.

I need only add that admitting his identity the rogue had a very uncomfortable time of it for the next half hour or so, and in the end (after being refreshed with cold water and repaying, so far as his funds would allow, the sum obtained from my brother I.P.M.) was heartily glad to get off with his liberty, and to oblige me with the loan of his interesting stock-in-trade, consisting (*inter alia*) of his Masonic certificate (an Italian one, which has seen much service), and a carefully prepared list of the names and addresses of the officers and some of the other members of the Albion Lodge and other similar lists, relating no doubt to other lodges, as well as a copy of your valuable paper, a Masonic calendar and other incriminating evidence, which I thought might assist me in prosecuting further inquiries, and which he has not yet given me the opportunity of returning.

As his signature appears to agree with that upon the Italian certificate, I am inclined to the opinion that he is the man there described as "Martin Carlot," and is an Italian by birth; he was, however, a year ago, sailing under the name of "Edwin Stein," but that which is of greater importance is his personal description, which is as follows: Age, about 35 years, less than average height (being about five feet two inches), light in build, dark complexion, a long and naturally sallow face with hollow cheeks, quick in speech with slight foreign accent, and, when he favoured me, clean shaven with close cut hair, and rather too well dressed for his profession, but a few weeks would suffice to alter these latter details.

Should he call upon any brother who may read this, I trust the above particulars will insure his identification and be the means of saving, for a better cause, money which is so earnestly needed for those Charities to which we have the privilege of subscribing, with the confidence that their funds will reach deserving cases only.—Yours fraternally,

STRATTON GERRISH.

January 16th.

THE CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 656.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to some editorial remarks on the above subject in your last issue, as a member of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, I would remind you that the Grand Lodge of England, on the 7th of June, 1893, passed a resolution, by a large majority, confirming the said lodge in its rights and privileges. This resolution was confirmed by Grand Lodge on the 6th of September, 1893, and in conformity with such resolution the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, is now working in the City of Sydney, New South Wales.

I would further remind you that the lodge appears in its numerical order in the Grand Lodge Calendar for the present year, as *vide* page 126, also page 207.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LANONBY.

January 16th.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The question as to whether this fraternal greeting ought to be discontinued or not seems to be getting mixed. I do not think the matter has so far been fairly explained, either for or against, and I should like to see some authoritative ruling upon the question. Looking at it from my own point of view, it presents itself as follows:—

First—Should a Grand Officer give "Hearty good wishes" from Grand Lodge? I think not, because the W.M. of the Lodge, the Wardens, and Past Masters are just as much members of Grand Lodge as the brother who wears the purple therefore it would simply be giving to the W.M. fraternal greetings from himself to himself.

Secondly—The same applies to Provincial Grand Officers in their own province.

Thirdly—Ought a brother to give "Hearty good wishes" from his own lodge when visiting? In this case the circumstances are entirely altered, because the W.M. of the lodge visited has no *locus standi* in the visitor's lodge; consequently the brother is, according to my idea, quite in order in expressing his thanks for the kind reception extended through him to his lodge—he being a subscribing member at the time may justly be said to represent that lodge. Still further, if we refer to the first section of the First Lecture we find that "Hearty good wishes" are given there as part of the introduction of a brother.

In West Lancashire they have established a custom for none but the W.M. of a lodge to give "Hearty good wishes," but why this should be so is far beyond my comprehension, seeing that by the Constitutions the "Master and Wardens" are enjoined to visit other lodges for the purpose of cultivating a good understanding amongst Freemasons (see clause 149). Is it to be understood, then, that the Wardens are not to acknowledge the courtesies extended to them during such visits? To my mind the Master "in the lodge" is undoubtedly supreme, but out of it he has no more interest in the lodge than the Wardens (who are now joint trustees with him as to the furniture, &c.), nor has he any privileges beyond those of any subscribing brother, except, of course, in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, and in regard to matters pertaining to the government of his own lodge.—I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.G.W.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,

I note with pleasure the letter in your current issue signed "Ex-Secretary," and, feeling that the question involved is one of real importance to the Craft, I should be glad indeed if our "Board of General Purposes" would take the matter as to the proper delivery of Masonic certificates into their serious consideration, and lay down a rule of guidance for lodges to definitely act upon.

Some few years ago, I well remember a man applying to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, for pecuniary relief, and, as evidence of his *bona fides*, he sent in a Scotch certificate *unsigned*. I did not feel warranted in impounding it, but took full particulars of same, and wrote the Grand Secretary (S.C.) thereon. I had a most courteous letter from Bro. Murray Lyon in reply, thanking me, and grieving the loose way in which some lodges delivered their certificates.

As Secretary of an old lodge, I have some dozen of unclaimed certificates delivered over to me by my predecessors. I "guard," but know not what else to do with them.

A curious thing recently occurred anent one of these said unclaimed certificates. In course of conversation with a neighbour, Masonry was spoken of, and I told him I had his own certificate at home, and promised to give it him, but he denied it, and showed me *his* framed (facsimile).

Having taken particulars, Grand Secretary's office told me that the one I hold is the original, but a duplicate had undoubtedly been issued to my friend, but nothing on the face of his serves to show it is a duplicate.

Possession of a lodge certificate does not concern most of us London brethren; but to many of those away it is a valued treasure. The "*ne varietur*" is *invaluable*. I do hope it will ever be faithfully adhered to.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours in fraternity,

EDWIN STORR, P.M., Sec. 167.

January 13th.

The Craft Abroad.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES.

The ceremony of Dedicating the new temple of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, to Freemasonry took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., and was largely attended by most of the old and distinguished Masons in the colony.

Established in the year 1861, this lodge has had, during its varying career, no less than five removals to different places of meeting in the City of Port of Spain, but we are glad to say that its last has found it in a building that could not be better adapted to the uses of a lodge, and, better still, in a property of its own.

On March 2nd last, the first meeting was held in the new temple, and prosperity has been with it throughout the year, which came to a close with the dedication ceremony on the 27th ult., which also formed a suitable termination to the most brilliant year of the lodge's existence under the able mastership of Bro. Samuel Henderson.

The following brethren were present at the ceremony: Bro. Samuel Henderson, W.M.; James Laing, I.P.M.; A. D. P. Owen, P.M.; Robert Stiren, P.M.; Edgar Tripp, P.M.; F. A. Skut, P.M.; F. Wippenbeck, P.M.; H. Wainwright, P.M.; Carl O. Bock, S.W.; Samuel Wood, J.W.; Theodore Tanner, Treas.; George Huggins, Sec.; J. A. Harragin, S.D.; J. H. Hart, J.D.; H. Healey, I.G.; John Griffith, Tyler, and 21 other members, besides the following visitors: Bros. Sir F. Napier Broome, K.C.M.G., P.D.G.S.W. Western Australia; His Lordship The Bishop of Trinidad, P.M.; Sir John Goldney, P.M.; The Hon. C. C. Knollys, C.M.G. P.D.D.G.M. Barbadoes; Col. A. Man, P.M. 54; the Hon. Conrad F. Stollmeyer, P.M.; C. W. Norman, P.M. J. McCracken, 405; J. Palmer, 438; R. J. Miller, 867; W. S. Marshall, 1549; Cyril Monier-Williams, and many others.

Lodge was opened, and the W.M., Bro. SAMUEL HENDERSON, addressed the brethren, and asked Bro. C. C. Knollys, P.D.D.G.M., of Barbadoes, to preside; he readily consented, and appointed Bro. Henderson to act as S.W., and Bro. James Laing, I.P.M., as J.W.

Bro. EDGAR TRIPP, P.M., then delivered an able and feeling address to the lodge, giving a short account of the different changes that had taken place in the course of the now prosperous lodge, and expressed the hope that ere long it would succeed in establishing in Trinidad a "Fund of Benevolence" under its management.

At the conclusion, the PRESIDING OFFICER, assisted by Bro. his lordship the Bishop, as Prelate, performed the solemn ceremony of dedication.

After the lodge closed, the brethren assembled in the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed, and the usual toasts proposed and drunk heartily.

Too much cannot be said of those brethren who undertook the various duties of decoration, &c., which was so faithfully discharged.

We may say that on this occasion Trinidad witnessed a most brilliant assemblage of Masons, and that the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, located as it now is, is certainly an ornament to the fraternity.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Bedford Lodge (No. 157).—The installation meeting of this old lodge at Freemasons' Hall on the 11th inst. was a most successful gathering, and the manner in which the work was done reflected the greatest credit on the workers. Bro. J. Bruton, P.M. 2006, P.D.P.G.D.C. Essex, presided, and he had to assist his officers, and Past Masters Bros. J. C. Main, E. Jones, C. J. Turner, E. F. Shoebridge, Vincent Lerner, J. T. Briggs, Treas.; and W. Liddall, Sec. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Owen, P.M. 217; R. J. I. Hopkins, P.M. 87; P. C. Walker, S.W. 2006; E. R. Barker, 103; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262; G. S. Smith, 1185; E. W. Standford, 2006; M. Schifferdier, J.W. 1769; E. Hall, 1793; A. D. Jones, 1677; S. A. Addiscott, 898; F. C. Austin, P.D.P.G.D.C. Middx.; George White, 1891; W. H. H. Sherwin, 1076; J. C. Parkinson P.G.D.; W. J. Flack, W.M. 2006; M. Callie, 1538; H. Davey, J.W. 1326; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; George J. Reed, P.M. 1910; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. S. Tamburini, W.M. 1719; and others.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. William Smith and Joseph Richard Hill were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who afterwards installed Bro. L. A. Richardson, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. Bro. J. Bruton received the collar of I.P.M., and the other brethren invested were Bros. E. T. Shoebridge, P.M., S.W.; H. W. Dyne, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; R. C. Cork, S.D.; C. B. Weedon, J.D.; G. H. Cox, I.G.; J. C. Main, P.M., D.C.; W. Smith, Dep. D.C.; V. Lerner, P.M., and J. R. Hill, Stewards; and E. Mallett, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Bruton, I.P.M. The candidate for initiation, unfortunately, was not present, and the brethren had a little time to spare before they partook of a very nice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

After the banquet a capital programme of music was performed by Bros. Edward Hall, Alfred Grieve, Littlechild, E. P. Hans, E. Barker, and Sherwin.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was much to the unity of administration, much to the confidence of the brethren in the administration, much to the unity of the brethren among themselves, and to their consistent adherence to the great tenets of the Order that they owed the position of Freemasonry, and that it was a power, a great power, and a power for good none could doubt. It bound the brethren together on a platform which rose superior to petty differences which divided mankind; the Freemasons' lodge barred those discordant topics which from the beginning had divided, and to the end, he feared would divide mankind; but it did this—it recognised that there was something higher and better, above the subjects and points about which mankind might quarrel, wherein there was a common ground of union, and where, at all events, they could find that they were not distracted either by political, religious, or social differences. To the institution which had these aims the Grand Officers of the day were servants; they all ministered, each in his capacity as far as his lights permitted, to this institution of which they were so proud. That its success was great, that it went on prospering, and he trusted yet to prosper, was evident; that it might long so continue was the wish of all the brethren and of all the Grand Officers.

Bro. Bruton, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he was sure he was echoing the sentiments of all the brethren when he said he wished Bro. Richardson a successful year of office, and congratulated him on the high position to which he had attained. The officers and brethren, one and all, would help him in every way to the best of their ability to carry out his duties. They trusted he would have plenty of work because they knew he could do it. He had known Bro. Richardson for over 20 years, and as a Mason and as a man he had found him one who if a friend (God forbid it ever should be so) wanted assistance, would give it him. Bro. Richardson was a good Mason, and therefore he must be a good man.

Bro. L. A. Richardson, W.M., in reply to the toast which was most enthusiastically received, said it had been a lasting ambition of his to occupy the W.M.'s chair. Of course they all knew there were certain reasons why one did not arrive at it always so soon as he might; extraneous matters, business matters, and other circumstances arose to prevent it; however, there he was, and he certainly must say he felt in a very proud position, not only on account of the attendance of so many brethren, but by the presence of four Grand Officers. One of those Grand Officers promised him two years ago that he would come to his installation, and when Bro. Parkinson's secretary wrote, in reply, accepting the invitation, it was a great pleasure and delight to him. Regarding the lodge, he felt one great disappointment—the initiate did not attend. He (the Worshipful Master) had been studying the part, and there had been hardly a night in the month of November (he could not go to a lodge of instruction) that he did not work at it at home and in bed. It was very disappointing, but it was one of those events all were liable to. He hoped some of the brethren would bring forward initiates during his year of office, in order that he might do some work. He would give all the time and attention he possibly could to the work, and do everything in his leisure hours for the benefit of the Bedford Lodge. With reference to what had been said about his assisting brethren, he was sure what was meant was that, in his humble way, if there was a friend wanting anything, he had in his time assisted him and gone without his dinner, having a biscuit instead. Charity was, no doubt, one of the grandest features in Freemasonry; it was one of the grandest characteristics of a Freemason's heart; and, therefore, its gifts ought not to be niggardly, but according to the giver's means.

Bro. Richardson, W.M., then proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Joseph Bruton," who had for two years in succession been W.M. of the Tilbury Lodge, and received

Provincial Grand rank in Essex. It was perfectly unnecessary to dilate on his work because the brethren had all seen it. He (Bro. Richardson) felt a certain amount of diffidence in taking the chair, because he knew his own shortcomings and that he would not be up to the mark the same as Bro. Bruton. However, he should endeavour, and he would do his best. He did not think there was any other lodge in England could have suggested a better W.M. than Bro. Bruton; in fact, he should look to him during his year of office as a reed which would not fail him, one of those stiff reeds which would not break, but which he could lean on in perfect safety. In proposing this toast, he returned him his most grateful thanks for installing him. The jewel which had been presented to Bro. Bruton in lodge was not the only mark of the brethren's esteem to be given him; he now handed him a handsome silver cigar-box, which the brethren had subscribed for, and Bro. Main would say a few words relating to it.

Bro. J. C. Main, P.M., D.C., said that as far as the Bedford Lodge was concerned, that subject was most interesting, because the brethren felt they had a duty to perform in recognising the very efficient services of the outgoing Master. He had the privilege of having been associated with Bro. Bruton in Masonry for some years; Bro. Bruton came into the lodge under his advice and at his suggestion, and he had shown himself to have those extraordinary abilities which went to show a man worthy to fill the chair, and who would do it with credit to himself. Everything he had had to do as Master had been done in such a way that the brethren felt it was absolutely essential he should receive something to mark their appreciation of his excellent work and management. He had been at all times of the best temper, had shown some of the best working, and it was only right that they should recognise it. The brethren all joined in wishing him long life, the best health, and unbounded happiness to enjoy the possession of the gift.

