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THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

The fact that the Berkhamstead Lodge, which ranks no higher on the roll of United Grand Lodge than No. 504, should only have celebrated the Jubilee or 50th Anniversary of its constitution early in the present month, suggests some curious reflections as to the precise value we are to attach to the meaning of that "progress" which has been depicted in such glowing colours by nearly every writer on Masonic history at almost every stage in the career of our Society from the year 1717, when the premier Grand Lodge of the world was constituted, to within the last 20 or 30 years. Be it said to the honour of those brethren who have latterly devoted themselves to the study of this most important branch of Masonic literature, that they have recognised most fully the responsibilities they incur on assuming the rôle of historians. Their statements of fact may not be invariably accurate, nor are their statements of opinion always entirely free from bias, but in both these respects, as well as by reason of their unwillingness to adopt other people's statements until they have first critically inquired into all the circumstances, they are incomparably superior to their predecessors. What they have written is in the main trustworthy; their facts are derived from the records of lodges and Grand Lodges, and their opinions are almost invariably supported by evidence which, in the eyes of the average critic, may be set down as conclusive. Their predecessors, however, appear to have troubled themselves but little about records or evidence. They adopted each other's statements without scruple or diffidence—without scruple, knowing well they must thereby escape the responsibilities of originating them; and without diffidence, from the great reliance they placed in those days upon the ignorance of their readers. Hence, as we have said, at almost every stage in the career of Masonry, we are confronted by the statement, that "during this period," or for the sake of variety, "under the auspices," or, "during the Grand Mastership" of this or that "distinguished nobleman," the Craft made marvellous progress, as shown by the establishment of new lodges in Timbucou, the Sahara, and Madagascar, or the issue of Deputations to sundry brethren to act as Prov. Grand Masters in Patagonia, Greenland, and elsewhere. In these days, we are a trifle more curious about details, and thanks to the careful and conscientious labours of such men as Bros. HUGHAN and GOULD, the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, Bro. JOHN LANE, and others, much of the mystery in which Masonic history has been so long enveloped has been, or is in a fair way of being, dissipated.

But though much of the progress on which former historians were pleased to dilate existed principally in their imagination, we must not go to the other extreme of assuming that none was made, that it was not a very genuine progress—though in a different sense from what these writers indicated—or that it is adequately represented by the present enumeration of our lodges. It would be altogether erroneous to suppose that because four-fifths of the lodges now apparently on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England have been constituted during the last 50 years, the increase in the development of English Masonry has been chiefly confined to that period. If we refer to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" and Grand Lodge Calendar we shall find that about 4000 lodges have been constituted since 1717, of which rather more than 2000 remain on the roll. But not all the other 2000 have ceased to exist. At the time of the Union of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Societies in 1813—and we need not go further back for our present purpose—there were on the rolls of the two Grand Lodges about 1000 lodges, and of these a considerable number were extinct, while others had transferred their allegiance to other Grand Lodges. Hence when, as a consequence of that Union, the two rolls were amalgamated together and became one, the number of lodges under United Grand Lodge was 647, with the Grand Stewards' Lodge at the head of the roll but without a number. Between 1814 and 1832, this number was extended to 865, when a fresh enumeration of the lodges was adopted, and the several gaps that had occurred in the interval having been closed up, No. 865 straightway became No. 594. In the course of the next 31 years as many as 682 fresh lodges were warranted, and the roll extended from 594 to 1276; but in 1863 a further closing up of the roll was authorised, and No. 1276 was transformed into No. 974. Since then the rate of progress has been still more remarkable, and the Agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December last showed that the latest warrant granted by the M.W. Grand Master for the constitution of a new lodge was numbered 2538. Thus, in the 31 years that have elapsed since the closing up and re-numbering of the lodges in 1863, there have been granted no less than 1564 new warrants, and the work of constituting additional lodges is still proceeding, as will have been seen from our report last week of the consecration of the Ember Lodge, No. 2540, East Molesey, on the 11th instant. But, though at the December Communication there were nominally on the roll 2538 lodges, the actual

number is much smaller, Grand Lodge Calendar stating it at 2086, which is probably in excess of the true number, there being several lodges in New Zealand which have seceded from our Constitution, but have not yet been formally written off the books of Grand Lodge. There are, then, some 2000 lodges remaining out of the 4000, more or fewer, which have been constituted since the year 1717, when the "Four Old Lodges" met and constituted themselves the Grand Lodge of England, with Bro. ANTHONY SAYER, Gentleman, as its Grand Master; and the question naturally arises—"What has become of the other 2000 lodges?" Well, many of them have died a natural death, the old members died or retired, and the new members that were necessary to keep the lodge in working condition came not. But the greater number only disappeared from the roll of our Grand Lodge to reappear on those of other Grand Lodges, and the bulk of these are still English lodges, either to this extent—that they steadfastly maintain the old traditions as preserved and handed on by the Grand Lodge of England, as do the senior lodges in the older jurisdictions in the United States of North America; or they have seceded from us in order to constitute themselves, together with their Irish and Scotch neighbour lodges, into Grand Lodges in other parts of the British Empire than the United Kingdom. Such are the senior lodges on the respective rolls of the Grand Lodges of Canada (Province of Ontario), Quebec, Nova Scotia, &c., in North America; and those which have still more recently seceded and founded the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Those who desire to learn about these seceded lodges should consult the Appendix to Bro. LANE'S "Masonic Records," and our Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year. Thus while a considerable part of that progress in English Masonry, about which our early historians were wont to dilate in such gushing language, turns out to be the merest moonshine; there has always been a very real progress—as indicated by the closing up of the lists both before and since the Union—about which they have said but little or nothing, for the reason, perhaps, that to trace former English lodges into other jurisdictions would have been too laborious a task.

THE CRAFT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

This is one of those important jurisdictions in the United States which derive their origin from the Grand Lodge of England, and it is indeed most gratifying to find that the old traditions and ceremonial observances of the Craft are as scrupulously respected as they are in the jurisdiction of our own Grand Lodge. In some respects, indeed, they are even more strict than we are, while in others they adhere to the old arrangements for the regulation of their Grand Lodge with a tenacity which does them infinite credit. Thus, their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are "Right Worshipful"—not "Most Worshipful"—as they were in the days of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, from which they are immediately, though not originally, descended. Their Quarterly Communications are held in March, June, September, and December, as ours are, while they still reserve the Annual Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day (the 27th December) for the installation and appointment of their new Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The Philadelphia *Keystone* contains a full account of the proceedings at this important gathering on St. John's Day in December last, when Bro. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON was installed R.W. Grand Master in succession to Bro. MICHAEL ARNOLD, and both these distinguished brethren delivered elaborate addresses, the former describing the principal events of the past year, and the latter indicating generally the lines of conduct he should pursue in his endeavours to maintain and promote the welfare of the Craft in the jurisdiction he had been chosen to preside over. The matter of both these addresses is in greater part of purely local interest, but there are one or two questions touched upon in Bro. ARNOLD'S, to which at some time or other we may feel ourselves called upon to refer. In the same number of the same journal will be found a full account of the Annual convocation on the same day of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and the installation of Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT as M.E. Grand High Priest, in succession to Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, and again both the outgoing and incoming Grand First Principals delivered elaborate addresses, in which Comp. TENNIS reviewed the events of the past year, and Comp. BARTLETT spoke in hopeful terms of the new year. In addition to these two accounts the *Keystone* of the same date, and in its issue of the following week, records the proceedings on New Year's Day of the gathering at the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, which is located in North Broad-street, Philadelphia. This gathering is known as "Donation Day," and is, in fact, the annual Festival in aid of this newly-organised Masonic Charity. There was, as is usual on these occasions, a large attendance of the

Committee of Management, the friends and supporters of the Charity, and a very numerous number of the fair sex. What is of still more material consequence, the donations amounted to the exceptionally large sum of nearly 27,000 dollars (£5400), in which was included a gift of 12,000 dollars (£2400) by Mrs. JAMES W. QUEEN, sister of the late Bro. S. J. DICKEY, D.D., who was one of the truest friends of the Home, and died during the past year. Mrs. QUEEN'S generous contribution was presented for the purpose of supplying funds with which to defray the cost of erecting an additional wing to the Charity, and on condition that the said wing should be known as "The SAMUEL J. DICKEY Extension," that a suitable tablet to the memory of her late brother should be placed on the wall of the new building, and that whether the Home remains in its present quarters or is removed elsewhere, her contribution of this amount shall secure the perpetuation of her brother's memory and his exceeding love for Masonry and the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. We heartily congratulate our Pennsylvanian brethren on the unprecedented success of their annual "Donation Day," and we sincerely trust that their Home, which has been established only a very few years, may remain for generations a monument of their tender solicitude for the indigent members of their Order and their widows.

ST. THOMAS' LODGE, LONDON.

Thanks to Bro. George Powell, the zealous P.M. and Secretary of No. 142, I am in possession of a copy of the By-Laws of that lodge, which contain an interesting "Historical Notice," as an introduction to the Regulations. I have also had the loan, for perusal, of some old records, the property of St. Thomas' Lodge, which are both curious and valuable.

The historical notice is by the late Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M. and Sec. 142, and is dated December, 1877. In 1865, at the instance of Bro. Powell, then W.M., a Committee was appointed to investigate the claim of the lodge to the privilege of wearing a Centenary Jewel, and 10 years later, the favour was obtained. In response to an inquiry made of the Grand Secretary, an extract was forwarded, giving particulars of its constitution by the S.G.W. of the "Ancients" (Bro. Wm. Tindall), on May 11th, 1775, at the "Angel and Crown," in Maiden-lane, Wood-street, London. A copy of this is given by Bro. Levander, and also of the original warrant of the same date, then numbered 193. The sum paid to the Grand Secretary (Bro. W. Dickey), for charter, &c., is stated to be £6 17s. 6d.

Bro. John Lane, in his invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," gives several places of meeting from 1775 for one hundred years (over 30 in number), but did not then know of any place of meeting between 1775 and 1786. He does now, however, for the second edition, being prepared, viz., Northumberland Arms, Great Russell-street, December 11, 1775, and Mr. John Robinson's Bell Public House, Cecil Court, St. Martin's Lane, from 4 April, 1776, &c.

Though the Grand Secretary's statement in 1865 was emphatic as to the lodge having begun its eventful career in 1775, Bro. Levander did not feel convinced however, but states "it is supposed that the lodge was in existence at least as early as 1756."

This is a pure fancy, but is because of an old minute book, owned by the lodge, with records from 1756, which formerly belonged to "Ancient" Lodge, No. 54, assembling at the "Bear's Paw," and warranted 14th June, 1756. The members soon afterwards purchased the vacant No. 12 for a guinea, 16 of the brethren contributing 1s. each towards the cost, and the valuable old book begins with a receipt from Richd. Musehel (?), dated December 28th, 1756, for £3 10s. from Lodge No. 12, the receiver, apparently being the Landlord. It was agreed to remove from his House, 4th January 1757, and Bro. Rankin's "Cross Keys" in Bear-street, was selected for subsequent meetings.

An earlier regular minute is dated 2nd November, 1756, and refers to a non-constituted lodge "held at ye Signe of ye White Horse, Piccadilly," whose members were desirous of joining No. 12, but a decision was deferred. According to Bro. Lane, this was the *third* and *last* time this number was utilised. No. 54 was also used *three* times. First as noted; then for *Brecon*, in 1764, and finally for *Wigan* in 1805, and erased in 1823.

Many of the minutes of No. 12, from 1756, are of a most interesting character, and all the more so, because there are so few existing of that kind and period. There were frequent visits from brethren not subscribing to any lodge, described as "of St. John," or "St. John, a Sojourner," &c., in 1758 and later. On 4th December, 1758, is noted the sum of

"Eight shillings and sixpence from the lodge towards the Grand, with the Master paid to the Grand."

On December 18th, 1761, it is stated that the officers were "instald." and on 2nd March, 1763, "Tow shillings" were paid as "forfits to the Stewards' Lodge." The visitors generally paid sixpence each, doubtless for their refreshment; "fines" probably being for swearing or other infractions of the rules.

An early instance occurs of the following practice, which prevailed, in reversed order, with the "Moderns" or regular Masons:

"8th Feb., 1764.

Proposed by the Worshipful Master. Br. Wm. Cubbige, of Cranbourne Alley, a *Modern* Mason, to be made *Antient*, next lodge night."

There were also two others to be so *remade*, and another is recorded on 11th April, 1764.

A valuable entry occurs on 12th June, 1765, which I believe has been quite overlooked, so far as its publicity is concerned:

"Reported Br. Mercir to be mead *Antient* Mason and *Royal Arch*."

The Records of the Royal Arch of the "Moderns" do not begin at London until this same year, but those of the lodge at York, which worked the Degree, commence in 1762. I refer to those which are preserved, as the Ceremony was worked by the regular brethren before the "Ancients" had formed their Grand Lodge in 1751. The term "Raised" is applied to the working of the Third Degree 10 June, 1769; and in the same year the Master is described as "R.W.M."

On the 27th Dec., 1770, is noted "Present of a painting representing St. Davids," and on the 21st Feb., 1771 "The Lodge was honoured with a Constitution from the Supreme Grand Lodge under the name of *St. David's London*." I am not quite clear as to what was intended by this entry, but am inclined to think it concerned the permission to call the lodge "St. David's," as it is the first reference to that title found in the Records. No. 59, on

the 20 Feb., 1771, is called "*St. Andrew's Lodge*," and on 17 July, 1771, No. 12 removed to the "Ship" in the Strand. The last entry is dated May 19th, 1772, when 12 were present. The volume was used as a memo of the fact that "Br. Tharbot owes the Lodge of 193, o 14 4," which refers to the number then held by St. Thomas's Lodge, now 142.

The Records of 193 "*Ancient*," now 142, begin with an account of its constitution on May 11th, 1775, and the volume is remarkable for the third oldest entry respecting the Mark Degree known,

"August 9th, 1777. The Worshipful Master with the following Brethren of this Lodge were made *Mark* Masons and *Mark Masters*."

Fanciful Marks are duly entered.

There were 10 members thus distinguished, and on August 14th, 1777, "Regular Lodge night," 15 more were made "*Mark* Masons and also *Mark Master* Mason." Several marks were chosen, and there and then registered, after which it is stated that "since last regular night the following Brethren have been exalted to the degrees of *Royal Arch*. [Five in number, one being the W.M.] On September 11th, 1777, it was agreed that the "Rules and Bye-Laws respecting the *Royal Arch* observed by the Grand Lodge be duly observed." Eleven *Master* Masons were made *Mark Master* Masons on 17th November, 1777. The work preceding the conferring of the *Mark* and *Royal Arch* affords no indication as to the pre-requisites, because sometimes it was only the 1°, and 2°, and at other times the 3°. According to other Records, such as at Portsmouth, 1769, Durham, 1773, &c., the *Mark* Mason or "*Man*" was for *Fellow* Crafts, and the *Mark Master* for *Master* Masons, thus giving rise to the belief that the *Mark* was for the 2nd Degree only.

On 9th July, 1778, six brothers "*Passed the chair* agreeable to permission granted from R.W. Grand Lodge," and under date 28th December, 1778, we read of brethren being "*passed the chair in order to become Royal Arch* Masons, being apprehensive that they should be called abroad."

There are several more entries of the *Mark* down to 13th August, 1787, when 12 received the Degree, and there are also notices of brethren being certified as *Past* Masters of the lodge, and recommended for the *Royal Arch*, from 1789. Bro. Gould was the first to refer in print to some of these *Mark* entries, but they exceed in number and value all that he then made public. I found no reference to the name of the "Lodge St. Thomas" until 7th January, 1825.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

INSTALLATION OF SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

On Thursday, the 10th, inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Grand Superintendent-Designate of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province of Northumberland, was duly installed in that office, the ceremony being performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Third Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of England, who was accompanied by Comp. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E. Eng.

Among the officers and others present were: Comps. J. Straker Wilson, John Spearman, J. Cartmel Ridley, F. H. Corder, C. E. Macarthy, T. Purvis, G. Spain, J. G. Youll, T. Blenkinsop, S. M. Harris, Faraday Spence, G. C. Coates, J. W. Gibson, T. J. Armstrong, John Page, H. S. Bird, John Nesbit, and Jacob Barker. The Province of Durham being represented by Comps. F. H. Bennett, P.G.H.; Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury, P.P.G.H.; R. B. Reed, P.Z.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.H.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G. Reg. There were also present: Comps. Adam Winlaw, Captain Forbes, R.N., W. Green, F. Schnitger, W. Davidson, Dr. Skrimshire, T. Dick, J. Watt, J. R. Turner, W. C. Bell, R. G. Salmon, J. Cummings, W. M. Lyon, J. J. Forster, George Blair, Hill Motum, Richard Harris, H. Gibson, W. Lovibond, M. Lotunga, G. Parker, T. R. Short, W. C. Wilkinson, M. Cohen, J. Petrie, J. Tweedy and others.

A feeling reference was made by the presiding officer to the loss sustained by the Grand Chapter in the death of Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., the late Grand Superintendent of the Chapter. He then referred to the excellent choice of the M.E.G.Z. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in appointing Comp. Sir M. W. Ridley to the high office of M.E.Z. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland. The Grand Superintendent designate, Comp. Sir Matthew White Ridley, was afterwards installed to the chief office of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland, by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.J. who said he had the greatest pleasure in installing Comp. Sir Matthew White Ridley. The patent of appointment was read by Comp. T. Purvis, P.A.G.S.E.

After the installation, Comp. J. G. Youll was appointed by the Grand Superintendent as Prov. G.H., and Comp. A. Winlaw, was appointed as Prov. G.J.; Comp. G. E. Macarthy was elected Prov. G. Treas.; and the Grand Superintendent appointed the following officers:

Comp. Thomas Purvis	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. M. Lyon	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. F. Carmon	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" J. J. Forster	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" A. F. Aitchison	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" R. G. Salmon	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Tweedy	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" George Spain	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" William Green	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Roger Brand	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Davidson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Joshua Curry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. J. G. Youll was appointed a Trustee in the place of the late Comp. J. H. Bentham, P.G.S.E.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT thanked Comps. W. W. B. Beach and E. Letchworth, for their presence at the ceremony in which they had taken the chief part that day. He expressed his thanks for his appointment to that high office, which should have his best efforts according to his time, and he was sure he would have the help of many able and willing officers. He referred with regret to the loss Masonry had sustained by the deaths of Comps. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., J. H. Bentham, Adam Robertson, and Thos. Dunning, and made suitable allusion to the excellent work they had done in the Freemasonry of the province.

Provincial Grand Chapter was afterwards closed.

Craft Masonry.

Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. Major-General Frederick Gadsden, P.M., G.S.B., W.M. A very large and distinguished company was present. The Past Masters of the lodge were Bros. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, G. Treas., G. N. Chambers, E. Fenner, Bradshaw Brown, G. R. Steel, Chas. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; H. H. Crawford, and F. G. Brown. The visitors were Bros. J. T. Morland, G.D.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; Major-Gen. Hay, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D.; Dr. Cockburn, Prov. G.M.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. J. Muirhead, P.M. (S.C.); Henry Massey, 160, P.N. 619 and 1928; J. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; W. Peter Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Treasurer Christ's Hospital, W.M. 96; Col. Hugh W. Gordon, P.M. 1293; A. J. Capon, W.M. 2483; Robert H. Rogers, 463; Will. E. Chapman, P.M. 2127; W. E. Morrison, P.G.W. Sussex; J. W. Barratt, 887; Edward Chatfield, 1691; Col. Graham, 700; John Smithers, W.M. 58; W. R. Brereton, P.M. 240; W. L. Wallis, 916; Charles G. Scott, 652; W. R. Stephens, P.M. 90; Major de Winton, 267; H. Champion Jones; A. G. Sandberg, P.M. 3; W. H. Kirby, P.M. and Sec. 1961; Isodore Leon, 25; J. Griffin, P.M. 90; A. Ritchie, 2319; Henry Times, W.M. 165; John Collins, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey; and J. Howard Thompson, P.M. 165.

The lodge voted 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. General Gadsden then installed, in splendid style, Bro. Thomas Poultney Griffin, P.M., P.G.S., S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing, and received at his hands the collar of I.P.M. The following brethren comprised the list of officers for the year: Bros. Joseph Rock, P.M., P.G.S., S.W.; Richard Creed, G. Stwd., J.W.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Belton, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P.P.G.S., S.D.; T. Dinwiddy, J.D.; Bradshaw Brown, P.M., P.G.S., D.C.; Ernest M. Morriss, P.M., J.G.; A. P. Youle and H. L. De Montmorency, P.M., Stwds.; and Bros. Goddard (father and son), P.Ms., Tylers.

A choice banquet followed the transactions of the day, and the usual toasts were afterwards proposed and duly honoured.

The speeches were interspersed with some charming singing, under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx., Hon. Organist to the lodge, by Bros. Franklin Clive, J. A. Brown, A. Oswald, and C. Conyers.

Bro. Griffin, W.M., after the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, in proposing "The M.W. G.M.," said his Royal Highness performed the duties appertaining to his high position with a dignity and grace which left nothing to be desired, and it might be said with safety that the strides that had been made in Masonry since some of the brethren joined it 30, 40, or 50 years ago, were due in a great measure to the interest which the Prince of Wales took in the Craft. They were proud to serve such a Master, who was always to the fore in doing everything that would advance the interests of the Craft, and he was sure the brethren would acknowledge his services by most cordially drinking that toast.

Bro. Griffin, W.M., in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said those distinguished brethren in the Craft had done and were doing very much for the benefit of Masonry. It was only necessary for brethren to attend the parliament of Masonry—the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge—to see with what assiduity and attention the Grand Officers performed their duties. The lodge had fortunately that night a very representative body of Grand Officers, Present and Past. They had also, he was happy to say, in their own particular lodge No. 1, a very representative body of Present and Past Grand Officers. They had many Past Officers. They had the pleasure of having for the year as Grand Officers Bros. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Grand Treasurer, and their I.P.M., General Gadsden, as a Grand Sword Bearer. Many honours had fallen to Grand Master's Lodge in the past. They had on the present occasion two Grand Officers of the year, and it was not improbable that in the future there might be honours in store for some of the members of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1.

Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M. Guernsey and Alderney, who was called upon to respond, said the W.M. had been good enough to remark that honours had fallen upon that lodge, and that it had many distinguished Grand Officers in it. He thought the W.M. was hardly impressive enough on that point, because all the brethren who were present who had an opportunity of seeing the most excellent working of the I.P.M. in the installation ceremony must feel very proud indeed to think that he was a Grand Officer. Personally, he was very proud indeed of having seen General Gadsden perform the work, because in years gone by and in another clime he and General Gadsden were associated in lodges in India and Canada.