The box, which was of solid silver, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Brother Joseph Bruton, P.P.D. G.D.C. Essex, by the members of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, as an additional expression of their appreciation of his excellent qualities as Worshipful Master during the year 1894."

Bro. Joseph Bruton, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast and the presentation, said he considered he had a most difficult task to perform to express in the terms he actually meant his thanks to the brethren for the kindness they had shown to him, not only that day, but throughout the whole time he had been a member of the lodge. The W.M. had said very gratifying and pleasing things of him, and so had Bro. Main, P.M. He did not say he deserved it; he had only endeavoured to do his work. Seven years ago he came among the brethren of the Bedford Lodge a total stranger; he had served every office in the lodge, and he was now relegated to the Past Masters, and he trusted with the sincere respect of all the members of the lodge. Although he had gone over to the fossils, it would only be his pleasing duty and privilege to perform any office the present or any other W.M. might require of him; as long as T.G.A.O.T.U. preserved him he should always consider it a duty and a privilege to assist. If he had done his duty it was nothing to be surprised at; he was a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Essex, and it was only natural that a Past Grand Officer would do it. Nevertheless, he endeavoured to do his best for the Bedford Lodge, and he had seen the work done quite as well as he did it. Bro. Main had done it, and so had Bro. Stockbridge, Bro. Lerner, Bro. Briggs, and Bro. Liddall, all of whom could give him a long list. But he was at a loss for words, and would content himself by asking them to accept his grateful thanks.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said whatever might be the case in the outer world, and although politics were absolutely excluded from Masonic assemblies, still the brethren were citizens who read the newspapers, and they knew the various subjects of public interest that were in the air, and among them he heard was one relating to privilege without representation. Whatever might be the case outside the Masons' lodge, they who were privileged as Grand Officers were a strictly representative body, and he had never heard yet that in the Masonic world representation and privilege were ever considered to be divorced. Their strength lay in being truly the representatives of their brethren—a point that was never disputed but always accepted loyally in Masonic assemblies. He had, therefore, the highest satisfaction in being selected to return thanks for the visitors; he did so as a privileged body, as a representative of those who were standing up. Well, this was his first visit to the Bedford Lodge, and he might be appalled by the responsibility of expressing the gratitude of so many brethren, did he not feel that they were united in sentiment and in opinion. From the time of entering the lodge and hearing the beautiful installation ceremony so admirably rendered, from what they saw of the discipline, and of the perfection of the working of one officer after another, all tending to "one harmonious whole"—whether it was the excellent way in which the Master of Ceremonies conducted his part of the proceedings, rendering full adhesion and loyalty to the brother who was performing the ceremony, whether it was the happy interposition of the Secretary who reminded the W.M. that there were one or two more officers to be appointed after the Tyler—the whole thing struck the visitors as a testimony to that universality of Freemasonry which was exemplified in their lodges, and in none more than in that lodge. He had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. and the I.P.M. more than 20 years, and when the W.M. invited him some months ago to attend his installation, he resolved to accept by *force majeure*, all other engagements should be swept away. He was amply rewarded by seeing Bro. Richardson so respected and loved by the brethren over whom he presided, and knowing as he did his concentration of purpose and the admirable way in which he devoted himself to what he had in hand, he had no doubt that at the end of his year of office the brethren would say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." As to the pleasures of the table he had enjoyed them, the hospitality of the lodge had been unbounded, geniality and sympathy had reigned supreme, and surely he could not give higher praise. On behalf of the visitors generally he could say they would look back with gratification at being present on this occasion.

Bro. Turner, P.M., also replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Briggs, P.M., and Liddall, P.M., to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been honoured, the brethren separated.

Wellington Lodge (No. 548).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, its new habitat, its previous meetings for many years past having been held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, Bro. Hatherswitch, I.P.M., by special request of the W.M., Bro. C. Atkins, initiated Messrs. H. Plant, F. T. Adams, A. J. Bonvay, and J. L. James, and passed Bros. L. H. Stephens, Ross and Hall. Bro. Atkins then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Macgregor, S.W., having been presented to him to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, he proceeded with his arduous and important task, and in due form placed his successor in the chair of K.S. The new W.M., having been saluted in the usual manner, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Riminton, S.W.; H. W. Wyburn, J.W.; Walter Jones, P.M., Treas.; Andrew Holmes, P.M., Sec.; Fredk. Jones, S.D.; David Jackson, J.D.; Henry Mills, I.G.; F. W. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Mattocks, A.D.C.; R. W. Moss, T. C. Hyslop, and Hy. Groves, Stwds.; and Alfred Ball, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Atkins then gave the addresses admirably, and received a cordial vote of thanks for his splendid work as Installing Master. He was also presented with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem of the brethren and for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was then discussed, and among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Newell, P.M., F. W. Hancock, P.M., W. Kipps, P.M. (Hon.), G. W. Kitson, P.M., W. Wakefield, P.M. and father of the lodge; J. Youldon, P.M.; W. Sargent, P.M., R. Brisco, S. Stephens, D. S. Ross, J. Wakeford, C. Heaim, J. Whiting, W. Edwards, A. Mathams, J. W. Stoner, J. Vandenheede, G. Griggs, C. Banskack, J. Lawson, E. Berryman, A. J. Laurance, C. Childs, W. Jeans, E. Campion, and T. C. Hyslop, all of the lodge; G. Read, P.G. Std. Br. Fng.; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293 and 1768, P.P.G.D. Middx.; T. Parry, P.M. 1149; A. Barrett, P.M. 879; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 33; F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 1648; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262; G. Sims, P.M. 861; G. Fletcher, W.M. 2200; C. Howlett, J.W. 1929; H. Grafton, 913; C. Smith, S.D. 30; A. Buchanan, 2200; G. Bagnall, 178; F. Burney, 2332; H. Eleitman, 185; R. Turner, W. Hope, and D. Pacols, all of 879; W. Ermeson, 45; W. C. Griffiths, 2255; A. Dyer, 890; J. Murray, 169; R. Gundry, 975; H. Kingston, 795; F. Gimpson, 2332; H. Johnson, 820; W. Innes, 1539; E. Chiners, 184; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; and many others. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were briefly yet tellingly put by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

Bro. Read, in the course of his response to the toast of "The V.W. the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he rose with a great deal of pleasure, and with some little pride, to respond to the toast so well put by the W.M. and so genially received by the brethren present. He would not say a word about the many excellent qualifications of their G.M. and the other principal officers of Grand Lodge, for it wanted no words of his to add to their fame or enhance their merit, but for himself he would say that he had the honour and privilege of being and officer (Past) of Grand Lodge, and had the further honour of being associated with the Board of Benevolence for the last 12 years, and also with other Masonic work. He felt sure that the Grand Officers paid every devotion to the duties of Grand Lodge, and after congratulating the Installing Officer, Bro. Chas. Atkins, upon the excellent working shown by him that day, concluded by again thanking them for their kind reception of him at that important meeting.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which he demonstrated as the toast of the evening. He said they had seen the good work done by the W.M. from the lowest officer to the highest chair. Bro. J. Macgregor was a good man and a good Mason. He took a great interest in Masonry. He (Bro. Atkins) felt sure that Bro. Macgregor would do his work well and to the satisfaction of every brother of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he thanked them for the hearty way in which they had received the toast of his health, and on some other occasion would try and make a speech, but as there were several brethren present who would have to speak shortly, he would sacrifice himself on their behalf, and say what he meant to say on a future occasion. At present he would content himself by saying that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the honour and reputation of the Wellington Lodge.

Bros. Kentish and Fletcher responded for "The Visitors," and spoke in flattering terms of the working done in the lodge, both in the initiations, passing, and installation ceremonies.

"The Installing Officer" was honoured, and returned thanks, and the other toasts—"The Initiates," "Past Masters," and "Officers," were heartily accepted.

The following brethren contributed to the harmony: Bros. W. E. Berryman, G. Freame, A. Holmes, P.M. and Sec.; J. Campion, and Albert Matthews. The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant and memorable meeting.

Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 12th inst., and was well attended, the reputation for perfect working deservedly enjoyed by the present Master attracting numerous visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John K. Gwyn, who was supported by the following officers: Bro. R. Brookman, S.W.; F. E. Bailey, J.W.; Robert Fendick, Treas.; James Stevens, Hon. Sec.; G. M. Fraser, S.D.; R. Lawson, J.D.; J. H. Guyton, D.C.; E. Wareham, Org.; R. Thomas and James Boyton, Stwds.; R. Potter, Tyler; G. W. Robson, P.M.; D. T. Keane, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; F. G. Ivy, J. K. Horper, J. W. Colmer, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Walter Lawley, W.M. 2348; R. H. Crowden, P.M. 1297; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, 1656, 1768; Geo. Goodes, P.M. 192; J. Oldis, P.M. and Sec. 1288; J. C. Yates, P.M. 1365; J. M. Murphy, S.D. 1745; C. J. Dredge, 624; G. M. Spring, 2030; and E. J. Parkinson, 1793.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wareham was raised, and Mr. William Pardon was initiated, both ceremonies being carried out with that strict care and attention

to the minutest details of correct ritual, for which the Great City Lodge has been, and still is, celebrated. There was a rather more than usual amount of routine business on the agenda, but it was methodically despatched, and at the appointed early hour the brethren dined together, and subsequently spent a most enjoyable and harmonious evening.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D. Herts, I.P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; S. Napper, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; A. Cox, S.W.; J. A. Blunt, J.W.; D. C. Pitcher, S.D.; E. J. Harrison, J.D.; C. Isler, I.G.; C. Horst and W. Taylor, Stewards; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; G. A. Hopkins, G. E. Walker, D. C. Atwater, W. A. Goring, W. S. Woolcott, F. Marggraf, C. Weber, W. J. Barnes, F. Simmonds, T. E. Newman, E. H. Bury, G. Yexley, and J. Amand. The visitors were Bros. C. Kemp, Stwd. 27; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts; W. Blenkinsop, 2374; W. France, J.D. 208; and R. Eddie, J.D. 742.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting in November and an emergency meeting in January confirmed, the first business was the raising of Bros. Marggraf and Goring. A ballot was then taken for Mr. T. Spotswood, and, proving in his favour, he was admitted and initiated. Bro. A. Cox, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M. A letter was read from Bro. A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Treas., requesting the brethren not to re-elect him to that office, as he feared the state of his health would prevent his attendance and attention to the duties. Subsequently the Secretary was desired to communicate to Bro. Halestrap the regret of the brethren to lose the benefit of his services, and their deepest sympathy with him in his illness. Bro. Sidney Napper, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Couchman, Tyler. Bros. Newman and Atwater were appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, of the usual pattern and value, was voted to the W.M., and the sum of 10 guineas voted to the list of the W.M. elect, who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The names of three candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. A. Cox, S.W., W.M. elect, replying to the toast of his health, remarked on the coincidence of his being elected on his birthday. He reminded the brethren that he was initiated by his father, Bro. Henry Cox, P.M., and he was desirous that his father should also install him in the chair. He had expressed that wish to the W.M., and Bro. Loomes had kindly consented, under the circumstances, to Bro. Cox, sen., performing that ceremony.

Other toasts followed, and with a long programme of music the proceedings were continued to a rather late hour. Bros. Marggraf, C. Isler, H. B. Harding, M. Tuck, J. Amand, C. Kemp, T. E. Newman, E. H. Bury, and D. C. Atwater contributed songs, and Bro. C. M. Coxon gave as a recitation Dagonet's verses "The Gilded Popinjay" from the *Referee*.

Bromley St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1805).—An interesting event, which annually excites considerable interest in East London Masonic circles, took place on the 15th inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., when the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held. The number of brethren present was about 120, and the proceedings throughout were of a thoroughly cordial and harmonious character, the principal keynote struck by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. T. Potts, in his inaugural address, being that perfect unanimity and good fellowship should prevail during his term of office.

Lodge was opened by Bro. G. E. Warn, I.P.M., supported by Bros. W. T. Potts, S.W.; E. A. A. Hambridge, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; G. W. Holmes, Sec.; G. H. Fennel, S.D.; A. J. Bird, J.D.; H. B. Forbes, P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; R. Toole, P.M.; Ben Johnson, P.M.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; W. Couth, 554; A. E. Purkis, 1314; W. S. Emden, P.M. 1228; W. C. Tebbitt, W.M. 2045; T. Noakes, 261; J. C. Yeoman, I.P.M. 1635; W. Lea, 1382; J. M. Longley, 299; J. Holland, 1804; A. Holmes, 2256; F. H. Gooch, 781; G. H. Cole, 1089; J. Powles West, 1804; C. J. D'O. Mears, W.M. 299; C. A. Gibbs, J.W. 1804; J. W. Gibbs, 1804; W. Beecroft, 1158; G. C. King, 212; C. C. Dowton, 457; F. J. Waterson, 1716; F. G. Scott, P.M. 932; J. Buckner, 1349; J. White, E. Pearce; S. Kirk, 1716; H. A. Badman, 1298; F. G. Webster; C. Slater, 2499; W. F. Keddel, P.M. 1189; H. G. Holland, 2353; J. Bowers, 1816; H. Warner; R. W. Hunter, P.M. 1635; W. Andrews, 1716; G. J. Anderson; W. H. Garrett, 1828; W. Devey, 98; E. Knight; R. Foskett, 1625; J. Butcher, 1804; G. Jackson, 1625; T. Johnson, 1710; T. W. Mellish, 957; A. Jones, 1637; T. W. Davies, 2030; T. Cocks, 2030; J. H. Montague, 2030; A. Eve, 1471; A. W. Dixon, 1366; J. McLaren, P.M.; W. Harris, W.M. 2472; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897 and P.M. 2381.

The minutes having been read and the audit report adopted, Messrs. C. A. Wood and W. T. New were impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. J. Bailey, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. W. T. Potts as W.M. in a highly creditable manner that was enjoyed by all present. The following officers were invested: Bros. E. A. A. Hambridge, S.W.; G. H. Fennel, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; G. W. Holmes, Sec.; A. J. Bird, S.D.; F. Thornton, J.D.; W. G. Shadrake, I.G.; H. Booker, D.C.; G. Chapman, and H. R. M. Hatt, Stwds.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. A presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made to Bro. Warn, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and was suitably acknowledged.