Bro. Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he was certain it would be received with the cordiality and the honours that were due to it. Briefly, he would propose the toast in obedience to the wish of his commanding officer, but he thought it right that he should give the brethren a short resumé of Bro. Griffin's Masonic career. They knew they had put the right man in the right place by electing him to the chair of the lodge. They had elected a hospitable, a social, and a very genial brother—a brother well beloved by all of them. This brother, he might say, was initiated in the Hope and Charity Lodge, then No. 523, now 377, as far back as 1859, therefore he had now been thirty-six years a Mason. Bro. Griffiths served the office of W.M. in St. John's Lodge, No. 90, in 1869, or twenty-six years since he last occupied the chair of a lodge. He joined the old and honourable Grand Master's Lodge in 1880, and had worked his way up ever since, and he also served the office of Grand Steward for the year 1890-91. He might just conclude by saying that Bro. Griffin held a rather unique position in Masonry connected with the Grand Master's Lodge, he being at the present moment M.E.Z. of the Grand Master's Chapter.

Bro. Griffin, W.M., in reply, said, Bro. P.M. Gen. Gadsden and brethren, I thank you very heartily for the kind manner

in which you have been good enough to receive this toast. I assure you that I highly esteem the honour that you have done me in electing me Master of so distinguished a lodge as No. 1. I also assure you that it will be my ambition to preserve and maintain the dignity, and the prestige, and the good working of this ancient and honourable lodge while I am in the chair. I cannot do that of myself, but I know I am backed by officers who will respond most loyally and heartily to any call that I may make upon them. You, sir, have been good enough to refer to the unique position which I happen by accident to hold, that of being M.E.Z. of the Grand Master's Chapter, and the W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge at the same time. Well, that is, I think, a position which ought to satisfy the ambition of any Mason—at all events, I assure you it entirely satisfies me. The only feeling that I have is when I shall be able to fulfil the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the brethren of the lodge; man is but mortal, and one cannot do more than one's best, and I assure you from the very bottom of my heart that I never undertook a duty in my life but I meant entirely to succeed—as I do as W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge. I cannot sit down without referring to the admirable manner in which the I.P.M., Bro. General Gadsden, installed me in the chair of K.S. I think it must have struck all the brethren present that he imparted a dignity to the ritual which is rarely exceeded—he was perfect and fluent, and he conducted me from the S.W.'s to the Master's chair in a manner which any Master might be proud of. I am at present an unknown quantity. I shall simply do my very best to maintain the prestige and dignity, and the good working of this ancient and distinguished lodge, and I hope, brethren, in 12 months time you will accord me the same cordial reception that you have given me to-night.

Bro. Griffin, W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said he thought that hospitality was one of the charms of the Masonic Order, and he hoped the day was far distant when the Grand Master's Lodge would meet without having visitors. Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan was among the guests that evening, and he hoped that during his year he should, as in all probability he would, have the pleasure of welcoming him in the distinguished office of Grand Treasurer. There was also present Bro. J. J. Muirhead, P.M. No. 1, Scotland, and it was a very happy circumstance that a P.M. of No. 1, Scotland, should be present in No. 1, England.

Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, replying, said "Even Bravest Heart," which was the next song, he thought would rise with some trepidation after the very kind words that the W.M. had used in proposing this toast personally as regarded himself. His duty was rather to reply for the visitors than for the humble individual who was asked to represent them. One knew when he was invited to attend Lodge No. 1 everything would be A1, and they were not disappointed. He was present during the whole of the working of the installation, and he thought Gen. Gadsden might be proud at the way he led his forces to the battle, and the victory that he won. The guests would be only too pleased to repeat the visit. The W.M. had reminded the brethren that he (Bro. Vaughan Morgan) sought to be elected Grand Treasurer in succession to Sir Joseph Dimsdale. If he was invited to the Grand Master's Lodge another time he hoped he should be sitting on the other side of the table. He was very proud to be associated with the brethren, several of whom he had known many years. He hoped they would never have occasion to be ashamed of him.

Bro. J. J. Muirhead, P.M. No. 1, Scotland, said, for the honour of the Craft, he begged heartily to thank the brethren for the kind reception they had given him, and the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. He begged to reciprocate his sentiments with regard to the visitors. In Scotland no lodge was more delighted to receive visitors than Lodge Mary's Chapel, No. 1. In the name of that lodge, he most heartily congratulated the W.M. in attaining the chair. Lodge Mary's Chapel was the oldest lodge in Scotland, and it happened to have the oldest Masonic document in the world. He was very delighted with the kind hospitality of the brethren of the Grand Master's Lodge. Lodge Mary's Chapel would reciprocate it if any of the brethren went to Edinburgh. Sir John Monckton, who was present, and who was a member of Lodge Mary's Chapel, would most heartily join in what he said.

Bro. Maj.-Gen. Gadsden, in replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said, as the junior P.M. of this old and honourable lodge, he deemed it a great distinction that he had been selected to return thanks for the P.Ms. of the Grand Master's Lodge. There were very many brethren P.Ms. of this lodge, who could return thanks very much better than he; still, in obedience to the W.M., he complied. He was perfectly certain he echoed the sentiment of all the P.Ms. when he said they would, with all their energy, put their shoulders to the wheel to support the W.M., and to enhance, if possible, the honour and prestige of this celebrated lodge. Mention on two or three occasions had been made that evening of the way in which he had installed his successor. Well, he did not take to himself any credit for that. If a Mason intended to be Master of his lodge he ought, in every possible manner, to make himself well acquainted with all the ritual of the Degrees and the installation ceremony as well. He had on several occasions installed Masters, but not for the last 10 years. He had 10; had any work during his year of office, and he determined, as an old Mason of 42 years' service, to let the brethren of the lodge know that there was still some work in him, and he determined, as far as possible, months and months ago—yea, he told the W.M. that it was his full intention to instal him as his successor. Whether he had succeeded or not it was not for him to say; but apparently he had succeeded, judging from the eulogy passed upon him in all quarters. He considered as an old Mason of 42 years' standing, that he had only done his duty as Master, and, according to the rules and regulations of the Craft, it was the right and proper duty of the retiring W.M. to instal his successor, and therefore he did so, and apparently to the satisfaction of the brethren. All he had now to do was to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

Bro. Rock, S.W., replying for "The Officers," said mankind, like monkeys, were but imitative animals; so also were Masons—with this difference, that they knew how to copy the good and eliminate the bad. From the good example set by that phalanx of old Past Masters whom the W.M. had enumerated, it would be hard indeed if the W.M.'s year of office was not made a complete success. He might tell them secretly and quietly that the officers had

entered into a conspiracy to make it so, and he trusted when the W.M.'s time came to have his requiem said, the sentence might go forth "Well done, good and faithful Mason."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The 46th annual ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Town Hall, under the banner of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241. The West Lancashire Institution now educates, clothes, and in some instances entirely maintains, upwards of 200 children of deceased and distressed Freemasons, and holds a unique position in the respect that its management does not involve a single official charge. According to the last annual report the number of children who realised the benefits of the Institution during the year was 212. Of these 17 were on the combined fund, and received entire maintenance, whilst 19 children who had left school had grants for clothing and advancement in life. The amount expended was £1580 15s. 1d., in addition to £81 5s., the proportionate value of purchased rights of presentation to schools in London. It is interesting to note that since the formation of the Institution, 44 years ago, the number of children benefited amounts to 840, many of these being retained for a very long period, and the total amount expended £29,205 18s. 4d. The entire cost of conducting the affairs of the Institution, including printing, postages, law, and other charges, has amounted to £1770 8s.—an average cost of £40 4s. 9d. per annum, or about 3½ per cent. Year by year the work has been materially assisted by the funds accruing from the annual Masonic festival, which is again this year expected to realise a substantial balance. A large and representative committee, of which the Chairman was Bro. Walter Simpson, P.P.G.W., and the Vice-Chairman Bro. John Edwards, P.M. 1182, have had the matter in hand for several months past, and no fewer than 60 patrons and 300 stewards have given pecuniary assistance in the various arrangements. Chief among the patrons and patronesses were the Lord Mayor (Mr. W. H. Watts) and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M., and the Countess of Lathom; Bro. the Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W., and Lady Skelmersdale; Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, P.G.W., P. Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Countess of Derby; Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancs.; Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Bro. Robert Wylie, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Bro. S. G. Sinclair, P.G.D.; and Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.

The guests, who numbered about 700, and came from all parts of the province, were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. That the custom which has obtained for some years past of admitting the general public to the ball is much appreciated was evidenced by the large number of non-Masons who figured among the dancers.

Dispensations having been obtained from the Grand Lodges, most of the brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing wearing the jewels and insignia of their rank and office in the Craft. The ensemble was brilliant in the extreme, most of the Allied Degrees, in addition to the Royal Arch chapters and Mark lodges, being represented.

The executive committee was formed as follows: Chairman, Bro. Walter Simpson, P.P.G.W.; Vice-Chairman, Bro. John Edwards, P.M. 1182; Treasurer, Bro. W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182; and the Honorary Secretary was Bro. A. E. Povey, S.W. 241, to whose untiring energy and zeal the pronounced success of the gathering is in the fullest measure to be attributed. The veteran Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., again officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and he was ably assisted in his duties by Bros. George A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., and E. R. Latham, P.M. 594. Bro. R. Tunnicliffe, P.M. 1182, was the Captain of the Stewards, the Vice-Captain being Bro. R. G. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C.

Bro. Thomas Wood, who last year gave so much satisfaction, again provided the supper and refreshments, which were all that could have been desired, and the musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. George Eyton, P.M. 2215.

As a memento of the occasion, the Chairman of Committee (Bro. Simpson) very generously presented both patrons and Stewards with specially and appropriately designed jewels.

AN ARRANGEMENT has been made, according to a Times correspondent at Boulogne, to abolish the Folkestone and Boulogne passenger day service from March 1st, and to convey the traffic via Dover and Calais.

ON FRIDAY evening, the 11th instant, the annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, took place at the Town Hall, Dewsbury, and was a complete success. The decorations were entrusted to Mr. W. Ballance of Market-place, and were of a lavish description. The Masters of Ceremonies were: Bros. T. B. Fox, P.M.; W. D. Quarmby, P.M.; W. R. Thompson, P.M.; and Edwin Lee, P.M.; and the following officiated as Stewards: Bros. M. Newsome, W.M.; J. Bailey, H. C. Marks, S. Shaw, George Ellis, jun., A. Harrison, and T. L. Chadwick. Bro. A. G. Day and H. Hill acted as Hon. Secs. The programme contained 20 dances, and Robinson's band, from Cleckheaton again supplied the music. Mrs. Bailey of Longcausway, had charge of the refreshments, and also supplied the supper. The whole of the officers were most courteous in the discharge of their duties.

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To Correspondents.

The following (amongst other) communications unavoidably stand over for want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES—Witham, 207; Maybury, 969; Clapton, 1365; Urmston, 1730; London Rifle Brigade, 1962; St. Mark's College, 2157; Falbot, 2231; and Acacia, 2321.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Pattison, 913.

MARK LODGE—Remigius, 117.

Also several reports of Lodges of Instruction.

CORRESPONDENCE—Bro. T. Cohn.

Consecration of the Royal Naval and Military Chapter, No. 2404.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

During the 14 years that Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has presided over Gloucestershire as Prov. Grand Master, only one new lodge—the Hicks-Beach, No. 2407, which was warranted in 1891—has been added to the roll of the Province. However, on Tuesday next, the 29th instant, there will be consecrated, at Avonmouth, by our distinguished brother, the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 2541. The ceremony will take place in the National Schools of that town.

At the first meeting held during the present year of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the election of Treasurer, Committee, Secretary, and Tyler took place in accordance with the by-laws of the lodge, the following being the result: Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, takes the place of Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past President Board of General Purposes, who expressed a wish to retire, having been elected to the office in succession to the late Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec., and held it by annual re-election ever since. Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; F. T. Rushton, P.M. No. 8., Past Grand Steward; and W. G. Kentish, P.M., Sec. Nos. 1293 and 1768, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, constitute the new Committee; Bro. Kentish, who had served the office of Secretary for seven years, having been chosen to succeed Bro. Francis R. Spaul, who had expressed a wish to retire. Bro. Joseph Russell, P.M. No. 8, Past Grand Steward, who had rendered valuable assistance to Bro. Kentish as Secretary, has been chosen to succeed that brother, and Bro. John R. Freeman is Tyler.

We have also great pleasure in announcing that the annual Festival of this Lodge of Improvement will be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Tavern, on the last Friday in February (the 22nd prox.), when the chair will be taken by R.W. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire. The work appointed to be done in lodge will be the First Lecture.

The library of the late Bro. Edmund Yates was disposed of during the present week at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge. There was a large attendance, including many well-known literary ladies and gentlemen, on both days, and in the case of a few lots there was a very keen competition, while on the other hand, lots which had been expected to realise good amounts, were knocked down at modest prices.

It will interest our readers to know that Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., who died, after a protracted illness, on Thursday morning, was a member of our Order, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, during his career at Oxford, and having served as Prov. G. Std. of Oxfordshire. The heavy claims which were made upon his time by his Parliamentary duties, prevented him from taking any further active part in our proceedings. His lordship, who was born in 1849, was M.P. for Woodstock from 1874 to 1885, while from the latter date till his death he represented South Paddington. He was Secretary of State for India during the Marquis of Salisbury's first brief administration (1885-6), and on the return of the Conservative Leader to office in the summer of 1886, he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader of the House of Commons, resigning, however, before the close of the year.

Deep and general sympathy will be extended towards our respected Bro. Sir Polydore de Keyser, P.G.D., in his present bereavement. On Sunday last, the 20th inst., Lady de Keyser died at Petworth, Sussex, and her remains will be interred at Nunhead Cemetery to-day (Friday) at the hour of 12, noon, a funeral service having been previously (10.30 a.m.) held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Clapham Common. The deceased lady, who was in her 60th year, was exceedingly popular during her husband's mayoralty, and her loss will be greatly regretted by all who had the privilege of her friendship or acquaintance. We tender our sympathy to Bro. Sir P. de Keyser on the sad event.

Bro. Michael Arnold, who retired from the chair of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania towards the close of last month, in his review of the proceedings of the previous year, administered a severe, but well-merited, rebuke to those Grand Lodges which have enacted laws forbidding men who carry on a certain class of business from being accepted as candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. He says, justly, that such a law is "an innovation or infraction of one of the most important landmarks of Freemasonry," and he adds, "if some modern Good Samaritan, travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, should come upon a traveller who had fallen among thieves, and should bind his wounds and take him to an inn, he might find himself unconsciously violating a new law, passed during his absence from the lodge, by which he might be expelled." Why should those who sell certain articles of commerce "be considered unfit to sit with those who buy and use them?" There should be one and the same law for both these classes of persons, and it is an act of gross injustice to enact a law which favours one and is detrimental to the other. If these

articles of commerce are objectionable, both classes are blameworthy; if they are innocent of harm when used in moderation, then both are equally guiltless.

As Bro. Arno'd very properly points out, "the cardinal qualifications of a Mason were established in the beginning." We are taught in one of the earlier stages of our Masonic career, that those are fit and proper persons to be received into Masonry, who are known to be just, upright, and free men, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals. Nothing whatever is said about men who have adopted a particular avocation as a means of livelihood being either more or less worthy of admission into our ranks; and, as it is "not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovation" in the landmarks of Freemasonry, it is clearly *ultra vires* for any Grand Lodge to enact a law of the character complained of by Bro. Arnold.

We learn from the *Freemasons' Repository* for the current month that Bro. John Hodge, M.W.G. Master of New York, has issued a circular letter to the lodges under his jurisdiction, in which he cautions them against issuing unauthorised letters of appeal for donations of money for any purpose whatever, such appeals being strictly prohibited by a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1886—"unless the same shall have been submitted to and officially approved by the Grand Master." The object of this resolution is, as pointed out by our contemporary, twofold. In the first place, an appeal having been submitted to the Grand Master, he has the opportunity of determining its propriety, and, in the second place, his approval is "an evidence to the lodges" appealed to "of the worthiness of the measure for which donations are requested."

We learn from sundry of our exchanges that Bro. John Frizzell, of Nashville, Tennessee, died on the 30th November last, at the age of 65. Bro. Frizzell was a Past Grand Master, and for 25 years had filled the important office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He was also a Past G. High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and a Past G. Commander of the Order of the Temple, and had taken the 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Correspondence.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to read Bro. Storr's letter on this subject in your last week's issue, but regret that he omitted to express any opinion upon the circumstances affecting the visiting brother referred to in my previous letter on the subject, which you were good enough to print in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst., namely, whether such visiting brother might properly have been permitted then in open lodge to have signed his Grand Lodge certificate, and whether if he had been so permitted any rule or canon of Masonic jurisprudence would have been thereby transgressed.—Yours fraternally,
EX-SECRETARY.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much in sympathy with the brethren who are distressed by the undignified proceedings in Grand Lodge connected with the above.

Would it not be possible for each Provincial Grand Lodge, during the year, to choose an eligible representative, who would be willing to stand for the office of Grand Treasurer, and when the election came on, the members of the Craft present in Grand Lodge could elect from this list by ballot.

Cannot Grand Lodge help itself, and as in this direction, by a modification of the law on this subject?

Failing some such solution, it would be better to leave the appointment in the hands of Grand Lodge, rather than see a repetition of such proceeding as took place at the last election.—Yours truly,

ALF. KING,

P.P.S.G.W. Sussex, P.M., &c.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

W. Bro. "P.P.G.W." states, in his letter to you, that in West Lancashire they have established a custom for none but the W.M. of a lodge to give "Hearty good wishes," and he does not understand why this should be so. I should like to see other provinces adopt such a *proper* regulation. A brother who gives "Hearty good wishes," if not the W.M., should say: "'Hearty good wishes,' W.M., from a member of the — Lodge, No. —." None but a W.M. should give "Hearty good wishes" from the lodge they are members of. For a Grand Officer to say "'Hearty good wishes' from the Grand Lodge" would be simply ridiculous, and is not likely to be heard in any of the lodges.

M.O. (a Past Grand Officer).

Reviews.

"CALENDAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE, A.L. 5895, A.D. 1895."—This *multum in parvo* directory is in its 45th issue, and is believed to be the oldest publication of the kind extant. Giving as it does a complete Calendar for East Lancashire of the numbers, names, places, and days of meetings of the 103 lodges, 39 Royal Arch chapters, 35 Mark lodges, 21 Knight Templar preceptories, and seven Rose Croix chapters, besides much other information, the usefulness of this annual, so promptly published, must be apparent. There are over 30 pages of printed matter, most rigidly condensed, ably arranged, and accurately compiled, one additional page being squeezed in this time, a "List of Provincial Grand Chapter Meetings from 1863 to 1894," similar to another for the Provincial Grand Lodge from 1814 to 1894. A most handy table is that devoted to the installation of W.Ms. and Principals, but all the tables are so useful that it is difficult to make a selection for special mention. Notwithstanding the labour of this compilation and the enormous number of particulars, it is published at one penny.

"HULL MASONIC CALENDAR, 1895."—This folded card, of four pages, is a most useful guide for the members of all the lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies meeting in Hull, and is both ably and clearly arranged as a Calendar for the present year. Masonic meetings in the neighbourhood are also duly detailed. The printers and publishers are the respected firm of Bros. M. C. Peck and Son, of 10, Market-place, so accuracy and completeness are assured.

"THE VOICE OF MASONRY"—Chicago, Illinois—contains a paper entitled "What is Freemasonry?" by Bro. William E. Glather; "Perpetual Jurisdiction," by Bro. Frederick Speed; the "Order of St. John of Jerusalem," by Bro. General J. Corson Smith, with portraits of Peter Gerrard, founder of the Hospital, and Master, 1099-1118; Raymond du Pery, Warden of the Hospital, 1100, and Premier G. Master of the Order, 1118 to 1160; and Sister St. Anne, Grand Prioress, 1300; and other articles of general interest, together with the usual "Masonic Gleanings," in which are contained the latest news, and able reviews of the Proceedings of sundry Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, &c., &c. The *Voice*, indeed, is one of the best conducted, as it is one of the oldest Masonic reviews in the United States, and is always furnished with an abundance of readable papers.

"THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY"—Providence, Rhode Island—contains articles descriptive of the "Cathedral at Prague" and "Malta, Queen of the Mediterranean," each with an illustration, together with much useful information conveyed in the form of "Questions and Answers," "Editorial Notes," and "Masonic News," and several articles quoted from other Masonic publications, reviews, and particulars relating to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and its lodges. It is an old exchange of ours, to which we are frequently indebted for interesting items of American Masonic intelligence.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge (No. 55).—This lodge met on Thursday, the 17th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, 50 members and visitors being present. In the course of the evening a service of plate was presented to Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., Sec.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, W.M., said: We shall be departing somewhat from our usual custom to-night, but the next toast I shall give you is that of "Bro. Farthing, our esteemed Secretary." (Cheers.) I am very glad indeed to hear that cheer, it is one that he is more than entitled to. From information I have just received I find that our Bro. Farthing has been a member of this lodge for 30 years to-night. That is a very large slice in a Freemason's life. For seven years he has done his duty faithfully and well as Secretary of this lodge, and as a P.M. of the lodge he has always been at his place of duty. I have another pleasant duty to perform, independently of asking you to pledge his health, I am going to ask you to be witnesses of the presentation of a very handsome service of plate. Some very few months ago I charged myself, as your W.M., with asking you to subscribe towards a testimonial to our Bro. Farthing, and I am very pleased to say that the response I received from the members of this lodge has been of the most generous character. Nearly every member, almost without exception, has subscribed towards this very valuable present. I did not know what taste our Bro. Farthing had, so I had to place myself in communication with him. Of course he was not supposed to know anything about this testimonial, but I may as well take you into my confidence, and tell you that he did know. Of course we all knew that it would not take the gross shape of a money presentation. Our Bro. Farthing desired that he should have something that he could hand down to his children and their children, so that they could see the estimation in which their honoured ancestor was held. At this late hour I will not trespass further upon your time than by asking Bro. Farthing to accept, in the name of the Constitutional Lodge, this token of our regard, and with it goes the best wishes of the Master, Past Masters, and brethren of the lodge. They are doing a great deal more honour to themselves than they are to you, Bro. Farthing, by asking you to accept it; you have more than earned it, and it is a mark of our estimation of the exemplary manner in which you have done your work, and the kindly disposition you have always shown. I have much pleasure in handing you this very handsome present, and may it be handed down to your future generations as a memento of the estimation in which you are held by the members of the Constitutional Lodge.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, in rising to respond, said: Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, I am sure you will excuse me if I fail to find words to express my gratitude for the very handsome present you have made me to-night.