The lodge was then closed in solemn form.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the W.M. The menu, toast list, and programme of music were bound together in a handsome booklet, bearing the appropriate inscription—"A souvenir of January 15, 1895." Under the direction of Bro. T. F. Noakes and Madame Louise Pinder, the following artists assisted in the musical arrangements: Bros. H. G. Holland and Holmes, Messrs. F. Evered and G. W. Turner, Madame Hugh Jago, Miss Broughton Foskett, and Miss Jessie McLaren.

After dessert the usual loyal toasts were first heartily honoured.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that in common with his colleagues, it was a great pleasure to visit lodges where the work was so well done, and where an example was set, particularly by such young Masons as the present W.M. Master that evening. He was present at Bro. Potts' initiation, and had watched him through his Masonic career, and could say there was scarcely a brother in the room who, beginning Masonic work at the age he did, had reached the Master's chair and performed the duties with such confidence and knowledge in so short a time. He had no doubt that the character of the lodge would be maintained, and its prestige possibly excelled, during the W.M.'s year of office. It would be impossible for the W.M. to do his work unless supported by one and all of the officers. He only regretted the Grand Officers did not travel east a little oftener, for it would give him a quiet evening at home, but this lodge was one he had attended for many years, and hoped to see prosper for some time to come.

Bro. G. E. Warn, I.P.M., then said that having been entrusted with the gavel, the brethren would know it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He felt that in the previous toast Bro. Tijou had somewhat taken the wind out of his sails. He had been associated with Bro. Potts and worked hand in hand with him in the lodge through various offices, and now the W.M. had gained the position he had striven for. Every brother in the lodge respected the W.M., and every officer would do his best to support him. They wished him every success, good health, and a prosperous year of office, and if the brethren only followed in his footsteps they would be worthy Masons, always ready and willing to do all they could for the lodge and Masonry generally.

Bro. W. T. Potts, W.M., who was heartily received, said he felt deeply indebted to the I.P.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. In occupying the chair he felt that a great mantle of anxiety and responsibility had fallen upon him. The quondam occupants of that chair had performed the duties with such credit to themselves and satisfaction to the brethren that they could quite understand he felt diffident in following them. He could only say that his efforts would be directed towards maintaining the high prestige which previous occupants of the chair had brought to the lodge. That was his mother lodge in which he was instructed by his dear friend, Bro. McLaren, the Installing Master on the present occasion having proposed him. At his initiation he was so impressed with the masterly manner in which the ceremony was performed that he made up his mind to emulate the high work of Bro. McLaren. From that time forward he had filled various offices, not with such satisfaction to himself as he would have liked, his business being such as necessitated his leaving England and going abroad. He had, however, endeavoured to make arrangements which preclude that possibility, and enable him to preside at their meetings in the coming year. He would recommend that any member of the lodge who felt he had been slighted, or had any grievance against another member, should, in conjunction with himself, cement those differences for the benefit and prosperity of them all in common. With their kind assistance and the hearty co-operation of the officers he had no doubt they would bring their earnest desires to a successful result.

Bro. C. A. Wood, in response to "The Initiates," said that whatever feelings of diffidence he might have had, had passed away in the atmosphere of brotherhood which he felt was around him. It was a most auspicious and fortunate occasion, this being a special meeting of the year, and he had observed that that brotherhood also existed between that lodge and the large number of members of other lodges present. The W.M. was fortunate in being able to point to his actions, but if he (Bro. Wood) were to say what he intended to do his words would not have the same force as his year's work would do if he was spared to carry out the feelings of his mind.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Installing Master," said the ceremony performed by Bro. Bailey had been already eloquently referred to. He was much impressed with the ceremony, and had never heard it rendered in such an able manner. Bro. Bailey was an initiate of the lodge, and took the keenest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and particularly to their lodge.

Bro. J. Bailey, P.M., in reply, said it had been a source of very great pleasure to him to instal his friend, the W.M., whose career he had watched from the moment of his initiation. He thanked the W.M. for his kindness in allowing him to perform the ceremony, and hoped his efforts had met with the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. J. M. Longley, P.P.J.G.W. Kent, acknowledged "The Visitors," and said they were especially grateful for the hospitality which had enabled them to be present at the installation of the W.M. It had been his good fortune to see some 40 installations in Kent, but he must say, in justice to that lodge that he had never heard the ceremony performed in a more careful, correct, and admirable manner. The lodge must feel proud of a Past Master who could do the work in such an excellent way. They also could not help noticing the careful manner in which the I.P.M. initiated the candidates. He congratulated the lodge on possessing as their W.M. the able brother who had presided over them that evening, and under his auspices, supported as he would be by a good set of officers, a successful year of office could safely be predicted.

Bros. Mears, Holland, and Waterson also responded. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that faith ended in sight, hope in fruition, but Charity extended beyond the grave. The Masonic Charities supported nearly 1000 persons, and the average subscriptions for the past nine years was £62,390 per annum.

Bro. Tijou, P.A.G.P., appropriately replied, after which "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were honoured, and a very successful and enjoyable evening was closed with the Tyler's toast.

Quatuor Coronati (No. 2076).—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke as W.M.; E. Macbean, S.W.; C. Kupfersmidt, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein, J.D.; E. Conder, Stwd.; and F. H. Goldney. Also the following members of the correspondence circle: Bros. D. M. Finlay, E. Newland, H. D. Williams, R. A. B. Preston, J. Joel, O. N. Wyatt, H. F. Raymond, W. F.

Stauffer, H. B. Chamberlin, W. F. Newman, H. Jenkins, W. Purkiss, J. Leach Barrett, J. R. Creasey, E. Haward, Viscount Donerale, C. M. Branden, H. E. Herman, R. C. Cooper, S. W. Morris, E. Armitage, T. Cohu, A. Dutton, C. H. Bestow, G. Gregson, M. M. Bhowaggee, Rev. C. E. Wright, E. Glaeser and H. D. Willeck. Visitors: Bros. Col. G. W. Willcock; C. Foster, W.M., S.W. 1466; A. Sharpe, 425; J. B. Caudell, 1436; R. Thomas, 186; and H. T. Lyon, 1789.

The following seven corporate bodies and 66 brethren were admitted to the membership of the correspondence circle: Lodge St. John, Cootamundra, New South Wales; Masonic Musical and Literary Club, Sydney; Castle Lodge, 1436; Lodge Faith Hope and Charity, 1285, Ootacamund, Madras; Lodge Alexandra, 117, Junce, New South Wales; Lodge St. George, No. 2532, Vepery, Madras; Douglas Lodge, 799 (S.C.), Johannesburg, S.A.R. Bros. A. W. Hill, 27, Adelaide; W. F. Caunt, W.M. 117, Sydney, and W. Grasse, P.M. 5, Annandale, New South Wales; J. M. Kline, 114, D. Angus, 114, and F. G. Thorne, 23, all of Ballarat, Victoria; H. B. Royds, 2207, Rockhampton, Queensland; H. W. Shaul, C. E. Benney, A. Dawe, W. Duffus, of 744 (S.C.), Dr. G. Bell, T. Shaw, 799 (S.C.), W. Newby - Fraser, 281, and G. West, 744 (S.C.), all of Johannesburg, S.A.R.; A. Will, P.M. 389, Grahamstown, Cape Colony; Sir A. E. Miller, J.C., 459, Calcutta; Capt. W. F. Coleman, 454, Secunderabad; W. Lyons, 2532, J. S. Rush, P.M. 1198, and A. L. Vibert, 150, all of Madras; R. M. Smythson, P.M. 168, Guernsey; G. Fitzgibbon, jun., G. D. Burchaell, and H. F. Berry, Dublin; H. Mackenzie, G. Macleod, W.M., J. S. Macpherson, and F. T. C. Keeble, all of 359, Inverness; R. C. Reid, 575, Nairn; R. Jackson, 413, Glasgow; J. Barker, P.M. 639; W. A. Gould, 539; T. B. Redfern, P.M. 2134; C. E. Towell, P.M. 2359; T. F. Bate, 345; J. Fisher, P.M. 1798; P. Beer, 40; J. T. Thorpe, P.M. 2429; A. H. Bowles, P.M. 1395; C. S. Brewer, 605; R. S. Read, P.M. 1272; H. C. Embleton, 289; G. H. Parker, P.M. 154; R. P. Sumner, P.M. 839; J. R. Creasey, 12; J. Dhonau, 700; F. Flood, P.M. 1929; H. W. Seager, P.M. 2183; A. W. Norman, P.M. 1767; W. Newbold, 183; F. H. Daubeny, 1118; Dadabhai Naoroji, M.P., P.M. 1159; M. Brown, P.M. 1997; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19; Dr. J. Pickett, P.M. 760; J. W. Woodthorpe, W.M. 1679; Col. W. Campbell, P.M. 257; T. J. Mercer, 2427; J. A. Ferguson, 141, Iowa, C.; H. J. Trendell, P.M. 2108; T. W. Dennis, W.M. 2108; E. Newland, 834; C. W. Noehmer, 238; E. Voelcke, W.M. 238; and C. Spurgeon, 45.

Bro. Thorpe, of Leicester, exhibited a large parchment certificate granted by the Grand Orient of France in 1776 to the celebrated Roettier de Montaleau, signed by all the most prominent French Masons of that day; a beautiful Masonic medallion of Battersea enamel, and a curious silver jewel. The Secretary exhibited a beautiful letter of congratulation, illuminated, sent by the brethren of the C.C. in Denmark to the lodge on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, and the warrant appointing the late Bro. Whymper, District G.M. of the Punjab, presented to the lodge by Bro. Leslie. Bro. W. F. Newman exhibited a handsome and very rare silver gilt jewel, with the figures and emblems in relief, much resembling the jewel of the "Nine Worthies." Bro. E. Conder, jun., read a paper on the "Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger and Freemasonry," bringing to the attention of the brethren many curious facts connected with the initiation of this lady which had previously never been investigated with sufficient accuracy. The result is that it is now proved beyond doubt that the lady was made a Mason, not in 1735, as hitherto alleged, nor yet in a regular lodge under the Irish Constitution, but between 1710 and 1718, i.e., from seven to 15 years before any Grand Lodge existed in Ireland, and even probably before a Grand Lodge was founded in England. Written comments on this important paper were received from Bros. Huggan, Rylands, and Dr. Chetwode Crawley, the latter of whom sent for exhibition a similar jewel to that worn by the lady in question. Bro. H. D. Williams also brought a similar one with him, but it differed in some slight particulars, though probably dating from about the same time. The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BERKHAMPTSTEAD.

Berkhamptstead Lodge (No. 504).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Kings' Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and as it was the day appointed by the members for the celebration of the jubilee of their constitution, the attendance, both of members and visitors, was exceptionally large, whilst the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character. The chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Langley, P.P.G. Chap., W.M., the officers, Past Masters, and members who supported him including Bros. W. Lowndes, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. W. Quennell, P.P.G. Chap. Essex and Herts. S.W.; J. Bunker, J.W.; Rev. R. H. Pope, P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. O. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Charles Bullock, P.M., P.G. Sec.; George A. Sims, S.D.; E. J. Pearson, J.D.; A. F. Marsh, I.G.; C. J. Gilbert, Org.; W. Wilson, P.M., P.G.P., P.P.G.W., and F. Dwight, Stwds.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master Hertfordshire; S. Rowland Timson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. J. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. W. Vaisey, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Hobson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; A. Prudames, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; Jas. Parsons, W. J. Pickin, F. J. Lane, E. H. Ballaen, F. Whatmoor, C. L. Pott, J. B. McBride, H. Kemp, H. J. Burt, the Rev. S. W. Tidswell, Prov. G. Chaplain, G. H. Wagstaff, W. J. Orchard, S. A. Bontor, R. L. Batterbury, and Thos. Cook. The visitors included Bros. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., Prov. G. Treas.; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.; F. W. Snook, W.M. 2086; A. E. Pridmore, 1815 and 2390; L. E. Thomas, 404; H. Lomas, P.M. 2218, P.P.G. Reg.; J. G. Stone, 2421; H. Hobson, S.W. 948; A. Ferguson, J.W. 2421; J. P. Taylor, W.M. 1984; A. Spicer, S.W. 2218; E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg.; A. W. Anderson, 2323; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 2421; G. S. Elliott, W.M. 869; W. Oliver, 1025; Thos. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Bucks; the Rev. George Finch, P.M. 1757, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. Gunn, W.M. 2331; and G. Blizard Abbott, I.P.M. 1885.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Cook, and proving unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. W. F. Pickin was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., after which Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented, and received at the hands of the outgoing W.M. the benefit of installation. After the customary salutations, Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the new year, namely: Bros. J. Bunker, S.W.; G. A. Sims, J.W.; the Rev. R. H. Pope, Chap.; F. O. Lane, P.M., Treas.; Charles Bullock, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Pearson, S.D.; A. F. Marsh, J.D.; H. J. Burt, I.G.; F. Whatmoor, Org.; W. Wilson, P.M., and G. H. Wagstaff, Stwds.; and A. Pavett, Prov. Asst. G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. Chas. Bullock having been reappointed representative of the lodge on the Hertfordshire Charity Association, and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Langley having been presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, a very interesting letter was read from Bro. the Rev. S. Lea Wilson, who was installed the first W.M. after the consecration of the lodge on the 1st January, 1845, in which that venerable brother congratulated the lodge on its success, and expressed his regret that age and infirmities prevented him from accepting the lodge's courteous invitation to be present on that auspicious occasion. Lodge was then closed with the customary formalities.

The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the new W.M., who was supported on his right by the Prov. Grand Master, and on his left by the I.P.M.

On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were honoured, that of "The Prov. Grand Master" being received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Halsey, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present at the jubilee of a lodge, which, in the 50 years of its existence, had attained to a position of such prosperity, more especially as it was his good fortune to have been one of its members for very many years, and he gave utterance to the hope that the future of the lodge would prove as successful as its past.

The toast of "The W.M." was also received with cordiality, and that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. the Rev. George Finch and the Rev. O. C. Cockrem replied, in like manner.

There was also introduced for the occasion a toast in honour of Bro. the Rev. S. Lea Wilson, the first W.M. of the lodge, and in his absence it was acknowledged by his namesake, Bro. W. Wilson, P.M., P.G.P.