I think, Worshipful Master and brethren, if the positions of the Worshipful Master and myself had been reversed and that I had been called upon to make the presentation, I should have been able to find those suitable words, but I entirely fail to adequately express my feelings; it is indeed a red-letter day for me in my Masonic life. I have been a member of this lodge for 30 years, and, during that time, I have seen a great many men come and go. I may tell you that your W.M. has initiated the 200th member to-night since I have had the honour of being initiated in this lodge. I think there were something like 80 members when I joined, and at the present time there are 72, so that I have seen the coming and going of something over 200 members, therefore, to borrow an expression from a poet, I say:

"Men may come and men may go,
But the lodge shall flow on for ever."

It is very gratifying to me to-night to find I have two brothers amongst us senior to myself, Bro. Atkins, our esteemed Treasurer, and Bro. W. E. Thompson; and, brethren, we have also several brethren who have come in since my time who have done their duty in their day in the lodge, I refer to Bros. J. Cooper, Jubal Webb, and Dipstale; well, brethren, all I can say is that when I joined the lodge you may imagine that I had no idea that I should fill the position I am occupying to-night. I do not remember ever having had a cross word or being at cross purposes with any member, I have made many friends, but no enemies; I have always done my best to fulfil the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I must thank you most heartily for the very kind way in which your W.M. has been pleased to speak of me and in a manner which I very little desire. Let me assure you in conclusion that I esteem the Constitutional Lodge, I esteem its brethren, and I esteem this gift which you have given me to-night, and although perhaps one has one's regrets that there are not more of those old brethren present to-night to do honour to me, but this is counterbalanced by the fact that the brethren who have come into the lodge since have not lost sight of the principles of Masonry, and will carry on the work in the future as in the past. Worshipful Master, I thank you most heartily for the sentiments expressed in your speech.

The other toasts were given and responded to.

Sincerity Lodge (No. 174).—Another of the charming meetings of this old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at its comfortable quarters, the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. William Green Norman, W.M., presided. There was, as usual, a strong representation of lodge membership, and a company of 26 visitors. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. John Bulmer, J. Newton, Wm. James Higgs, Henry Magee, Henry Jays, George Jones, E. T. H. Leeleetch, T. A. Starnes, E. J. Moore, Charles Lacey, and C. H. Webb. The visitors were Bros. Sir W. H. Abdy, W.M. 2342, P.S.G.W. Essex; Dr. Dring, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; G. White, 2291; G. Cunningham, 1343; James Howell, 1343; Charles Westwood, 1343; F. A. Powell, 457; P. M. Modes, 1815; Henry Morgan, 975; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Sam. Morley, P.M. 853; C. Duncan, 2501; Rev. Dobing, 901; J. H. P. Hick Moloney, 2504; James Burroughs, 1353; George Ashton, 2318; Lennox Browne, Dep. G.D.C.; G. Wilkinson, 1607; Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C. G. Reg.; John H. Gaunt, 1656; A. Schneider, 151; J. H. Mülherhausen, 2264; Charles F. Quicke, P.M. and Sec. 1531; A. Aves, 898; H. Bailie, 2256; J. D. Grey, 55, and W. B. Vaile, W.M. 1607. The W.M., after the Audit Committee's report had been adopted, installed Bro. William Maxwell Butcher, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex, P.M. 2318, as W.M. for the year 1895, and then received the collar of I.P.M. The other brethren appointed to office and invested with the insignia of their respective offices were Bros. William Harvey, S.W.; James J. Mustart, J.W.; Charles Lacey, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Bayley, S.D.; G. A. Griffiths, J.D.; William J. Derby, I.G.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; W. J. Jones, Asst. Org.; H. E. Sambrook and J. H. Bulmer, Stwds.; R. W. Dunham, D.C., and James Very, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Norman, I.P.M., and the W.M. announced that he was standing as Steward for the lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited all the assistance the brethren could give him in making his list a good one.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a choice banquet, which was most carefully superintended by the well-known Bro. C. Marcham, of the Guildhall Tavern staff, while Bros. Sambrook and Bulmer, the Stewards, and Bro. Dunham, D.C., paid the greatest attention to the comforts of the brethren.

Between the speeches delivered after dinner, a nice concert was given, under the direction of Bro. William Derby, who was assisted by Miss Schneider, Miss Ornarey, Mr. Harry Hawkes, and Bros. Mülherhausen, Griffiths, and Keable. Bro. W. J. Jones, Asst. Org., presided at the piano.

Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the position the Craft held was a great one, and even in his recollection had much improved. That was, he thought, due mainly to the efforts of the brethren, and to the greater care—he would not say greater zeal among individuals, but to the greater zeal that was diffused through the length and breadth of the land. It was with pleasure that those who were called to Grand Office witnessed this success of the Craft. It was a great power in the land. Thank God, Englishmen knew how to have a power without distorting it for political purposes, and they must but wish that some other countries had something of the moderation, self-restraint, and self-respect which veneration for freedom and liberty had taught us, and which, whatever the topics that divided us, we never allowed to separate us in the great feeling—love of our country. Coming to his own province—that of Essex—he was glad to see it so well represented at that meeting, from W.M. downwards. The *Times*, some years ago, laughed at Essex people, and called the county Bocoitia, but he was very proud of the province, and also proud that in the Lodge of Sincerity, which was now celebrating its 127th anniversary, its Master was an Essex Mason, and he wished him "A happy and prosperous year."

Bro. Lennox Browne, Dep. G.D.C., also responded, and said he was in Grand Office by the kind favour of the M.W. Grand Master; he was deputy to a grand old man, Sir Albert Woods, a brother whom all Masons respected and valued because they knew he was a trusted servant and officer of her Most Gracious Majesty. No grand function took place without his ruling, and his position in

Masonry was such that he had had a great deal to do with every grand ceremonial in Masonry, as the brethren would remember, such as the installation of the Grand Master, and the great jubilee Festival in 1887. Consequently he (Bro. Lennox Browne) was very proud to be Sir Albert Wood's Deputy. He could not refrain from saying how much his (Bro. Lennox Browne's) success in Masonry was due to Essex. When he was made a Grand Officer he was the youngest; he had not been in Essex two years before he was asked to give his name to a lodge, and he had the honour of installing Bro. Butcher, the W.M., as W.M. of the Lennox Browne Lodge. He had seen the way in which Bro. Butcher did his work, and he knew the affection in which he was held by the members. He was very pleased to see him installed as Master of the Lodge of Sincerity. There were several members of the Lodge of Loyalty present. There was a close connection between sincerity and loyalty. He was sure the W.M. would emulate the Grand Officers, who were endeavouring to emulate those of the past and set an example to the Grand Officers of the future in their unswerving sincerity and loyalty to the Craft and its rulers.

Bro. Norman, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that during his year of office he felt somewhat disappointed that he had not more work to do, but that evening he had had much pride in installing in the chair a Provincial Grand Officer of Essex. In Bro. Butcher they had a Master they could all be proud of. They had had an opportunity for some years of seeing the able manner in which he did his work in the lodge, and they were sure he would fill the chair of the Lodge of Sincerity with honour and reputation.

Bro. Butcher, W.M., responding, thanked the brethren for electing him. He felt very proud when he saw Essex brethren to the right of him, to the left of him, and in front of him. With the assistance of the able officers he had, he believed he should be equal to any duties the brethren might like to place on them. He would try to do well, and he hoped the brethren would introduce initiates. The officers could do their duties to the satisfaction of the lodge, and they would.

Bro. Butcher, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," said Bro. Norman was an old and distinguished Mason, but no doubt his having been W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge was a distinction he would be proud of, and, as all the Past Masters were distinguished, he would be proud to have joined their ranks. But even in that position he would not consider himself out of work. The brethren had seen the way in which he performed the installation, and he (Bro. Butcher) had had the honour and pleasure of placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel of the lodge.

Bro. Norman, I.P.M., acknowledging the toast, said he was proud of being among the Past Masters, and he should be ready, as they always were, to give assistance to the chair. He felt already at home among the Past Masters, and felt like one of them.

Bro. Sir William Abdy, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said Freemasonry taught nothing but what was good and destroyed all political and religious animosities, made men obedient to the laws of the land and submissive to the will of the Great Architect. Moreover it taught hospitality, and without hospitality interwoven with Charity, Masonry would cease to exist. The Charity it gave was different to the ordinary Charity. Charity as it was given by the world was an answer to a ceaseless request, and very often was given with a cold, unwilling heart; that was not the case with Masonic Charities, in proof of which he would point to the Institutions, and with respect to the Boys' School and the Girls' School, the children of Masons were brought up to make good citizens, and fitted for business, social, and family life. This Charity was partly the outcome of the hospitality of Masonic lodges, and therefore he said that hospitality and Charity were interwoven. He saw that carried out in the Sincerity Lodge, with which he was sorry he had not been acquainted before that night.

Bro. W. B. Vaile, W.M. 1607, also responded, and said that, as a member and W.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, he had for a considerable period been associated with the Lodge of Sincerity, of which the former was the daughter. He had also met at the Lodge of Instruction of the Lodge of Sincerity many talented brethren, men from whom he had to acknowledge considerable courtesies and great assistance in learning the ceremonies. He trusted that the W.M. would have a pleasant, profitable, and useful year, and at its end be able to look back upon it with satisfaction for the remaining years of his life.

Bro. J. Newton, P.M., replied for "The Masonic Institutions," and advocated the cause of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Magee, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," Bro. C. Lacey as Treasurer and Bro. C. H. Webb as Secretary. The other toasts were briefly given, and the pleasant evening brought to a close.

Confidence Lodge (No. 193).—There was a large gathering of members and visitors on Monday, the 14th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the occasion of the annual meeting of this well-known centenary lodge, when Bro. Francis Haines, the Senior Warden of the past year, was installed as its ruler for the present one. Bro. Belchamber, I.P.M., officiated as Installing Master, and he having regularly inducted Bro. Haines into the chair, that brother appointed the following as his assistant officers: Bros. F. S. Plowright, S.W.; T. Kington, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M.; Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M.; Sec.; E. Pennock, S.D.; G. Spice, J.D.; J. W. Simeons, I.G.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M.; D.C.; John E. Fells, P.M., and Sydney W. Fells, Stwds.; Walter Cutting, A.D.C.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. There was a large number of members and visitors present. After the different addresses had been delivered three gentlemen were initiated.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual toasts. He regarded the Grand Master as one of whom the whole Craft might well be proud. Not only did the Prince of Wales take a personal interest in the Craft whenever the opportunity occurred; he also seemed to have the welfare of the Order at all times at heart.

Bro. Belchamber submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," a toast which was of great importance, and of considerable interest to the lodge. In Bro. Haines he trusted they had one who would do much for them. With all due respect to their Past Masters of the lodge, he ventured to think their present ruler would prove to be one of the most perfect Masters the Confidence Lodge had ever known.

In reply, the Worshipful Master tendered hearty thanks for the kind reception that had been accorded him. He fully appreciated the high dignity associated with the office they had placed him in, and hoped to satisfy them in what he undertook. He had felt great interest in the work of the lodge since he had joined it, and had worked hard in the offices to which he had been appointed, with one object in view—that of ultimately rising to the chair of the lodge, for he looked upon the humble representation of King Solomon as the highest ambition of a Freemason.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, Bro. Haines tendering them a cordial welcome as members of the Confidence Lodge, and hoping they would each, in turn, rise to high dignity within it.