The other toasts were likewise honoured, and in due course one of the most successful meetings ever held under the banner of the Berkhamptstead Lodge was brought to an end.

The musical arrangements had been placed in charge of Bro. John Read, P.Z. Cecil Chapter, No. 449, and Past G. Organist of Supreme Grand Chapter, and the programme of vocal and instrumental music he prepared was received, as it deserved to be, with the liveliest pleasure; among the selections which elicited the heartiest applause being the Intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," which Miss Maud Horne played to perfection on the violin, and for which she was honoured with an encore; "Big Ben" and "In Cellar cool," by Bro. Barry Lindon; "The message," by Bro. Laurence Fryer, and a ballad by Master Read, Bro. Read himself very ably discharging the part of accompanist. Indeed, it rarely happens that so admirable a programme is placed before a lodge, and what is still more to the purpose, so artistically carried out. Nor must we forget to say a word in behalf of the menu, with its portraits of the first and present Worshipful Masters and its selection of mottoes in connection with the toasts. This was, indeed, a work of art, and reflects credit both on the brother who compiled it and the printer.

BOSTON.

Lodge of Harmony (No. 272).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present: Bros. C. F. Anderson, W.M.; F. Blanshard, S.W.; H. Hinds, J.W.; C. R. Morton, P.M., D.C.; J. G. Robinson, Org.; W. H. Robinson, S.D.; F. H. Walker, J.D.; F. G. Mountain, I.G.; J. L. Chiles, Stwd.; T. Ward, Tyler; Cabourn Pocklington, P.M.; J. H. Tasker, P.M.; H. Tyler, P.M.; J. Padley, P.M.; G. Hall, P.M.; D. Stephenson, P.M.; T. Beulah, W.M. elect; and a number of brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Thistlethwaite, P.M., and T. Reading, S3S, and the Rev. H. S. Biggs, J.W. 523.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. H. Tasker, P.M., who installed Bro. Thos. Beulah as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. F. Anderson, I.P.M.; H. Hinds, S.W.; F. H. Walker, J.W.; G. T. Hall, P.M., Treas.; T. Sharpe, Sec.; J. H. Tasker, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Robinson, A.D.C.; J. G. Buck, Org.; J. G. Robinson, S.D.; F. G. Mountain, J.D.; F. Blanshard, I.G.; G. Maltby, Stwd.; and T. Ward, Tyler. The Treasurer's account was approved and passed, and showed that, while the Masonic Charities had received due recognition at the hands of the brethren, there was a fair balance in hand. Apologies were received from a number of brethren, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Peacock and Royal Hotel, where the banquet was prepared by Bro. R. H. Clemow. About 25 brethren sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Beulah.

Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M., and were received in the hearty manner usual at such meetings.

Bro. C. F. Anderson, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, asked for the cordial support of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren during his year of office.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. F. Blanshard, and was responded to by the visiting brethren present. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

Bros. D. Stephenson, J. H. Tasker, H. Hinds, and the Rev. H. S. Biggs added considerably to the pleasure of the brethren by their vocal efforts, while Bro. F. Blanshard amused them by his clever recitations.

BUDLEIGH SALTERN.

Harmony Lodge (No. 372).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 9th inst., when Bro. H. C. Perriam was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Britton, P.M., Treas., who performed the ceremony in an impressive manner. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Trump, I.P.M.; C. W. Leyman, S.W.; Geo. F. Blight, J.W.; J. C. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Chap.; W. Britton, Treas.; J. Sanders, Sec.; S. Waring, S.D.; W. T. Pidsley, J.D.; T. Andrews, I.G.; G. Merrick, D.C.; C. Morgan, A.D.C.; T. H. Griffin, P.M., Org.; R. I. Neave and W. W. Sellek, Stwds.; J. H. Bolley, S.B.; J. Tree, Std. Br.; and G. B. Marker, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Feathers Hotel, where a banquet was served by host Perriam, the table being laid for about 50 members and visitors.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The 141st installation meeting of this ancient lodge, which was consecrated in 1754, and took place at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there was a full average attendance of members and visitors, the company numbering about 76. The Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Bro. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, was present, and the Past Masters of the lodge in attendance were Bros. B. Channell, T. Hunnybun, T. Nichols, W. I. Pashler, Oliver Papworth, J. V. Pryor, W. Purchas, Frank Piggott, W. P. Spalding, and the out-going W.M., Bro. C. H. Banham. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51; James Catling, W.M. 441; A. J. Elworth, W.M. 809; T. E. Worledge, P.M. 1492; Lewis, P.M. 1248 and 1598; J. R. Green, P.M. 1492; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441; F. Dewberry, P.M. 441; J. Fuller, P.M. 441; W. R. Roper, S.W. 441; F. Cole, 441; G. R. Barnes, 441; G. Chennall, 2107; George Bull, 441, and others.

At the opening of the proceedings, Bro. C. H. Banham, took the chair, being supported by Bros. John L. Rutter, S.W.; B. W. Beales, jun., J.W.; W. Sindall, S.D.; J. H. Moyes, J.W., and other officers. The Auditors' report on the Treasurer's accounts was of a satisfactory character. The following were elected as joining members of the lodge: Bros. George John McKay, 129, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.D.G.M. Westmoreland and Cumberland, and A. H. Langridge, 1470. Bro. B. Channell, P.M. P.P.G.S.W., then took the chair, and in a masterly manner installed Bro. John L. Rutter into the chair of K.S. The appointment and investment of officers was next proceeded with as follows: Bros. C. H. Banham, P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. Sindall, P.G. S. of W., J.W.; W. P. Spalding, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; John Helenus Moyes, S.D.; H. S. Davison, P.P.G. Stwd., J.D.; F. Piggott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; C. F. Charlton, P.G. Stwd., Std. Br.; John Morley, Org.; F. J. Moden, I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.P.G. Treas., Stwd.; G. A. Allen, Tyler. The W.M. invested all his officers in a capable manner, giving full promise of further efficient work. The three addresses (to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren) were most impressively given by Bro. T. Nicholls, P.M. The duties of D.C. were discharged by Bro. F. Piggott, P.M. There were 23 Past Masters presented at the Board of Installed Masters. Subsequently the Prov. Grand Master, in behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. H. Banham, P.P.G. Reg., remarking that it was always a satisfaction to look back upon one's own work creditably performed, but it was a still greater satisfaction to know that that work had met with the unanimous approval of the brethren as was here testified by the jewel which the lodge now presented to him.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren sat down to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Rutter, W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, congratulated the brethren on the pleasure of seeing the work of installation so impressively done by Bro. B. Chennall, whilst the charges given by Bro. T. Nicholls also reflected great credit on the lodge, which kept up the standard of its work to the pitch of excellence. Everything about the lodge—the appointments, the chairs, and even the old firing glasses—spoke of its antiquity, and it was not surprising that they should carry on its ancient traditions in every respect. He was glad to find that there existed a friendly rivalry between 88 and 441, which could not but conduce to the efficiency of both lodges. Still, without impairing them, he should like to see some of their superfluous energy go out to establish other lodges in the county, at such centres as Ely, March, and Chatteris. This, again would re-act on their Masonic Charities, and increase the support to those noble Institutions. He commended the suggestion to their best consideration, and trusted that the lodge would continue to flourish in the future as it had done in the past.

Bro. F. Piggott, P.M., proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," for whom Bro. Rev. H. S. Cronin, P.G. Chap., replied.

Bro. C. H. Banham, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was warmly received. Having spoken of his own experience, he expressed the hope that Bro. Rutter would have health and strength to go through a prosperous and happy year.

The Worshipful Master hoped he would have plenty of work to show what mettle he was made of. He concluded with the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. T. Nicholls, P.M., responded, and said that although he had gained the summit of Masonry, alike in Craft and Royal Arch work, he still felt himself to be a novice, so much was there to learn in it, for the benefit of one's self and for that of others.

Bro. W. P. Spalding, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and replies were made by Bros. J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51; J. Catling, W.M. 441; A. J. Elworthy, W.M. 809; T. E. Worledge, P.M. 1492; and Lewis, P.M. 1248 and 1598. The last-named brother said he represented the lodge in which Bro. A. E. Chaplin was initiated, and was glad to see that the lodge had now placed him in the S.W. chair.

"The Masonic Charities" and other toasts followed, and a most delightful evening was spent, the harmony of which was materially contributed to by Bros. W. Purchas, J. Fuller, W. I. Pashler, and A. J. Elworthy.

CLEVEDON.

Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750).—The ceremony of installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when Bro. H. S. Newnham was inducted in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was ably performed by the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master of Somerset, in the presence of 40 brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. C. A. Hayman, I.P.M.; Rev. T. H. I. Child, S.W.; Rev. A. R. Cartwright, J.W.; Thomas Barnes, P.M.; Treas.; J. Jupp, P.M.; Sec.; T. Grant, S.D.; H. Coates, J.D.; A. B. Wickenden, D.C.; Howard L. Hayman, Org.; H. W. Mackenzie, I.G.; H. Amos and R. Ewings, Stwds.; and W. Somerton, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently adjourned for the banquet at Regent House, where the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

GAINSBOROUGH.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in the Lodge Room, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present: Bros. Adlard, W.M.; Johnson, S.W.; Rev. C. E. Laing, P.P.G. Chap.; J.W.; Baines, P.M.; P.G.S.B.; Liversidge, P.M.; P.P.G. Std. Br.; Sec.; Moxon, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; Chap.; Winn, I.G.; W. H. Hanson, J.D.; Scott, Tyler; Sowby, P.M.; Farmer, P.M.; P.P.G.J.D.; Pearson, Middleton, Wilkinson, Oldham, A. B. Scott, and Marvin. Visitors: Bros. Constable, P.M. 1482 and 2259; Turner, 244; E. Simpson, 1221 and 2259; Rev. Canon Moor, 1447; and Parker, 706. Bro. J. Johnson, S.W., was duly presented for installation by Bro. Farmer. Bro. Adlard vacated the chair, and called upon Bro. Liversidge, P.M., the Installing Master, to perform the ceremony of installation. This was admirably done, Bro. Baines giving the working tools. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Adlard, I.P.M.; C. E. Laing, S.W.; W. H. Hanson, J.W.; Moxon, Chap.; Kirk, Treas.; Liversidge, Sec.; Pearson, S.D.; Winn, J.D.; Scot, I.G.; and B. Scott, Tyler. After the usual salutations and "Hearty good wishes" from all around, the lodge was closed.

On account of the very serious illness of Bro. Kirk, Treas., the customary banquet was postponed, and knowing the very high esteem in which Bro. Kirk is held throughout the province, a universal feeling of regret was expressed and solemnly implied by every brother present, with the earnest prayer that the G.A.O.T.U. may even yet see good to spare him yet a while.

HEATON MOOR.

Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Room, on Thursday, 10th inst., when Bro. James Hurst, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present: Bros. A. W. Reynolds, W.M.; T. T. Shann, I.P.M.; J. Hurst, S.W.; G. Garnett, J.W.; J. H. Wells, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; E. Broadbent, P.M.; Sec.; W. Coffey, S.D.; W. McElroy, J.D.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M.; P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; J. Spilsbury, I.G.; F. W. Jordan and G. Hallmark, Stwds.; J. R. Fletcher, Tyler; E. Barton, P.M.; W. Webster, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D.; S. J. Thomson, P.M.; R. Lowndes, W. C. Massey, H. E. Doughty, H. C. Pinstone, W. J. Sherlock, J. J. Neale, T. Lawton, W. Cassidy, E. Dove, C. W. Nasmith, A. Hilton, C. E. Roberts, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Laidlow, P.M. 1375; P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. J. Watson, P.M. 152, P.P.G.C. E. Lancs.; M. Thomas, P.M. 2363, P.P.J.G.D. E. Lancs.; J. Smith, P.M. 323, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; W. H. Maxfield, P.M. 204, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; C. H. Beever, P.M. 1375; A. Baynton, P.M. 1213; W. H. Bamber, P.M. 637; H. Wood, 2464; G. W. Owen, 2447; and B. L. Hobson, 1713. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. A. W. Reynolds, assisted in two addresses by Bro. T. A. Hopewell, P.M., the father of the lodge, and Bro. J. H. Wells, P.M., the first S.D. of the lodge, and for several years its esteemed Treasurer. Bro. Hurst then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Reynolds, I.P.M.; G. Garnett, S.W.; W. Coffey, J.W.; J. H. Wells, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; E. Broadbent, P.M.; Sec.; W. McElroy, S.D.; J. Spilsbury, J.D.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M.; P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; Dr. F. W. Jordan, I.G.; G. Hallmark and R. Lowndes, Stwds.; and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Bro. Rev. J. Henn, B.A., Chap., and Bro. J. H. Watterson, who were unable to be present, will be invested at a subsequent meeting of the lodge.

At the banquet, held in an adjoining room, 90 ladies and brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. W. H. Mortimer. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. W. Reynolds, I.P.M. An entertainment followed, songs and character sketches, &c., being given by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, C. H. Beever, P.M., G. Seager, W. McElroy, and others, the evening—a most enjoyable one—being brought to a close with the customary "trip on the light fantastic toe."

On Friday, 11th inst., the usual Children's Party was given—an institution in connection with the lodge of several years' standing.

LISKEARD.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 510).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. 432, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Warwick, was impressively installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. W. H. Stanton. As this was the jubilee year of the lodge a goodly number of brethren assembled, and there was a large gathering of brethren, including Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; B. F. Edyvean, P.M. 330, P.P.S.G.W.; Major Shanks, P.M. 330, P.P.J.G.W. Devon; J. H. Philp, P.M. 131, P.P.G.S.B.; G. B. Trevorton, P.M., W.M. 330; W. W. Dymond, P.M., W.M. 557 and 510; G. P. N. Glencross, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Nettle, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; E. Venning, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Harris, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. White, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. H. Huddy, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; O. Colmer, P.M.; G. Hallett, W. Ridgman, P.M.; S. Trehane, P.M.; and W. H. Williams, P.M.

Before the chair was taken by Bro. Stanton, P.M., the ceremony of the Second Degree was carefully worked by the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. H. Williams, and this

led up to the installation. The following were the officers appointed: Bros. W. H. Williams, I.P.M.; R. Faulk, S.W.; A. Morcom, J.W.; T. White, P.M., Treas.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., Sec.; C. Mitchell, S.D.; A. W. Venning, J.D.; J. Harris, P.M., D.C.; E. Venning, P.M., Org.; J. Cleave, I.G.; C. D. Smith and A. H. Wenmouth, Stwds.; and R. Penwarden, Tyler.

The usual banquet took place afterwards at Welb's Hotel, when the new W.M. took the chair, and was supported by the officers and many well-known brethren.

The usual toast list was given, and with various songs a notable day ended in the utmost harmony and good feeling, the extreme care of the work done by Bro. Stanton being noted by all present.

Bro. T. White was elected Treasurer for the 21st time. Bro. R. A. Courtney was appointed Secretary for the 22nd year, and Bro. Penwarden has now received the collar of Tyler 27 times.

LLANDUDNO.

St. Tudno Lodge (No. 755).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held on the 9th inst., Bro. James Porter being installed W.M., Bro. T. B. Farrington being installing Master. The W.M. appointed as his officers the following: Bros. T. B. Farrington, I.P.M.; G. R. Ashley, S.W.; Allen Sumner, J.W.; Rev. J. Pugh Evans, Chap.; Edwin Turner, P.M., Treas.; R. S. Chamberlain, P.M., Sec.; J. Burwell, Org.; J. Haworth, J.D.; E. H. Johnson, S.D.; W. Magrath, I.G.; Dr. Kenrich Davies, D. of C.; W. Ellis Jones, and W. Walton, Stwds.; and J. Vincent, Tyler.

The banquet was served at the Imperial Hotel. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren.

MANNINGTREE.

Mistley Lodge (No. 2339).—The anniversary meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when Bro. C. E. Gerrard was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. J. R. Butler, and at the conclusion of which the W.M., Bro. C. E. Gerrard, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. S. Parsons, I.P.M.; G. T. Taylor, S.W.; O. Bendall, J.W.; T. S. Raffles, P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; R. Brooks, Treas.; W. G. Synnot, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Campbell, S.D.; G. F. Hempton, J.D.; A. J. H. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.R., D. of C.; W. Tricker, I.G.; and Isaac B. Burton, W. Martin, and W. H. Richardson, Stwds.

The installation banquet followed, the W.M. presiding. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Parsons, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Gerrard," remarked upon the highly efficient manner in which Bro. Gerrard had carried out the duties of the S.W. during the past year. He had been a hearty supporter of the lodge, regular in attendance, and he (Bro. Parsons) was sure that they would find in Bro. Gerrard as able and efficient a Worshipful Master as he was a Senior Warden. He hoped he would be as well supported by his officers as he (Bro. Parsons) had been during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to the toast. He assured them that he quite felt the responsibilities of the position in which they had placed him that evening. He trusted that having the advantage of knowing three or four Past Masters, on whom he knew he might rely for advice and assistance, he should be able to carry out the duties which they had entrusted to his charge in the spirit of true Masonry. He would endeavour to do so, and when he vacated the chair and gave way to his successor, he trusted that the verdict would be, "He's done his duty."

Other toasts followed.

NEWBURY.

Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—About 40 brethren assembled in the Temperance Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst., under the auspices of the above lodge, which during the past year has been presided over by Bro. J. Napoleon Day, who on this occasion performed several Masonic rites in a most perfect manner, prior to installing his successor, Bro. J. S. Liddle, Mus. Bac., organist of Newbury Parish Church, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. Day, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his efficient services during the past 12 months. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. J. N. Day, I.P.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D. Eng., S.W.; H. D'O. Astley, J.W.; Rev. Muirhead Hope, P.G.C., Chap.; W. H. Belcher, P.M., Treas.; S. Knight, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Ingram, S.D.; S. Knight, jun., J.D.; F. J. Harold, P.M., D.C.; E. A. Stickland, Org.; H. G. Knight, I.G.; H. Sait and J. Gilkes, Stwds.; and Bro. J. Legg, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, and partook of a banquet served by Mrs. Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel.

Bros. John Morland, J.G.D. Eng., acting Prov. G.M.; W. S. Bambridge, Margaret, Ravenscroft, Rolfe, Leslie, R.A., and other visitors joined the Newbury brethren at their annual festival.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYNE.

Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).—On the 11th inst. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M. of Staffordshire, accompanied by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. J. A. Brindley, were met by Bro. the Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, W.M. elect, at Stoke, and accompanied them to Newcastle, where they were received and heartily welcomed by Bro. F. Skerrett, W.M. They attended the installation of Bro. the Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, P.G. Chap., as W.M., in the Municipal Hall, there being over 100 brethren present, of whom about 40 were Past Masters. The lodge having been opened by Bro. F. Skerrett, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, the retiring W.M., the P.G.M. and his Deputy were received in lodge and saluted with much heartiness. Bro. Skerrett, in a neat speech, welcomed the P.G.M. on this his first visit to a Masonic lodge in the northern portion of the province. The Earl of Dartmouth acknowledged the cordiality with which he had been greeted, observing that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to visit the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, of which lodge he had heard most favourable accounts from his predecessors in the position he now occupied. He felt sure that the reputation of the lodge would be maintained, and he hoped that Freemasonry might flourish throughout the

province. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. F. Skerrett, assisted by Bros. J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Hyslop, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Newby, P.M.; J. T. Snape, P.P.G.S.B.; A. L. Broade, P.P. J.G.W.; and T. Edwards, P.M. The following were appointed the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. C. Downs, S.W.; George Rushforth, J.W.; L. C. A. Edgeworth, Chap.; S. Hyslop, Treas.; J. G. Ainsworth, Sec.; J. Griffith, Asst. Sec.; J. G. Howson, S.D.; H. M. Mercer, J.D.; J. Ingamells, D.C.; T. Edwards, Org.; W. H. Robinson, I.G.; J. Pearson Howson, Thomas Byrne, and G. Taylor, Stwds. Just before the close of the lodge, the Earl of Dartmouth expressed himself delighted with the way the ceremony had been performed. It was quite up to the traditions of one of the oldest lodges in the district. The following were amongst those who were present, in addition to those whose names are given above:—Bros. W. O. Briggs, 460, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Dain, 98, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bromley, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; A. L. Broad, 400, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; R. Tooth, 2214, P.P.G.R.; F. Brandon, 2487, P.P.G.R.; the Rev. E. D. Boothman, 2149, P.P.G.C.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Howson, 2054, P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Ainsworth, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; J. B. Ashwell, 637, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Bentley, 98, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Hampton, 418, P.P.J.G.D.; E. V. Greatbach, 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Howson, 418, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Watson, 2064, P.P.G.P.; J. Smith, 460, P.P.G. Std.; D. Jones, 418, P.P.G. Std.; T. R. Yoxall, W.M. 637; Louis Taylor, W.M. 2214; J. Clare, W.M. 2149; T. Edwards, P.M. 460; Edmund Jones, P.M. 418; Thomas Hall, P.M. 1914; J. Copeland, W.M. 1914; J. Beech, W.M. elect 98; G. E. Walton, W.M. 546; E. Hallam, P.M. 1942; J. Forster, P.M. 1914; John Young, W.M. 2004; J. Eardley, P.M. 637; Arthur Boulton, W.M. 98.

The banquet, which followed the business proceedings, was supplied by Messrs. Bayley and Son.

After the loyal toasts and "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been proposed, Bro. Col. Brindley responded as Grand Deacon.

Bro. Hyslop proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," expressing his belief that the Earl of Dartmouth would ere long become a most distinguished Mason.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Downs, the Senior Warden, proposed in felicitous terms "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," a toast which was warmly applauded.

In responding to this toast, Bro. Col. Brindley acknowledged the unvarying kindness which he had received from Freemasons. He alluded to the circumstances under which he had had charge of the province after the death of his friend, Bro. Col. Gough. He appreciated the kindness which had always been extended towards him. Referring to the Masonic ceremony in connection with the orphanage at Wolverhampton last year, he said every lodge in the province was to be asked to subscribe to it. There were 31 lodges in the province, and they would be asked to contribute nine guineas each for two years. Some could afford more; perhaps some could only afford a less sum. But an appeal would also be made to the Royal Arch chapters, nine in number, in the province. Seven hundred guineas must be raised in two years, and as there were in the orphanage 70 children of Masons, he was sure the institution would be well supported by the Fraternity.

Bro. Skerrett, in appropriate terms, responded for the other Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. Greatbach proposed "The Masonic Charities," observing that Freemasonry differed from other societies which were under an obligation to provide for members in sickness and death. But Freemasonry was under no such contract. He alluded to the establishment of the Girls' School 105 years ago, and of the Boys' School 10 years later, each of those schools maintaining and educating 260 children, besides which the aged Masons' widows were not forgotten. He advocated the extension of local efforts in reference to Charitable objects, his observations being well received.

Bro. Skerrett responded for the Masonic Charities, for which he had been Steward for two years. In 1893, the lodge sent £48 13s. to those Charities. In 1894 they were not able to send up quite so much, the amount being £32 9s. Last year the Charity-box yielded upwards of £8, and at the present meeting it yielded £2 7s. He spoke in favour of establishing local Charities. He proposed the toast of "The Newly-Installed Worshipful Master," which was drunk with great heartiness.

Bro. Edgeworth responded in an eloquent and telling speech, which was much appreciated by the brethren present.

"The Health of the Retiring Worshipful Master" was also well received.

Several other toasts were given and responded to, the evening being very pleasantly spent.

Bro. T. Edwards, Org., had charge of the musical arrangements, and had secured the services of Mrs. Bird, of Dudley, who sang so well that the brethren asked for an encore which was readily granted. Bro. J. Green Ainsworth sang "The Miser," as appropriate after the toast of the Charities. Other songs were given by Bros. W. H. Newby and W. Tagg, and the musical arrangements, which reflected great credit on the Organist, included a Masonic song, composed and sung by Bro. Robert C. Downs, S.W. Bro. D. H. Oxen gave a humorous recitation with his well-known ability.

NORTHALLERTON.

Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—The celebration of the annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 8th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Rowland Waistell, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M. N. & E. Yorkshire. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. T. Naylor, I.P.M.; John Stamford Walton, P.M., S.W.; Samuel Clarkson, J.W.; Rev. E. Richards, Chap.; James Vasey, Treas.; Thomas Russell, P.M., Sec.; Christopher Hodgson, S.D.; Arthur Bean, J.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; Charley Tweedy, P.M., Org.; A. E. Bartrum, I.G.; A. C. A. Lovegrove and James Naylor, Stwds.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Golden Lion Hotel. Bro. C. R. Waistell presided, and Bro. J. T. Naylor, I.P.M., was vice-chairman. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

OXFORD.

Bertie Lodge (No. 1515).—This lodge attained its majority on Thursday, the 10th inst., the occasion being fittingly marked by the most successful festival it has ever held. There was a large and representative gathering of the Craft, including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Lord Valentia; Emberlin, P.G. Treas.; W. L. Morgan, P.G. Sec.; Dr. Wilson, W.M. 557; W. S. Carver, W.M. 340; C. W. F. Clubb, W.M. 1399; Bartlett, P.M. 1703, and several other Past Masters of the Albert and Bertie Lodges. Bro. James Hastings having been elected Worshipful Master in succession to Bro. W. Harris, his installation was ably performed by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, who, at the subsequent proceedings, heartily congratulated the lodge on its high state of efficiency and enviable financial position, the Treasurer, Bro. Ford, having been able to show the substantial balance of £73 11s. Of this amount, it was decided to appropriate 30 guineas to the Three Masonic Charities in equal portions, the W.M. expressing a hope that the lodge would eventually attain the position of Vice-Patron of each Institution. In recognition of his services during the past year, it was unanimously resolved to present Bro. W. Harris with a Past Master's jewel; and on relinquishing his duties as Secretary, a vote of thanks was accorded Bro. J. J. Colcutt, for the assiduity with which he had performed his onerous duties, and, in appreciation of the same, the lodge decided to present him with a jewel of his provincial rank. The W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers for the year: Bros. Walter Harris, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Henry Maurice Turner, S.W.; R. J. Verney, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; T. Ford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. J. Colcutt, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; G. M. R. Cockburn, S.D.; John Rogers, J.D.; Henry Porter, D.C.; R. Press Thomas, A.D.C.; H. Plumridge, Mus. Doc., P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; A. E. Davis, I.G.; Edwin F. Greenwood, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., and Alfred E. Hunt, Stwds.; and Geo. Norwood, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

A banquet followed which reflected the greatest credit on the Stewards, Bros. A. Hunt, and E. T. Greenwood to whose exertions the present satisfactory financial position of the lodge is in no small measure due.

SOUTHPORT.

Unity Lodge (No. 613).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Low-street, Bro. R. W. Thornton Hatch, W.M., presiding, supported by all his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting (the installation) were read and confirmed. The summons contained the names of eight candidates to be balloted for for initiation and one joining member. All being favourable, five gentlemen were initiated by the W.M. in a most admirable manner, considering it was the first time he had occupied the chair since his installation. Bro. Sydney Bramwell, J.W., presented the working tools and delivered the charge very impressively. The large assembly of brethren was without precedence at an ordinary meeting, and we sincerely congratulate the W.M. upon the great success of the first meeting of his office, and trust it may continue.

At the close of the business the brethren partook of refreshments, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The following brethren were present: Bros. R. W. T. Hatch, W.M.; James O. Platt, S.W.; Sydney Bramwell, J.W.; Geo. Duxfield, P.M., D.C.; T. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Gale, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Harford, P.M.; Miles Blundell, P.M.; Thomas Haywood, P.M.; Thomas T. Marsden, P.M.; John Hatch, P.G.D.; J. Joys Broome, J.D.; Ben. Buser; Walter Wilkinson, Org.; A. A. W. Phillips and Nicholas Shaw, Stewards; Geo. Rockliffe, Wm. Harling, F. Harling, P.M.; John Hough, John W. Munro, J. B. Bennett, W. Rothwell, Thomas Brattin, G. Gwynne, E. Pritchard, Andrew Brown, F. W. Child, E. Walmsley, Fred. Holt, Fred. W. Smith, John Walmsley, Wm. Derry, Joseph Horrocks, G. W. Gill, Fred. Golding, E. W. Scott, Richard Brittain, R. Shuttleworth, J. Clegg, and William Wittle. Visitors: Bros. John S. Newton, Lucas Edleston, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org. W. Lanes, P.P.G. Org. E. Lanes; S. Mossop, P.M.; Fred. Wood, P.M.; Sydney Fane, P.M.; D. Malley, Samuel Boyce, T. Arrowsmith, J. Butler, E. Ashworth, Ernest A. Frost, C. Marshall, and Fred. G. Moody.