Bro. Westgate felt it a great honour to have been initiated that day. The remarks of the W.M. had aroused in him a desire to fill the chair—it was very certain he was particularly near it at that moment, but he hoped he might get yet nearer, rise, in fact, to regularly occupy it. He should certainly strive to win that distinction by good work and diligent attention to the duties of the Craft.

The other Initiates likewise responded to the toast. "The Health of the Visitors" was next submitted, the Master offering them a hearty greeting, and assuring them it was at all times the desire of the Confidence Lodge members to entertain their guests in the best possible way.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by several members of that body, who, however, did not depart from the usual laudatory utterances under this head. The W.M. was congratulated on his elevation to the Mastership, was complimented on the ability he had already displayed in the chair, and regarded as particularly fortunate inasmuch as he had risen to the highest position in the lodge within five years of his initiation.

The Worshipful Master now submitted the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Belchamber." It was difficult to imagine how the lodge would have got on without Bro. Belchamber, who had truly been a good friend to the lodge and every member of it.

Bro. Belchamber tendered his thanks for the toast, assuring the brethren he had done the very best in his power, and what he believed to be the duty of every Mason. If he had given satisfaction it was a great gratification to him, and as he had won the thanks of the lodge it was all he required.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bro. Wood first responded. He desired to tender thanks both on behalf of the Treasurer (who, unfortunately, was not present) and for himself. He was indeed proud to be re-appointed to the office of Secretary, and hoped he might continue to give satisfaction in the duties attached to it. He had striven during his Mastership to advance the interests of Freemasonry in general, and the Lodge of Confidence in particular, and hoped he might have health and strength to continue doing so for many years yet to come.

Bro. Smithson, in the course of his reply, said a pleasurable feature presented itself in the fact that the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens were all initiated by him during the year he was at the head of the lodge.

Bro. S. Webb was also called upon. Up till last year he had been an active member of the lodge, now he enjoyed the rank of honorary member, thanks to the good feeling evinced by the brethren of the lodge. During the 34 years he had been a subscriber he had seen much of the ups and downs of the lodge, but there was one noticeable feature in connection with it—the attendance appeared to have remained all but stationary—84 or thereabouts. As one of the Past Masters he was very well satisfied to think the lodge had not deteriorated or decayed, and he thought he might say it was progressing.

The toast of "The Officers" was acknowledged by the S.W., Bro. Plowright, who assured the lodge he should endeavour to do his best to fill the honoured office then occupied by Bro. Haines should it be the goodwill of the members to elect him to it next year. For the officers generally he might say all would endeavour to emulate the working of the Past Masters of the lodge in years gone by.

Several other of the officers also acknowledged the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening a successful programme of music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. A. Weston, who was supported by Miss Emily Davies, Miss Ernestine Hancock, Bro. Frederick Stephens, and Bro. Frank Swinford.

St. Mark's Lodge (No. 857).—The election meeting of this distinguished South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on the 15th inst., and was well attended. There were present Bros. Noblett R. Livett, W.M.; W. H. Andrews, S.W.; W. Scott, J.W.; Edwin Crouch, P.M.; Treas.; A. Boulton, P.M.; Sec.; C. Barker, S.D.; W. S. Kildahl, J.D.; E. G. L. Anderson, D.C.; H. P. W. Crouch, Stwd.; Peet, P.M.; E. C. Crouch, P.M.; G. Lavington, P.M.; C. H. White, P.M.; C. J. Armstrong, P.M.; F. H. Abbott, T. M. Richards, E. Mosley, G. R. Barclay, E. C. Phillips, G. B. Newman, Farmer, J. J. Jenkins, R. T. Grisenthwaite, G. Schroeder, T. A. Grisenthwaite, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Wylbourn, J.W. 548; E. R. Lee, I.P.M. 2128; E. E. Williams, S22; J. Mellings, 2021; J. Coe, P.M. 1339; G. C. Tegetmeier, 1929; J. Lecquire, J.W. 1669; and R. T. West.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. impressively raised Bro. Farmer. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. G. B. Newman, and he was afterwards initiated by Bro. G. Lavington, P.M. Bro. W. H. Andrews, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Edwin Crouch, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. T. Bowler again appointed Tyler, a position he has held for the last 15 years. Bro. G. Lavington, P.M., was elected Treasurer of the fund of benevolence. The resignation of Bro. E. C. Lloyd, P.M., an old and esteemed member of the lodge, was accepted with very deep regret. The sum of seven guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. Anderson's list, who was going up as Steward for the Old People. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to Bro. N. R. Livett, W.M., for his able services.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a substantial banquet, which was prepared by Mrs. Venables in excellent style.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Lavington, P.M., observed that in March last he predicted that Bro. Livett would have a brilliant year of office, which had been fulfilled to the very letter. He had been a splendid ruler, and it would be impossible to have a better. Although it seemed hard that he should leave the chair, yet he was to be followed by an excellent worker of the ritual, who would well maintain the great prestige of the lodge.

In response, Bro. Livett, W.M., said he regretted that his happy year of office was shortly coming to an end, but he hoped that what little he had done for the lodge had given satisfaction to the members. He was only just realising what the duties of a W.M. were, and if he had remained on for another year he might have been perfect. He quite agreed that his successor, the W.M. elect, would make a splendid presiding officer.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiate," and said that he hoped he would take to heart what he had gone through that night, together with the other Degrees that were to come afterwards, and that what he was taught in Masonry he would endeavour to follow out in his daily life. If he did that it would be impossible for him to go wrong, and he trusted he would aspire to the chair of his mother lodge.

The initiate, Bro. G. B. Newman, in reply, stated that he felt it a great honour that he had been made a Mason; the ceremony, the kind words of the W.M., and his reception that evening would never be effaced from his memory.

In submitting the toast of "The W.M. elect, Bro. Andrews," the W.M. remarked that it was an important one, which was only given once a year. If he spoke too well of him he might think himself too big for the post. He was a very busy man, but if he took anything in hand it was done well, and the members would find nothing wanting on his part to add to the success of the lodge.

Bro. Andrews, W.M. elect, responded. He said that from the kind but flattering words of the W.M., they would think that he was to be a paragon, but he did not know why the W.M. should foreshadow that. However, he would do his very best, but his time was so much taken up that he was afraid he had not much leisure for Masonry. He, however, had the interests of the lodge at heart, and would do his utmost to keep their banner unsullied, and he trusted that what he might have to do would give satisfaction to those who had done him the great honour of electing him their W.M.

"The Visitors" was next honoured, the W.M. observing that many of those present were ardent workers in the Craft, and he joined the names of Bros. E. R. Lee, Doe, and Wylbourn with the toast.

Bro. E. R. Lee, in reply, said that all the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, which could not be otherwise, as the lodge was well known for its hospitality, and he wished it every prosperity.

Suitable responses were also made by Bro. Coe, Wylbourn, and Barton, testifying to the excellent working of the W.M.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," and said they always looked to the Past Masters for every and any assistance, and in concluding a genial speech he said, may their numbers and shadows never grow less.

Bro. Lavington, P.M., replied. He said that the Past Masters were only too pleased to render any service to the lodge. He appreciated the kindness of the W.M. in allowing him to initiate Bro. Newman, who was an old friend of his.

Bro. Peet, P.M., also responded, regretting that he had not been able to attend since the W.M. was installed, but absence at sea was the cause.

"The Officers" was the next toast, the W.M. stating that they had done their duty, and he appreciated their great services.

In replying, Bro. Scott, J.W., said, as the W.M. had stated, he had not reached his ideal, he had got far enough, as the members well knew his great worth.

Bro. A. Boulton, P.M., Sec., also responded. He referred to some years ago when he had the honour of initiating the W.M., and he was gratified that he had been through the chair with such glorious success.

The pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast. The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. G. Schroeder, E. E. Williams, Peet, H. W. Wylbourn, Tegetmeier, Scott, and Bolton, but a word of praise is due to Bros. Schroeder, and Tegetmeier for their great efforts, which was much appreciated.

Whittington Lodge (No. 862).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WEAVER, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.O. MIDD. —A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Monday, the 21st inst., when the proceedings were of a more than usually interesting character. The members, in order to recognise the invaluable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Weaver, P.M., who has occupied the post of Secretary for nearly 20 years, unanimously decided to present him with a substantial mark of appreciation, respect, and esteem. The gift took the form of a very handsome gold watch and chain, the former bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. J. Weaver is well known in theatrical and musical circles as the musical director of the pantomime "Santa Claus," at the Lyceum Theatre, and in the Masonic world is esteemed as the only living founder of the Asaph Lodge and Chapter.

Lodge was opened by Bro. G. H. Wavell, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Bradford, S.W.; T. H. Jarvis, J.W.; S. Godden, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; H. Kemp, S.D.; W. Tyler, J.D.; A. Clarkson, I.G.; C. Miller, D.C.; J. Irvine, P.M.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M.; A. T. Taylor, W. G. Butler, T. H. Harrison, W. H. Godden, W. F. Chamberlain, and many others. The visitors were Bros. J. Sparrow, 1586; G. E. Leader, 2397; F. Hughes, I.P.M. 192; J. W. Mathew, 1319; Tyson Crauford, 2530; J. Speller, P.P.G.O. Essex; W. Bowen, R. Savory, F. G. Hambleton, 1319; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, P.M. 2381.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Irvine, P.M., impressively raised Bros. W. G. Butler, P. J. Driver, A. T. Chamberlain, R. J. Spencer, and George Geen to the Third Degree, the W.M. being unable to render the ceremony on account of indisposition. The W.M. then rose and said it was his great honour to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Weaver for the good work done by him as Secretary for the past 19 years. Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., in seconding the resolution, which was carried by acclamation, said he had known the Secretary for 17 years. During that time Bro. Weaver had performed his duties in a conscientious, able, and courteous manner, and they all hoped he would be long spared to be with them. The W.M. then said it was an easy matter to pass resolutions of thanks, but the brethren had thought it better to give expression to their feelings in a more substantial form. They had therefore unanimously subscribed towards a present to mark their respect and esteem for Bro. Weaver. It was a great honour to him (the W.M.) to hand Bro. Weaver a handsome present in recognition of the good feeling existing between them. Might the Secretary continue to do the work as in the past, and live long to wear the watch to record the minutes of his life. In conclusion he asked Bro. Weaver to pocket the watch and to watch his pocket, and would ask him to leave any reply to a later period of the evening. The inscription on the interior plate of the watch is as follows: "Presented to James Weaver by the brethren of the Whittington Lodge, 862, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his good qualities as a man and Secretary of the lodge. 1895." A letter was then read from Bro. T. B. Wavell (father of the W.M.), dated at San Francisco, expressing gratification at his son's installation as W.M. Bro. Wavell, sen., who was a founder of the Whittington Lodge, further wrote that he would be interested to learn how many founders were still in the lodge, and expressed his appreciation of the position it had attained. The Secretary was instructed to send a suitable reply, and the lodge was closed.

A repast at Freemasons' Tavern was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. J. Irvine, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and referred to the connection of Bro. Wavell's father with the lodge. If their W.M. had done nothing else for the lodge but organise the testimonial to Bro. Weaver, it would be sufficient for the members to vote him a handsome jewel. He was sorry that bad health had prevented the W.M. rendering one or two of the ceremonies. They would all unite in drinking the W.M.'s good health.

Bro. G. H. Wavell, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and said that unless he could do the work in a way satisfactory to himself he would not begin it, but he hoped before his Mastership was over to be in better health and assist in the work. He was proud to be the son of one of the founders and be received as kindly as he had been. He thanked the officers for supporting him, for they had not missed one meeting, and also thanked the brethren generally for their kind reception.