TRURO.

Fortitude Lodge (No. 131).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. E. Benney, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the impressive ceremony being ably conducted by Bro. T. C. Mack, P.P.S.G.D., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters comprising Bros. W. H. Knight, J. T. Letcher, Prov. G. Stwd., J. Tonkin, P.A. P.G. Sec., W. T. Hawking, P.P.G.D.C., E. Edwards, P.P.G.S.B., Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizzell, P.P.G. Chap., N. B. Bullen, P.P.G. Org., and J. W. Harris, all of the lodge; E. W. Carus Wilson, W.M. 331, P.P.G. S.B.; E. A. Lean, 70; and C. Tyack, 1066. Visitors: Bros. Rev. G. Clark Holman, 396, D.S.G.W. Barbadoes; E. Lawrence Carlyon, J.W. and W.M. elect 331; T. W. Griffiths, 1550; R. J. Daniell, 331; and W. Gibson, 605. At the close of the installation ceremony the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Knight, I.P.M.; W. F. Clarke, S.W.; Dr. M. J. Monk, J.W.; R. Burrow, Chap.; J. Tonkin, Treas.; J. T. Letcher, Sec.; T. A. Cundy, Asst. Sec.; Rev. C. F. Mermagen, S.D.; F. W. McCoskrie, J.D.; W. Matthews, D.C.; G. King, Org.; W. J. J. Lean, I.G.; T. J. Williams and F. Cock, Stwds.; and J. Langden, Tyler. The accounts showed that the lodge was financially in a highly satisfactory state, there being a balance to its credit of £114.

At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was held.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by an excellent programme of songs, recitations, &c., contributed to by Bros. Bullen, Tonkin, Hocking, Griffiths, Burrow, and Cundy, Bro. Dr. M. J. Monk ably presiding, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

WESTHAM.

Hadrian Lodge (No. 2483).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Corporation Arms on Wednesday, the 9th inst. The W.M., Bro. H. J. Capon, took the chair, and among others present were:

Bros. Major E. W. Stillwell, I.P.M.; Richard Francis, S.W.; W. R. Griffin, J.W.; F. Russell, S.D.; F. C. Golden, J.D.; Wm. Trigger, Sec.; Jas. Wood, I.G.; Edgar Street, Org.; Percy Boyles and Geo. Nicholson, Stwds.; and a goodly number of members of the lodge. There were three visitors present, viz.: Bros. J. Creighton, P.M. and Sec. 1110, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Fowler, P.M. 1110; and Boyce, J.W. 40.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes and correspondence having been read, Bros. J. P. Goodwin, Rev. F. W. Pawson, and Chas. Breach were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Elom Pierce was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Major E. W. Stillwell. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

At the supper which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Comps. W. Hawes, M.E.Z.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., H.; John Taylor, P.Z., J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., acting S.E.; W. H. Dunn, P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; T. E. Biddlecombe, the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, W. Baker, J. W. Clarke, H. Lotery, and John Kent. Visitors: Comps. J. Brittain, P.Z. 1385; E. Apelt, J. 1385; J. H. Moggridge, 1st A.S. 1321; C. H. Fisher, P.Z. 1489; F. A. King, 1489; Edwin George, P.Z. 1489; and W. H. Hook, P.Z. 1901.

Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., installed Comp. S. M. Banker, M.E.Z.; J. Taylor, P.Z., H.; and T. E. Biddlecombe, J. The M.E.Z. invested Comp. George Kenning, P.Z. Treas.; W. H. Dunn, S.N.; T. Cohu, P.Z., D.C., and J. W. Clarke, Stwd.; and Couchman, Janitor. Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., kindly undertook the important office of S.E. *pro tem.*, owing to the death of Comp. C. Arkell. The report of the audit meeting was taken, the balance sheet showing the chapter to be in a flourishing condition. The members of the chapter appeared in mourning for the late S.E., Comp. Charles Arkell.

Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Present: Comps. Hodges, P.Z., Treas., as M.E.Z.; Lee, H.; Van Os, J.; Green, P.Z., S.E.; Beasley, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Reed, S.N.; Cottrell, 1st A.S.; Burgess, Gale, and Cook.

Chapter having been opened, Comp. Van Os was duly installed as J. by Comp. W. W. Lee, H. Ballot was taken for Bro. Cook, Villiers Lodge, and he was afterwards duly exalted into R.A. Masonry.

Chapter was closed, and a pleasant evening was afterwards spent under the genial sway of Comp. Hodges, P.Z. Treas.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—The installation meeting of this encampment was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn Fields, on Friday, the 11th inst. Among those present were: Sir Knights C. Slater, I.P.E.C., as E.C. (in the absence abroad of Sir Knight Nelson Prower, M.A.); W. Maple 1st Capt., E.C. elect; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of Gds., P.E.C., Reg.; B. Johnson, C. of Gds.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; W. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; B. Stewart, and H. French Bromhead.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight W. Slater ably installed Sir Knight W. Maple as Eminent Commander. Among the officers invested were Sir Knights B. Johnson, 2nd Capt.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Reg.; Basil Stewart, C. of Gds.; H. F. Bromhead, Herald; and Frater Rawles was re-elected Equerry. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The presentation of a Past Commander's jewel to Sir Knight Nelson Prower was necessarily postponed till the next meeting. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Sir Knights F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.C.; E. Gravely, P.E.C.; L. Strele, P.E.C.; Rev. K. C. Fillingham, M.A., 1st Capt.; Harris Hills, Expert; Egbert Roberts, Org., and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a well-served banquet.

Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Stevenson responded on behalf of "The Officers of Great Priory" in a fluent speech; Sir Knights Slater and Lardner for "The Past Commanders," and Sir Knights Stewart and Bromhead for "The Officers." During the evening, Sir Knight F. W. Driver contributed several original selections in prose and verse, and Sir Knight H. J. Lardner gave Lover's witty song "Father Molloy."

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave. A meeting of this old conclave was held at the Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 7th inst., when there were present among others Sir Knights T. G. Robinson, M.P.S.; J. J. Pakes, V.E.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; C. Keyser, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; and H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S. The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights J. Mason, P.G.G. Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., G.C., &c., Treas.; G. Graveley, S.G.; L. Steele, and others.

The conclave was then closed. A banquet followed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on the 11th inst. in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management, presiding. There were also present Bros. J. J. Thomas, S. H. Parkhouse, J. S. Eastes, C. E. Keyser, James Stephens, A. Arrowsmith, W. H. Saunders, C. Pulman, David Jacobs, J. E. Fairchild, and J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN moved: "That in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by W. Bro. Fentiman Smithson, P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution, and in recognition of his exertions in assisting to bring about so good a result from the Province of West Yorkshire at the recent Festival, the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron be conferred upon him, under Law 15." He said it was necessary that he should then make that motion, inasmuch as at the Quarterly Court in October, 1894, having brought forward the motion (which was carried), it was found that proper notice had not been previously given according to the rules of the Institution. He then gave notice of the motion for the present Court, and he now renewed it.

Bro. J. S. EASTES, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M. Kent, seconded the motion. He had seen so much of Bro. Smithson and recognised his services. No one, perhaps, had seen more than he of Bro. Smithson, who had done very valuable service to the Boys' School, and he thought they would all rejoice in seeing those services rewarded.

Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS endorsed the previous expressions, and was glad the Institution had such an able supporter as Bro. Smithson.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS wished to echo what had been already said.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., said that Bro. Smithson's services and exertions were highly satisfactory. He went down to West Yorkshire when the Provincial Grand Master was installed, and at that time West Lancashire had announced £3500 in support of their Chairman of a former Festival (the Earl of Lathom). Just for fun he had a little bet of a new hat with Bro. Smithson that West Yorkshire would not send up so much as West Lancashire. Well, Bro. Smithson won his hat, which cost 25s.—a large amount—but in spite of that large financial loss to himself (Bro. Keyser), he was pleased for the Institution's sake that the event turned out differently to what he prognosticated.

The CHAIRMAN said he had not enlarged on the virtues of Bro. Smithson because he had said what he had to say at the last Court, when it was found necessary to give notice of the motion for to-day.

The motion was put and carried.

Bro. KEYSER moved that 23 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court of April 19, out of an approved list of 47 candidates.

Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS seconded. But he had a great deal of pain in looking over the list and seeing so many last cases. Last time three last cases were removed from the list who were unsuccessful. Five would be removed if unsuccessful at the next election. The brethren would remember how earnestly he fought when the rules were being revised for the Council's attention being drawn to the last cases. Last cases ought to be first cases; it should be looked into first whether they ought to be brought forward at all. When he found that five had only one chance more, he would ask the Court to consider, or the Council to consider whether something could not be done to enquire into the merits of cases.

The CHAIRMAN said the motion was before the Court the observations of Bro. Saunders might be very proper, but he did not see that this Court or the Council could do anything. The cases were before the brethren who had votes to give. The Council merely weighed the cases which came before them. Each case stood on its own merits, and on the exertions of the brethren. If the cases answered all the requirements of the laws of the Institution they had to go on the list.

Bro. KEYSER said he had been on the Petitions Committee many years. Every case was well considered. There were some which the Committee were obliged to accept, and others which they did not think fit. They could not help it. Very likely some few cases might come on the list which ought not to have come on at all. With regard to the five cases mentioned by Bro. Saunders, one of them was a very good case, and he thought it would be carried. Every effort would be made to do so. He could assure the brethren that the greatest care was taken, and if there was disqualification it was most carefully gone into. It was not the fault of the Committee, or of the Council, or any one, if the cases were not successful. It was instanced in every Charity.

The motion was carried.

Notices were then given of motions for conferring the rank of honorary Vice-Patron on Bros. Thomas Fenn, Jabez Hogg, and Wharton Hood.

The SECRETARY said the amount of income for 1894 was £24,186 16s. 8d., or £5000 more than the amount announced at the Festival. Lord Egerton, of Tatton, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire, would preside at the next Festival, but the date had not yet been fixed.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Richard Eve for presiding closed the proceedings.

MASONIC CALENDARS.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

"MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT MARK MASONS' HALL, AND ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS FROM 1856."—This exceedingly neat annual is edited by Bro. C. F. Matier, the zealous Mark Grand Secretary, and is now in its tenth year of issue. The title indicates the main character of its contents, but not fully, as there are some valuable financial tables, which add much to the importance and usefulness of this ably edited calendar and directory. One of these shows the number of certificates issued, warrants granted, and receipts from 1857 to 1894 in respect to the Grand Mark Lodge. The past year makes a record, being more prosperous than in any previous one—1714 certificates, raising the total issued to 32,714, and receipts—"General Fund," £2871 9s. 4d., and the "Benevolent Fund," £2489 8s. 1d.; total, £5360 17s. 5d. Other tables are of interest, especially that of the Benevolent Fund exhibiting receipts from 1868 to 1893. In the latter year £547 14s. 10d. came from the Festival, and interest £125 0s. 1d. The investments now amount to £4000, and nearly £280 was expended in grants to relieve necessitous cases. The Education Fund shows 29 children being assisted, over £400 being spent in 1893 for education and clothing. The investments are £2900, and total receipts over £650. The Annuity Fund, 1885-1893, is also carefully detailed, the investments being £4900, the receipts for 1893, £716 6s., the number of annuitants is 10, who received in that year £342 10s. in annuities and grants. Full details are appended as to annuitants and pupils, and the information is so varied and exhaustive, that Mark Masons owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Bro. Matier for compiling so many statistics for their inspection and study. The many pages of other particulars prove how thorough have been the editorial services of the Mark Grand Secretary, and render this annual a necessity for all enthusiastic and intelligent Mark Masons.

KENT.

"THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT, FOR 1895."—This is a wonderful compilation to be ready first week in January, and is as complete and valuable as ever, yet published so early this year. The editors are Bro. T. S. Warne (the originator of the series, now in its 18th year of publication) and Bro. George R. Cobham, who has, during the last year or so been associated in this arduous labour with the Directory veteran. There are now 61 lodges in the province, but as Nos. 2499 and 2530 had not been consecrated when the Directory was issued, the number really to be considered may be taken as 59 for comparison with previous tables. These lodges have returned 3680 subscribing members, being an increase on previous years, and an average of over 62 per lodge, which abundantly proves that the new lodges have not been warranted where there are too many already, the average being very high for each lodge. Nine have over 100 members each, and there is only one lodge having less than 20. There are 23 Royal Arch Chapters and 20 Mark Lodges, besides two Knights Templar Preceptories, two Rose Croix Chapters, and four Conclaves of the Red Cross of Constantine. All these bodies are duly described and particularised as to officers, places of meeting, P.M.'s, or presiding officers, addresses of the Secretaries, &c., those of the lodges and chapters including dates of warrants and other interesting information. By-Laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter are also given and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts for each, both of which are most satisfactory. There are also numerous tables, requiring great care in their compilation, and also a calendar for 1895, giving the dates of all the meetings, specifying the installation of the different lodges, chapters, Mark lodges, &c., in the province. The long list of votes in the Central Masonic Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund exhibit a grand total of 16,082 or 14,642 for the Three Craft Institutions, being some hundreds more than in the previous list. For the "Girls," "Boys," and "Benevolent," 1894, the amount subscribed is noted as £1387 12s. This is a large sum undoubtedly, but a still larger amount was raised in 1893, viz., £2197 9s. 6d., and even more during 1891 and 1892. There is, however, the other side of the case, and, thanks to the editors, we can present both. In 1893, there were 19 boys and 19 girls from Kent in the two Institutions, and 17 brethren and 15 widows enjoying the benefits of the "Benevolent" from the same province, making over £2600 per annum received in benefit, so that apparently the province is no much of a loser by its financial lists. Brothers Warne and Cobham deserve, and will doubtless receive, the hearty thanks of their brethren for this most useful accurate and comprehensive manual.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. B. Dukes, W.M.; H. C. Parker, S.W.; A. Terry, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; J. Mason, S.D.; M. Beedle, J.D.; A. Nuten, I.G.; T. Smale, P.M.; E. Kraus, G. A. Burgess, S. C. Cress, H. Smith, J. Leather, and R. Sandland. Visitor: Bro. Pullman.