"The Visitors" was next given and duly acknowledged by Bro. J. Speller, P.P.G.O. Essex, and others.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Past Masters, Secretary, and Treasurer." The Secretary was the senior P.M., and in looking through the minutes of the lodge it was interesting to watch the chain of events with which Bro. Weaver was linked. The presentation made that night was a small token of which the Secretary was well worthy, and would doubtless be appreciated on account of the manner in which it was given. He hoped the brethren would give Bro. Weaver a very hearty greeting for the work he had done.

Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., Sec., who was cordially received, said it was difficult to reply to the toast of his health, especially when it was accompanied with such a presentation as he had received. He would simply say a few words, and thank them from his heart for the good feeling evinced towards him. He should like to refer back a little to the history of the lodge. One of the visitors from the Lion and Lamb Lodge had referred to Bro. Muggeridge, who assisted at the formation of this lodge. He (Bro. Weaver) was initiated during the year of Bro. Wavell's father, and worked with Bros. Brett, Stubbs, Little, Colonel Francis Burdett, and Levander. Those brethren held high positions in Freemasonry, socially and scientifically. Some of them went with Colonel Burdett into the higher Degrees. That lodge was consecrated in 1861, and in the book of lodge summonses he presented to the lodge was an original consecration programme given him by the W.M.'s father, and was the only one in existence. He was initiated in March, 1863, but had failed to obtain some of the summonses for those two years. He found there were two parties in the lodge, and that was a case of "pull devil, pull baker." Being a youngster, he did not clear out, but stopped to see the fun. It became so serious that Bro. Little resigned. Having got the calibre of the lodge, he was determined to break up these two parties, for he believed in the old adage that a house divided against itself could not stand. The lodge was decimated in consequence, and they had a very small number which was just the thing they wanted, for those that stuck to it placed the lodge on a sound footing. During the

past 19 years there had been no serious questions in the lodge. The object of his remarks was that he hoped they would not introduce any member into it as an initiate but those who visited their own homes, and thus keep the lodge select. With a large lodge they were bound to get schism. His duties had sometimes run a little crooked, but he had endeavoured to keep a straight line, faithful to the lodge, and impartial to the brethren. When in the chair it was always his desire to do as well as he could, and with every Past Master had been ready to help those coming forward. He had always told the W.M. what income the lodge had, and what his expenses would be, so that he could keep his expenditure within proper limits. He once more thanked them for their kind present and kindly good feelings, and sincerely wished them all success and long life.

Bros. J. Irvine, P.M., Treas., and Pauncefort, also replied, after which Bros. Bradford, S.W., and Jarvis, J.W., acknowledged "The Officers," and the proceedings terminated.

Bro. Theo. Ward, kindly presided at the piano-forte, and was assisted by Bros. Leader, Hambleton, and Hayward.

Great Northern Lodge (No. 1287).—A large number of brethren assembled at the installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 17th inst., to assist in the celebration of its 25th birthday. There were but two of the original founders present to witness the "silver wedding" festivities, viz.: Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., who was the first Master of the lodge, and has since occupied the onerous position of Treasurer with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge, and Bro. H. T. Reed, a Past Master who renders valuable service in the capacity of Steward. The retiring Master, Bro. G. Ridout, performed the functions of Installing Master in a highly-finished manner worthy of the occasion, and impressively installed Bro. J. Bastow as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M., besides being an indefatigable Mason, is well known in civic circles, and represents the Bread Ward on the Common Council. At the opening of the lodge, Bro. G. Ridout, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Bastow, S.W.; C. Davis, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Doughty, S.D.; T. G. Doughty, J.D.; E. B. Homewood, I.G.; H. F. Reed, P.M., Stwd.; A. Kenningham, Org.; J. Paul, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; E. Lancaster, P.M.; T. Owen, P.M.; H. Bell, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; R. Cane, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Bastow, 1185; C. E. Russell, 92; W. Downing, P.P.G.O. Kent; W. H. Ball, P.M. 87; W. H. Dallinson, P.M. 87; W. Senior, 2190; A. Hinman, 9, Tasmania; R. C. Wilson, W.M. 766; S. Marsh, 2502; A. Blake, 1303; W. F. Wilkinson, 742; W. E. Wilby, P.M. 538; R. F. Stanford, I.G. 1572; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.P.S.G.W.; F. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; D. F. Cocks, I.G. 256; G. F. Edwards, P.M. 766; G. Rawlinson, W.M. 1657; J. G. Cobb, W.M. 45; J. Petch, P.M. 2278; W. L. Lewis, 1366; W. Symons, 1366; A. D. J. Chenery, 1366; C. F. Bennewitz, 1627; C. Corain, 2332; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; F. Reeves, J.D. 902; H. H. Nuding, P.M. 1924; A. Gould, 1949; R. Shears, 227; C. Wheeler, 1329; T. Bain, 1329; E. W. Stanford, 2006; F. Mason, 2148; H. Atkins, 1348; J. G. Jeffery, 2148; W. Smith, 1624; J. S. Turner, 1716; R. E. Miles, 2424; M. R. Baker, 1524; C. Penny, W.M. 1637; G. Avery, P.M. 511; R. T. Palmer, P.M. 1732; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Zeppenfeld was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. J. Bastow was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Kempton, P.M., D.C., and having been duly installed by Bro. Ridout, I.P.M., invested the following officers: Bros. C. Davis, S.W.; A. C. Doughty, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; T. G. Doughty, S.D.; E. B. Homewood, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; C. J. Wilkinson, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M., and J. Steer, Stwds.; A. Kenningham, Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The W.M. then proved his ability for his office by impressively initiating Messrs. A. D. Jollye, C. F. Atkinson, and A. G. Billings. Lodge was closed after a satisfactory audit report showing a large balance in hand had been unanimously adopted.

A banquet was subsequently enjoyed at Freemasons' Tavern, which was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. G. Ridout, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," said: I have been guilty of doing what no other brother in the room dare do—I have taken the gavel—which, as you know, is the emblem of power—out of the hand of our newly-installed Master. When I inform you of the reason for having done this I am sure I shall have your sympathy. It is to submit to you the toast of our highly esteemed W.M., who, you will all agree, "has risen to eminence by merit." Amongst the multifarious qualifications specified in the installation ritual, there are two accomplishments which, in my opinion, are distinctly pre-eminent, viz., he must "be able and willing to take the management of the work." Of the former qualification our W.M. has given us ample proof this very night, by the efficient manner in which he has initiated the three brethren he has introduced and we are gratified to welcome. As to his being willing, the fact of his having stepped on every exacting round of the Masonic ladder of office speaks for itself, thus proving his ardour for the weal of our ancient and truly honourable Institution. That he is both able and willing to wield the gavel and conduct the by no means insignificant fourth degree goes without saying, for is he not "a man fitted by manners and power of speech to grace any assembly." We are particularly fortunate in possessing, in our W.M., a brother who has graced the old-fashioned, yet not obsolete, assemblies of the time-honoured institutions of our city. I refer to his holding the position of Common Councillor, when, doubtless, whilst discussing the native oysters, the real turtle, and the choicest of vintage wines, he has gained many noble ideas, from which we cannot fail to benefit during his Mastership. I am, therefore, certain that I am only echoing the sentiments of every one present when I wish him a happy and successful year of office. May it, under his able administration, be of red-letter notoriety in the annals of our lodge, and may he gain a place in its history so glorious that nothing in the past can equal.

Bro. J. Bastow, W.M., in returning thanks, said it seemed a difficult thing to reply to such a toast. The I.P.M. had predicted a very great future, and let them hope it would be realised. He fully recognised the task before him in following such a Master as the I.P.M. had

been. That day had been one of the greatest in his history, but he could scarcely hope to obtain the distinction some of the Past Masters had done, for they had had many good, clever, and brilliant men, and thorough workers as Masters. The I.P.M. had referred to the experience he had gained in the "fourth Degree," in a body with which he had the honour to be associated, and perhaps he was right. He, however, would yield to none in his admiration for Freemasonry, and he would endeavour to do his level best to keep that lodge in its present position, and if he could in any way add to its lustre, he would endeavour to do so. He sincerely trusted there would be plenty of work, and that it would be a happy, financial, and prosperous year.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and said that Bro. Ridout, by his care, forethought, and attention, had gained the admiration of every member. It became his duty to pin on the breast of the I.P.M. a jewel which would be highly prized inasmuch as it could only be gained by merit. If a jewel was ever merited it was that presented to Bro. Ridout, who had always been anxious to do his work, and who reigned supreme as an Installing Master. Those brethren present who did not often see the installation ceremony performed must have been gratified, for the I.P.M. not only spoke his words, but impressively rendered the ritual. It was with the greatest pleasure, therefore, that he (the W.M.) proposed the health of the I.P.M.

Bro. G. Ridout, I.P.M., replying, said: The toast of my health, which has been so kindly proposed and cordially received, would indeed be a difficult toast for me to answer were it not that I have experienced nothing but goodness and kindness from every member during my tenure of office. When I was first elected Master, I well remember how sensibly I felt the responsibility of "that high station." So great did the responsibility appear, I scarcely felt it possible for me—a man of commerce—"to discharge the duties of that important trust." One day, however, I lighted on a quotation of Leonardo de Vinci, in which he said—"Thou, O God, dost sell us all things at the price of labour." It was then I felt that I had the key to the situation. It was labour, labour to maintain "the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry," labour "to the best of my skill and ability" to strengthen the "honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge." Labour with "zeal and assiduity to increase the happiness of the brethren by promulgating the genuine principles and tenets of the institution." Indeed, I saw it was only by labour that I could hope to "conscientiously discharge my duties as a ruler in the Craft and Master of the Great Northern Lodge." Whether success and satisfaction have attended my labour I must leave you to judge. I can only say that to me it has been a labour of love, which has culminated to-night in the gift of this handsome jewel. For this I sincerely thank you. Had the task of presiding over the lodge been tenfold more exacting, I should feel still more than amply repaid by this mark of your regard. I leave the chair feeling that I am the debtor, and that I am only entitled to such recognition as is in all circumstances due to the man who has tried to do his best. Having been so royally treated, I am anxious that I should not be so gracefully bowed out. Since I have passed the chair I wish to go still further. I have undertaken to go up as a Steward for one of the most deserving of our Masonic Charities—the Boys' Institution—which has not been supported by the lodge for 23 years. Truly, a long time to withhold our alms from an Institution engaged in the noble work of feeding, clothing, and educating the sons of our less fortunate brethren. I, therefore, ask you to support me by giving as freely "as your circumstances in life may fairly warrant." This lodge is a great power; may it become even a greater force among the lodges of the metropolis. Let us show the Masonic world that Charity with us is not a mere figure of speech, but a substantial fact. I trust that on the day of the annual festival of the Boys' Institution it will hold an even prouder position than it does to-night. Again expressing my gratitude for the many kindnesses I have received, and in anticipation of your generous support of my Stewardship, I will conclude in the words of a Master who reigned 300 years ago—"Thanks, thanks, for ever thanks."

"The Initiates" having been honoured,

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded for "The Masonic Charities," and said the Institution now supported by far the largest number of boys ever educated in the history of the School. He eloquently appealed to the brethren to support the I.P.M. in his Stewardship, and thus enable this lodge to take premier position at the next festival of the Institution.