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. Bro. S. C. Cross was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. S. C. Cross being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. H. R. S. Pullman, 2309, was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Parker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. At the third rising, the Lodge Ballot was taken and was won by the Secretary, Bro. W. E. Wilby, P.M. The ballot of the Benevolent Association was also taken, and was won by Bro. F. G. Evans, the five guineas in each case being forwarded to one of the Masonic Institutions. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, W.M.; Lewis Beale, S.W.; J. H. Neville, J.W.; George Read, P.M., G. Sid. Br. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Mdx., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rumbal, S.D.; A. J. Turner, J.D.; J. W. Facey, I.G.; C. Ortnor, Stwd.; James W. Barker, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; J. R. Roberts, P.M.; J. J. Mackay, P.M.; E. Warden Dennis, W.M. 2108; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090; W. S. Cottis, J. F. Bates, J. A. Battersby, Henry Bone, John Ortnor, and C. Woods. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Hobbiss, P.M., and Meyer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bros. Battersby and Ortnor answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and, being Fellow Crafts, retired; Bro. Dennis therefore took their place and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Battersby acting as candidate. Bros. Bates, Cottis, Battersby, and J. Ortnor were elected joining members. This being officers' night, Bro. A. Williams was elected previously as W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then 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 11th inst., when there were present: Comps. Meierhoff, M.E.Z.; Osterstock, H.; Grummant, J.; Cureton, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; North, Benedetti, Pullen, Gill, and Telling.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Benedetti personating the candidate. Comp. Osterstock, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded to Comps. Meierhoff, M.E.Z., and Osterstock, H., for rehearsing their respective duties. Comp. Meierhoff rehearsed the ceremony of installation of M.E.Z., Comp. Benedetti being installed. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN RAWLE, W.M. 619.

The funeral of this worthy brother, who for 20 years has been a faithful follower of the Craft, although only recently installed at the head of his lodge, took place in Old Willesden Cemetery, on Monday afternoon, amidst not only many Masonic, but general tokens of great respect for the deceased, and of much sympathy for his sorrowing widow and only son, Mr. F. Rawle. Deceased, who was only in his 55th year, died at his suburban residence, 4, Park-road, on the 10th instant, after only a very short illness, from diabetes and bronchitis. The funeral cortege, on leaving the late residence of the deceased brother, was preceded by the following members of his lodge and other brethren: Bros. J. W. Avery, P.M.; Moss Chapman, S.W.; C. A. Hutton, F. Krise, C. Norrington, P.M., Sec.; G. Perry, F. Sharratt, P.M., Treas.; W. Slatter, I.G.; and F. Upton, J.W. The following were the brethren from other lodges: Bros. J. Cooper, P.M. 1693; E. Dalton and S. Hussey, S.W., of 1637; Mildred, Past Master 2024; J. Parfitt, 1365; W. R. Plaford, W.M. 608, and J.W. 793 (R.A.); Salmon, P.M. 245; W. F. Sanderson, 1563; T. F. Shaw, 2631; A. Skinner, 245; J. Soper, P.M. 55; and C. Winterbun, 2323. The coffin of polished oak and brass fittings, covered with beautiful wreaths and bearing the Masonic emblems, was conveyed in an open car followed by four mourning coaches and other carriages containing the relatives and other mourners: Mr. F. J. Rawle (son), Mr. E. R. Rawle (brother, who travelled from Devonshire, leaving at his home another brother too ill to attend), Mr. Chiswell (brother-in-law), two cousins, Mr. W. Goddard (father-in-law of Mr. F. Rawle) and his two sons, Messrs. Frank and R. Goddard. The Harlesden Constitutional Club (of which deceased was an active member and one of the directors) was represented by Mr. W. E. B. Copland-Crawford (Chairman), and a large number of members, deputations also attending from the Oddfellows and other societies with which the deceased was associated. On the arrival of the funeral at the cemetery—where a large concourse of neighbours and friends had gathered—the coffin, carried by eight of the employees of the firm, was met at the gate by the Rev. W. Irwin, vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, in which district the deceased and his family had so long resided. On entering Willesden Old Church (St. Mary's) the organ plaintively played, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Mr. Irwin very impressively recited the sublime service in the presence of a full congregation, whilst the scene presented in the venerable church was a striking one, the lovely flowers of the wreaths of the brethren and relatives on the coffin contrasting with the simple green holly entwining around the old pillars still left from the Christmas decorations, whilst the sun streamed gloriously in through the coloured windows. On the procession leaving the church the organ again played in subdued touch to the strains of the "Dead March." At the family grave, where the first and only other interment—that of Mrs. Rawle's mother took place seven years ago—the committal portions of the service was completed, several of the brethren placing on their deceased brother's coffin the time-honoured emblem of the Craft. Besides the family wreaths, and one from the employees,—of whom about 20 were present,—beautiful wreaths were sent bearing tender and fraternal inscriptions from the

Beadon and St. John's Lodge of Instruction, as well as from individual brethren. Large and handsome wreaths were also sent by the Harlesden Constitutional Club, the I.O.C.S. Club, and other bodies. Among those present at the grave were Mr. F. Connolly (Messrs. Connolly Bros.), Messrs. P. A. Morris and A. D. Tucker (of Messrs. Wakeley Bros. and Co. Limited—of which deceased was a director), Mr. Marshall, secretary; Mr. J. W. Harrison, director; and Mr. Hooker, manager of Messrs. Heather, Bailey and Co., Limited, of which deceased was the chairman of the directors; Mr. Garland, London Chatham and Dover Railway; Mr. Cooer, St. Saviour's Vestry, of which Mr. Rawle was a member; and Mr. W. C. Bradley, rate collector of Blackfriars. Mrs. Rawle, widow, and Mr. F. Rawle, son, desire very gratefully to record their deep appreciation of the numerous kind expressions of sympathy they had received from the brethren of the Beadon and other lodges of the Order.

BRO. GEORGE POLE BRITTEN.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. George Pole Britten, which occurred on Tuesday last at Morden College, Blackheath, in his 68th year. To attempt to give a full sketch of his life would simply mean to write a history of the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools. In the list of subscribers his name appears among the earliest, and although not a rich man he continued his donations to the institution until a recent date. Elected as a member of the board of management in November, 1862, he was soon appointed as chairman of the house committee, and retained that post until his greatly regretted retirement in 1890. He specially interested himself in the comfort and welfare of the orphans for whose benefit the schools were established, and well earned his popular title of "The Children's Friend." He was unmarried, and the chief hobby of his life was assisting in the election of children, watching their development while at Russell Hill, Purley, and superintending the arrangements for placing them in suitable situations when they had to fight the battle of life for themselves. Even then his interest in their future career did not diminish, and he possessed a unique and detailed history of all the scholars who had passed through the schools. So much was this appreciated, that the happy idea was conceived of presenting his portrait to be hung up in the dining-hall of the institution. The small contributions of the ex-scholars resulted in the portrait being painted by Mr. Lawlor, and this was unveiled on the occasion of the public examination, which was held in July, 1887, under the presidency of Mr. F. Debenham. An original poetical address was on this occasion delivered by Mr. J. E. Whitworth, an ex-scholar. Bro. Britten was one of the patrons of the Old Russellians, an association formed for the purpose of holding social re-unions of the old scholars, and was present at the last dance they held at the Armfield Hotel. So closely did he identify himself with the institution, that at one time his office in Friday-street was visited by persons in quest of information almost as frequently as the legitimate offices, which were then in Cheapside. Bro. Britten was one of the best known men in the City of London, and spent his early days in Lawrence-lane. About 1844 he entered the counting-house of Messrs. W. and R. Morley, in Gutter-lane. In 1854 he became counting-house manager to Mr. W. J. Powell, Friday-street. Seven years after the firm was reconstructed under the title of Morley and Powell, and Bro. Britten became one of the partners, but in 1883, upon the retirement of Mr. J. Henry Morley, the firm was again reconstructed under the title of Powell, Britten, and Co. On the dissolution of this firm, in 1891, Bro. Britten sojourned for a time with some relatives in the North of Ireland, and then took up his residence at Morden College, Blackheath, where he was visited from time to time by some of his most intimate City friends. The board of management of the Warehousemen, Clerks' and Drapers' Schools met on Thursday evening, and passed a vote of condolence, and also appointed a deputation to attend the funeral, which took place at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday last. Bro. Britten was a P.M. of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, and was a regular attendant at the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and also at the Board of Benevolence, where his advocacy for generous grants to petitioners was well known and appreciated. The members of the Board of Management of the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools who attended Bro. Britten's funeral and placed a splendid wreath upon his grave, were Mr. George Bell (Copestake), Mr. W. E. Rowe (Friday-street), Mr. John Roberts (Hitchcock, Williams, and Co.), Mr. H. Hayden (Cooks), Mr. C. Hind, J.P. (Hind, Beal, and Ellis), Mr. W. Woolcott (Morleys), Mr. A. G. Ayles (Head Master), Mr. Chas. Reddick (Reddick and Rider), and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher (Secretary). There were also present Mr. N. B. Headon, C.C., and Mr. Thomas Hamer, both former members of the board for many years, and a large assemblage of ex-scholars of the school and deceased's relatives and friends. The members of the Craft present, each carrying a sprig of acacia, were Bros. Hastie, P.M. 1669; Thos. Edmondston, P.M. 1669; N. B. Headon, C.C., P.M. 1426 and 1669; Thos. Hamer, 1426, and others.

MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS, the inventor of the first machine for introducing the principle of the perforation of postage stamps, delivered a lecture on "The Pillar of the Earth, or who is the true Atlas," at the rooms of the East Central Postal District Telegraph Messengers' Institute, 2, Throgmorton-avenue, on Wednesday. At its close a hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of Mr. Briggs, the assistant sub-controller, awarded to the lecturer.



BRO. JAMES BISHOP has been elected Second Warden of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year.

AT THE Banbury Poultry and Cage Bird Show, held on the 8th and 9th inst., Bro. W. Pine was awarded three first, one second, and two special prizes for Norwich canaries, with four entries.

THE PRINCE OF WALES will open the International Railway Congress, of which he is President, on Wednesday, June 26th. The first three days after the opening ceremony will be devoted to excursions to points of railway interest in the North of England, and the regular meetings, which will also take place at the Imperial Institute, will not commence till the morning of July 1st. After the close of the Congress, excursions will also be arranged to Scotland, and probably to Ireland.

BRO. FRANK A. LANE, Town Councillor of Christchurch, Hants, and fifth son of Alderman Lane, of the same borough, was, on Thursday, the 10th inst., installed as W.M. of Unity Lodge, No. 132, at the Masonic Hall, Ringwood. The Installing Master, who officiated at the request of the retiring W.M., Bro. C. Wilkes, was the eldest brother of the W.M. elect, viz., Bro. E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac. Dunelm, P.M. 1765, Org. 1692, M.E.Z. 1745, Organist of Bromley (Kent) Parish Church. Over 50 brethren attended the festival, including several Past and Present Grand Officers of the province.

THE ANNUAL BALL and conversazione of the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, was held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on the 10th inst., and proved one of the most successful on record. Bro. Lamsdale, W.M., and his officers well deserved the thanks of the brethren and their lady friends for the trouble and care that had been bestowed so as to ensure the enjoyment of those present. A total of 94 sat down to the banquet at 6.30 p.m., after which the ball was held, intervals being provided during which several fair visitors contributed music and song, and Bros. Poole and Trevitt gave short entertainments in legerdemain.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—The President and Trustees of the Royal Academy of Arts have appointed Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, refreshment contractors to the Academy. We understand that it is the intention of these well-known caterers to institute in the forthcoming season an "Afternoon Tea," served on small trays in the most *recherché* manner. This will be a boon which should be much appreciated by the many ladies who visit the galleries in Burlington Gardens. Improvements will also be made in the luncheon arrangements, amongst others being the provision of a first class Grill, a feature for which these world-renowned caterers have long been famous. The firm have also under contemplation various modes of modernising the arrangements for the annual banquet in May.

BRO. THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF PERTH sailed for his diocese in Western Australia, on the 28th ult. He is J.W. of Lodge Peace and Unity, 314, Preston, and Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire. When the occasion of his last visit to his lodge, Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., P.M., P.G.C. England, W.M., spoke of the regret the members of the lodge felt in losing the services of their right reverend brother—of the gratification it gave them to see his preferment to so honourable a position in the Church, and of the great interest the Bishop of Perth had taken in Masonry, and the admirable and impressive manner in which he always performed his duties, and, in the name of the lodge, wished him God-speed. Bro. the Bishop of Perth suitably responded, and hoped that in his new sphere of work at the other side of the world, he would be able to help on the cause of Freemasonry. We congratulate our brethren in Australia upon having so able and zealous a brother occupying such an influential position in Australia.

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.—The 46th annual ball, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, took place on Tuesday evening at the Town Hall, and was one of the most successful ever celebrated. The whole of the proceeds emanating from the ball goes to the Charity, which benefits annually to the amount of £400. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution educates and clothes some 400 orphans of Masons annually, and it is supported solely by lodges belonging to the Province of West Lancashire. The ball was held under distinguished patronage, there being present the Countess of Lathom, the Hon. Lady Skelmersdale, the Countess of Derby, Lady Claud J. Hamilton, and the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool; the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Derby, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Bro. Robt. Wylie, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire. The following officers contributed materially to the success of the gathering: Bros. Walter Simpson, P.P.G.W.; John Edwards, P.M. 1182; W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D. of C.; George A. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; and E. Latham, P.M. 594. Needless to add, the worthy Secretary, Bro. A. E. Povey, S.W. 241, was indefatigable in his efforts. The ball was largely attended, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, the grand suite of rooms presenting a most animated and charming spectacle. The insignia of the brethren and the charming dresses of the ladies all tended to add to the glittering scene. Dancing commenced early, and was kept up with unabated spirit till the small hours. A most satisfactory programme was arranged by Bro. Geo. Eyton, P.M. 2215. The supper and refreshments, as provided by Bro. Thomas Wood, 1547, were all that could be desired.

THE DRAMA OF TO-DAY is in a decidedly healthy condition. This is due partly to the fact that our leading dramatists endeavour to produce work which will rank as literature. But it is, of course, mainly due to the appreciation which the British public always shows for a good play. Indeed, the British public invariably patronises what is good. This accounts for the wonderful popularity, as a family medicine, of Holloway's Pills and Ointment. The British public knows, by experience that for purifying the blood, invigorating the nerves, and promoting the healthy action of the liver, there is nothing in the whole wide world to equal Holloway's Pills; while for curing gout, rheumatism, and the like, the Ointment is unsurpassed.

THE RANELAGH CLUB, which now numbers over 1000 members, has secured a 50 years' lease of its house and park.

THE PRINCE OF WALES and suite witnessed the performance of "The Chieftain," at the Savoy Theatre, on Thursday evening.

BRO. SIR GEORGE ROBERT TYLER, Bart., has been elected First Warden of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company for the ensuing year.

REJOICINGS took place on the Duke of Buccleuch's estate in celebration of the birth of a son and heir to the Earl of Dalkeith. Huge bonfires were lighted at Langholm and other places, the materials for which were largely carted by the tenantry. Mr. Malcolm, of Holmhead, proposed at dinner "The Health of the young heir," whom he hoped would grow up to be a worthy successor of former Dukes.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirk was held at Melrose on Thursday of last week, Bro. Dr. J. Middleton, Prov. G.M., presiding. On the report of the dispensing of casual relief by the lodges in the province being submitted, the Prov. G.M. impressed upon the Masters of lodges the necessity of seeing that their Secretaries send in reports of casuals previous to the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge. The annual festival of the Prov. G. Lodge was celebrated at the close of the meeting.

MASONIC BALL.—On Friday evening, the 11th inst., a ball was given at the Amity Hall, Poole, under the auspices of the Amity Lodge. There was a large and brilliant assembly, the Masons themselves attending in strong force. The dance programme comprised 24 items, and the M.C. was Bro. W. J. Bacon. The ball-room was effectively decorated with flowers, flags, &c. The music was supplied by Benzon's band, from Bournemouth. The supper, of a *recherche* character, was served by Bro. W. G. Green. The profits will be devoted to the Dorset Masonic Charity.

ON THURSDAY the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by Captain Lord Bingham, A.D.C., Major-General Utterson (commanding the 3rd Brigade), Colonel Kelly-Kenny, and Colonel H. S. G. Miles, inspected, at Aldershot, the Seaforth Highlanders, who arrived in camp on the previous day. The battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, presented a very smart appearance as it was formed up on the Parade-ground with the two deer presented by her Majesty the Queen. On making an inspection of the ranks his Royal Highness spoke to several of the old soldiers, many of whom wore four and five decorations. All the officers were subsequently presented to the Duke of Connaught.

THE *Glasgow Evening News* contains a sketch giving the front elevation, taken from a plate prepared by Mr. Henry, Ayr, of the proposed Masonic Building to be erected by St. Paul Lodge, No. 204, situate in Nile Court, High-street, Ayr. Bro. Thomas Duncan, who successfully carried through the Burns Statue Masonic panel scheme, is the secretary for the building arrangements, and he has already in prospect the disposal of 800 £1 shares. The building, however, will cost double that amount. There is a great demand for suitable hall accommodation in the locality, and it is expected that there will be considerable revenue from the main hall, which will be capable of seating about 600 persons. Above the large hall is the lodge-room, &c. Beneath, in a sunk flat, it is intended to have the kitchen and supper-room, bar, store, &c. The site is suitably chosen, being central and in full view from High-street.

MASONIC BALL AT GLOUCESTER.—A ball in connection with the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, took place at the Bell Hotel on Thursday, the 10th inst., and proved a most successful affair. The decorations were exceedingly pretty, and praise is due to the ladies who rendered valuable assistance in carrying them out, among whom were Mrs. Bacon, the Misses Woodward, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Watson, and the Misses Pocock. The Masonic Hall was laid out as a supper room, the tables being most tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the general arrangements for the comfort of the guests were everything that could be desired. The most hearty congratulations should be extended to Miss Grimstead and the efficient staff at the Bell, who had worked so hard in connection with the event. The arrangements in the ball-room were admirably carried out by a Committee, consisting of Bros. W. J. Jenkins, W.M.; E. G. Woodward, P.M.; P.P.G.R.; H. S. Crump, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; T. Robins, S.W.; W. H. Godby, J.W.; H. R. J. Braine, S.D.; H. Villar, J.D.; H. W. Watson, S.W.; and Dr. Bibby. The Hon. Secretaries were Bros. T. Robins and H. W. Watson, and the M.C.'s, Bros. E. G. Woodward and H. S. Crump.

MASONIC SERVICE IN ST. GILES' EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., a Masonic service was held in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, for behoof of the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. The function had been originated by the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, and was under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Masonic brethren met in the Parliament House, formed into procession there and went to church. There were about 500 of them in Masonic clothing and regalia. Last of all came the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Charles Dalrymple, and a number of the Grand Officers. Inside the church there was a fair congregation. The Rev. Dr. Storey, Past Grand Chaplain and Moderator of the Established Church, was the preacher. The Rev. John Glaspey, Past Grand Chaplain, conducted the devotional exercises, and the Grand Master Mason read the lessons. Dr. Storey founded his sermon on the building and dedication of the Temple, and spoke of the elevating and ennobling power of a high idea, especially when combined with an effort for the discharge of duty. In addition to the sermon by the Moderator, what perhaps lent most interest to the function was the choral and orchestral service organised by the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, and under the conductorship of Bro. James A. Moonie. The leading instruments of the Scottish orchestra were present from Glasgow, and the effect of the brasses ringing through the stone aisles was thrilling, and presented a fine contrast to the stringed and wood accompanists. The order of service included the voluntary, "March," Mozart; anthem, "Hear my prayer"; solo, "Nazareth"; and the chorus, "Hallelujah."

"THE POSITION of Freemasonry in Relation to Universal History and the Evolution of Thought." Such is the title of a course of four lectures to be delivered by Dr. A. Ross Carmichael in the Couper Institute, to which "brethren are cordially invited." The first of the course will be given on the 23rd inst.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK.—This annual, which is issued by George Kenning, "The Freemason" Printing Works, 16, Great Queen-street, London, contains a complete list of all the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters, with their places and times of meeting, corrected from the books of the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and a variety of articles concerning Masonry. It is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the command of the M.W. Grand Master. A nicely-bound book, full of useful information for Freemasons, it ought to commend itself to the approval of the Craft.—*Stafford Advertiser*.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL BALL in aid of the Masonic Mark Benevolent Fund will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 23rd inst. It is under the patronage of Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., the Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. G. S. Stroude-Lowe, P.M., Dep. Prov. Grand Master. In former years the fund has greatly benefited by this effort, and it is to be hoped that the Masonic fraternity will accord it the support and patronage of which it is deserving, and not permit its failure. There is a limited supply of tickets, and there should be no delay in applying for them. It is requested that no Craft or Arch jewels shall be worn, but by special dispensation brethren will be allowed to wear Mark Masonic clothing. Dancing will commence at 8 p.m., and terminate at 2 a.m. A select orchestral band will be in attendance.

THE *Bath Chronicle* of the 10th inst. has the following: "The association of the Masonic body with the restoration of the west front of Bath Abbey Church, dates back something like 30 years, but the work undertaken has never been accomplished. Is it not time either that the project was abandoned or a serious attempt made to carry it out? Other people may be more sanguine of the success of the latter than we confess we are, but looking at the generally depressed state of everything, and the laudable desire of the brethren to maintain their own noble Charities, the prospect of being able to raise a considerable sum for a work of church restoration seems doubtful indeed. There is, we believe, something like £300 or £400 in hand; would it not be well to spend this money on some other part of the fabric, say the window in the south transept, or even add it to the organ fund? Of course it is safe where it is—in the bank—and it is accumulating, but at what rate? The question, we venture to think, is one that may well engage the attention of the Craft."

SEWAGE IN OYSTERS.—We have received a communication from Sir Charles A. Cameron, medical officer of health for Dublin, in the course of which he says: Sir William Broadbent's observations in reference to the transmission of typhoid fever poison through the medium of oysters, which appeared in the *British Medical Journal* of Jan. 12th, deserve the most careful consideration. At the meeting of the British Medical Association at Cambridge fifteen years ago I read a paper on "Typhoid from Oysters." My hearers seemed to think that this paper was one which might amuse but could not instruct them, although I stated that I had found sewage in considerable quantities in oysters. Since then the possibility of the *materies morbi* of enteric fever and other diseases gaining access to oysters has frequently been discussed, and I have published the case of a large number of persons who were undoubtedly subjected to severe gastro-enteritis as the result of eating oysters which were undoubtedly fresh. I have frequently examined oysters taken from the estuaries of rivers, and often detected sewage in them. This pollution must also occur in cockles and mussels. There seems to be little doubt that oysters and other edible bivalves, taken from the places to which sewage has access, must occasionally be the vehicle of pathogenic bacilli. This matter ought to be considered by the sanitary authorities whose districts abut on bays and the seashore, and they should not permit oysters to be cultivated on beds to which sewage has direct access. With lobsters and crustaceans generally there need be no interference, as no danger is incurred by eating them even when they have fed in foul water.—*British Medical Journal*.

A WEIGHT OF FREEMASONRY.—When the Sibyl found that Tarquin would not purchase her nine-volume novel at the published price she considerably burned three of the parts and then demanded the same sum for the remainder; repeating the crematory operation until at length she extorted from the unfortunate monarch for three times the amount she had originally demanded for the complete set. Messrs. Erskine and Co. have a more gentle method of getting subscribers to improve their minds by reading the works they produce. Mr. George Lane, licensed victualler, Hyde-street, Poplar, takes an interest in the deep mysteries of Freemasonry, and ordered from the firm named their history of the Craft, in two volumes, which he afterwards refused to accept. When they were tendered to him in his bar he declared he would not touch them with a poker. Whether his choice of that particular article with which not to touch the books arose from his experience of the part a poker is popularly supposed to play in the rite of Masonic initiation was not disclosed; the fact remained that he would have nothing to do with the "History of Freemasonry." Did Messrs. Erskine act in the unreasonable manner of a Sibyl? Not at all; they paid the volumes into the Bow County Court, and then sued the publican for £2 10s. as their value. In the tribunal over which Judge French presided, the two large folio volumes were laid before Mr. Lane; and his Honour briefly said, "Now pay for the books you ordered." "Oh, certainly, if you say so," answered the licensed victualler, "but won't you tell them to send the books home?" "No," said the inexorable Augur, "you caused them to be brought here, and you must carry them home yourself." "But look how heavy they are," cried the purchaser; "fancy having to carry them all the way to Poplar! They are enough to break a man's back." The judge would have nothing to say further on the matter. The books were there to take or leave, as the defendant liked—but he must pay for them. Mr. Lane staggered out of the court under the weight, not of the Masonic secrets, but of their history, sumptuously bound in two volumes.—*Newcastle Leader*.

WHAT REALLY WENT WRONG.

ONLY the other day it was that I talked about how people are so often scared at things which are not dangerous, and have no fear of things that are dangerous. There is so much of this (and it is so important to get at the rights of it), I shall have to trouble you with a word more, for the general good.

On March 22nd, this year (1894), Michael Frawley, of Miltown, county Clare, Ireland, wrote a letter describing an illness he had been through and come luckily out of. From that letter I pick one sentence, first of all, and put it by itself, where you can see it plain, and read it:

"My heart thumped and throbbed so much that I thought I had heart disease."

No wonder he thought so, and no wonder he was frightened about it. Besides, the sensation, when the heart behaves that way, is worrying and alarming, even if one happens to understand the cause of it. Yet, as a matter of fact, Mr. Frawley was in no danger at all from his heart. His danger lay in quite another direction. Let us read his letter.

"It was in March, 1889, That I began to feel there was something wrong with me. Before that time I had always been strong and healthy. The first signs were that my tongue was thickly furred and I had a foul taste in the mouth. My appetite was poor, and after eating I had great pain and distress at my chest and sides, and in the back between the shoulder blades.

"I was constantly belching up wind, and my abdomen used to swell until I could scarcely bear the feeling and the inconvenience of it. My head was dizzy, and spots floated before my eyes, and often I would have such a rush of blood to my head that I could hardly see. Often as I walked along the road I feared I should fall down. I used to break out into cold, clammy sweats, and would tremble and shake all over me.

"I got no sleep at night, and grew so weak that from time to time I had to be off my work. I saw one doctor after another, but their medicines did me no good. In September, 1890, I went to the County Infirmary, Ennis, where I was seen by several doctors, but they all said they could do nothing to help me.

"I was now almost too weak to walk about, and my heart thumped and throbbed so much I thought I had heart disease. My head got worse and worse, and sometimes I felt as if I should go out of my mind.

"This was my condition until December, 1892, when I came upon a little book telling about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and how many cases like mine had been cured by the Syrup after everything else had proved to be of no use.

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In a separate communication Mr. Flynn vouches for the accuracy of the statement of Mr. Frawley. But it really isn't necessary; its truth is plain on its face.

Now please bear in mind the few words you are going to read from this place on to the end.

Things that kill do not generally make much noise. Diseases that kill are not half the time located where you think they are. Hence you get anxious about the wrong thing, and some of the doctors doctor you for the wrong thing. More people die from that than if they were let alone. There was nothing ailed Mr. Frawley's heart, nor his chest, nor his back, nor his head.

What he suffered in those places were (*now look sharp!*) MANIFESTATIONS of the true malady located elsewhere—namely, indigestion and dyspepsia, located in the stomach. It was the poisons from that sink of death and corruption that ran all over his body, started all the other *local* disturbances, and nearly made an end of him. Mother Seigel's Syrup set his stomach right, and in a twinkling he was right everywhere. Don't get excited and fuddled over symptoms. Say, "It's the stomach gone wrong," and cure it with the same sure remedy.

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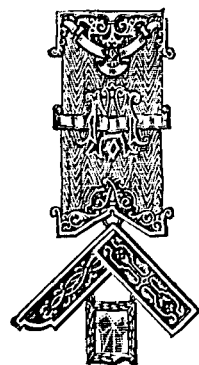
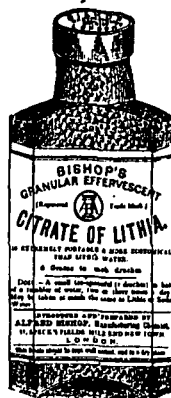
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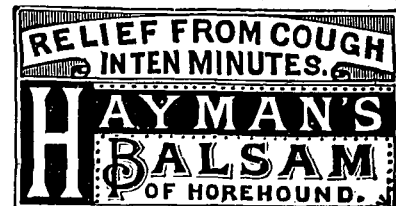
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