Bros. Downing, Wilby, and Hinman (of Tasmania), acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Owen, P.M., and J. B. Lancaster, P.M., replied on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas., replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said they could easily understand that it was a pleasurable evening to him, and they should all be proud of the position of their lodge that night. The lodge had been established 25 years that night, and those present probably knew nothing of the difficulties they had to confront in its formation, but the lodge had undoubtedly succeeded exceedingly well. It was a great advantage to get Bro. Cleghorn to take the post of Secretary, which was an onerous and honourable post, but few brethren knew the amount of work, labour, and trouble taken by that brother, who, as Secretary, was second to none in London. As regarded himself, he performed the duties of Treasurer to the best of his ability, and for their benefit, and he hoped the brethren would support their W.M. during the coming year.

Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec., also replied, and "The Chaplains," and "The Officers" having been given, the enjoyable proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Miss Lily Berrey, Miss Rose Williams, and Bros. R. E. Miles, and A. Kenningham, the Organist.

Leopold Lodge (No. 1571).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 14th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Walter T. Johns, W.M., and there were also present: Bros. Arthur Watts, S.W.; H. T. Meadows, J.W.; W. Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; J. Hampson, S.D.; G. Horwill, acting J.D.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Marshall, A.D.C.; C. M. Morris, acting I.G.; G. Bull, Stwd.; Young, Tyler; C. W. Kent, P.M.; W. F. Packer, P.M.; J. Penney, P.M.; Barnes, Davy, Elliott, Pummell, Wells

Lee, Maud, Goad, Copper, Davis, Shirling, Leach, Hall, Speck, McKenzie, Truckell, Gilbert, and Foley. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Bassett, W.M. 1579; E. Foley, 2168; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463; M. Siegenberg, W.M. 188; J. E. Poole, 1901; W. H. Weeks, 1585; G. S. Denney, I.P.M. 1607; G. D. Stevenson, P.M. 2148; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; W. Norton, 907; L. Brooke, 1326; B. T. Whitehead, 1329; A. Reed, 1563; George White, P.M. 975; George Jackson, P.M. 1625; D. Reckie, 511; and F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. 1178. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and the adoption of the accounts of the lodge for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £61 3s. 4d., the ballot was taken for Messrs. Pain, Whitefield, and Farmer, and, proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry, the W.M., Bro. Johns, performing the ceremony in an able manner. Bro. Arthur Watts, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. T. Duffield, P.M., D.C., and duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Johns, W.M., rendering the ceremony in a highly impressive manner, the addresses to the W.M., Officers, and brethren eliciting general and hearty praise. Bro. Watts, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. T. Meadows, S.W.; John Hampson, J.W.; Wm. Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; F. P. Langford, S.D.; George Horwill, J.D.; Charles M. Morris, I.G.; Thomas Duffield, P.M., D.C.; George Bull, A.D.C.; Percy Leach and George Hall, Stwds., and Young, Tyler. The first duty devolving on the newly-installed Master was a pleasing one—the presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Johns, of a handsome jewel, unanimously voted by the brethren at the December meeting, which was presented in feeling terms, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Johns, who prized very highly the honour conferred upon him. After voting the sum of £10 10s. to the list of the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School, receiving a proposition for membership, and the hearty congratulations of the brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting table, Bro. Pearce catering in his usual excellent style.

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

Bro. Johns, I.P.M., rose and presented the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master," which was very heartily received, congratulating Bro. Watts on his installation into the chair of K.S. The I.P.M. referred to the various offices filled by the W.M. in the lodge and to the esteem in which he was held by all the brethren of the lodge, appealing to the brethren one and all to support their newly-installed Master. He wished the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Watts, W.M., in thanking the brethren for the confidence reposed in him by electing him as W.M., appreciated very highly the honour they had conferred upon him. He had been a member of the Leopold Lodge for many years, and had filled the various offices allotted to him to the best of his ability. As in the past, the best interests of the lodge would be very dear to him, and nothing would be wanting on his part to maintain the worthy traditions of the Leopold Lodge.

In asking the brethren to honour the toast of "The Installing Master and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Johns," the W.M. congratulated the lodge on having the installation ceremony so ably rendered, and trusted that the I.P.M. might be spared for many years to the lodge, and that he would look upon the jewel which had been presented to him that evening as a token of the esteem of the brethren for his services during the past year.

Bro. Johns, in acknowledging the toast, repeated the thanks previously expressed in lodge for the handsome jewel which had been presented to him by the lodge in commemoration of his Mastership, which he should highly prize. In feeling terms he referred to his year of office, which had come to a close, and was glad to find the lodge in so prosperous a condition, and that during 1894 the Leopold Lodge was so ably represented at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he had the honour to take up on behalf of the lodge a list of over £100. In retiring from the chair he thanked the officers for the cordial support which they had rendered him during his year of office, and the brethren for their handsome subscription to the Old People's Institution, and promised that nothing should be wanting on his part to further the best interests of the Leopold Lodge.

"The Visitors" next claimed the attention of the brethren, the W.M. thanking the visiting brethren, of which a large muster had favoured the lodge with their presence, for their support at his installation.

Bros. G. H. Bassett, P.M. 1579; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; G. D. Stevenson, P.M. 2148; M. Siegenberg, W.M. 188, and G. White, P.M. 975, responded, each of the brethren congratulating the Leopold Lodge on the excellence of its working, and the installing Master on the able manner in which the beautiful installation ceremony had been rendered, and wishing Lodge No. 1571 a continuance of its present popularity.

The cause of Charity was not forgotten by the assembled brethren, "The Masonic Institutions" being next presented by the W.M., who hoped that the usual support of the brethren would be accorded to him as the Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys at the coming festival.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. W. Carey, P.M., Treas., ably responded. Touching on the three Charitable Institutions, which were the ornaments of the Craft, he specially appealed to the brethren of the Leopold Lodge to rally round their W.M., and send him up to the Festival of the Boys' School with a list of which the lodge might be proud. As an investment, they could have nothing better than that offered by the Craft, in their Old People's, their Boys', and Girls' Schools, and, although the former Institution had been a favourite with recent Masters, he was glad that the boys were not forgotten, nor the girls, whose centenary festival he had the honour of attending when W.M. of the Leopold Lodge. While grateful of the handsome amounts which had been taken up by Past Masters of the lodge, he trusted that the cause of Charity would still find a warm place in their hearts, and wished the newly-installed Master every success.

In submitting "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. appealed for their support during his year of office.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Duffield, P.M., who promised his help as in the past at the lodge of instruction, and referred to the charitable association in connection therewith.

Bro. W. F. Packer, P.M., who regretted his absence from the lodge in consequence of his professional engagements, but his heart was with his mother lodge—the Leopold.

Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec., who trusted that in the year on which they had entered they would one and all give a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together. If their object was to unite in the grand design of promoting each other's happiness, he predicted for the Worshipful Master and the lodge a happy and prosperous year of office.

In giving the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. complimented the lodge on having such able brethren filling the various offices, who would worthily discharge the duties of the chair when it fell to their lot.

Bros. Meadows, S.W.; Hampson, J.W.; Morris, I.G.; and Leach, Stwd., responded, promising all the support they could render to the W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

A very entertaining programme of music, &c., rendered by Misses F. Robinson, Lizzie Elliston, R.A.M., Beatrice Howard, Bros. W. F. Packer, P.M., Sam Wright, Mr. C. H. Crowther, and Bro. W. Mervyn Ward, and provided by the W.M., was heartily appreciated by the assembled brethren, who carried away with them pleasant reminiscences of one of the most enjoyable re-unions of the Leopold Lodge. Miss Robinson and Bro. W. F. Packer, P.M., acted as accompanists.

Strand Lodge (No. 1987).—This well-known and ever-growing lodge met at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Evans, W.M., supported by Bros. C. J. Taylor, I.P.M.; W. Merrett, S.W.; W. S. Hooper, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; W. Rapley, I.G.; J. N. Hare and H. Lovejoy, Stwds.; J. K. W. Soper, Org.; E. N. Dale, P.M.; F. Jackson, P.M.; A. H. Westcott, G. P. Channing, W. Houghton, W. E. Houghton, A. A. Wilson, W. W. Bates, F. J. Bradley, L. E. Thurlow, R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler, and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Clayton, 1558; S. W. Larkin, S.W. 742; T. Jefferies, J.W. 1744; Victor Stevens, 2127; P. Campbell, 307; S. W. Ball; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 161; W. Wiltshire, 1602; T. F. Strutt; F. Douglas-Norman, 172; E. G. Van Tromp, P.M. 969; A. W. Weston, P.M. 1278; J. Pollard, 2098; W. Glanfield, 2455; H. Hibberd, W.M. 167; E. Daoust, I.P.M.; and R. I. West.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. raised Bro. L. E. Thurlow and afterwards passed Bros. W. Houghton, W. E. Houghton, A. A. Wilson, W. W. Bates, and F. J. Bradley. The W.M. then initiated Mr. J. T. Smith. The working of the Three Degrees by the W.M. was carried out in an excellent manner. Two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and, after other business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a superb banquet, which was well served, and for which Bro. Oddenino was responsible.

The W.M. gave, in very brief terms, "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft."

Bro. C. J. Taylor, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that the solid way in which Bro. Evans did his work was highly appreciated by the members.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

In response, Bro. Edwin Evans, W.M., stated that he was honoured with their hearty reception, and he was doing his best in the working of the ritual.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. said that they had only one that night, but at the last meeting there were five. At this point Bro. C. J. Taylor, by special request, gave "The Mason's Sign," his own composition, which was rendered in a manner that gained great applause.

Bro. J. T. Smith, the initiate, responded, observing that he was not used to speech-making, but he was deeply grateful that he had been elected a member of the Strand Lodge, and he hoped that nothing would be wanting on his part to make him a useful member of the lodge and the Craft.

In happy terms the W.M. submitted the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Taylor," "The Past Masters," and "The Treasurer and Secretary," and referred to Bro. W. M. Stiles, Sec., who, it was well known, was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and for the many services he had rendered the Craft and the Charities, no one better deserved that high honour, and he earnestly hoped that the large array of visitors present would bear his name in mind, and work hard for him.

The toasts were drunk with acclamation, the names of Bros. Willing and Stiles receiving marked attention.

Bro. C. J. Taylor, I.P.M., having responded,

Bro. J. Willing, P.M., Treas., said that he was the "father" of the lodge, and he was glad that he had such a "ruly" family. The lodge was getting strong in numbers as well as strong in visitors. He was one of the extremely quiet members, and he must leave it to Bro. Stiles to continue the response for the toast, as if he (Bro. Stiles) could not talk, no one could.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec., stated that they were always glad to see Bro. Willing, noisy or otherwise, as he had done wonders for the lodge. He appreciated the kind reference of the W.M. to his candidature for Grand Honour, and he was proud of his many friends who were working so hard to uphold the only privilege of the Blues to elect an officer at Grand Lodge. If it fell to his happy lot to be the Blue to be elected, he would be, if anything, more than gratified.

Bros. Dale and Jackson also replied in appropriate terms.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave "The Visitors," remarking that they were all heartily welcome, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Anderson, W. A. Scurrah, Van Tromp, Jefferies, and Pollock.

Bro. Anderson responded. He was proud to be there to meet such veterans in the Craft as Bros. Willing, Stiles, and Scurrah. Masonry was the most noble institution anyone could belong to.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., said their hospitality that night was lavish, but it had always been so on the many occasions that he had attended their happy lodge. He felt he must refer to Bro. Stiles, his first and greatest friend in Masonry, and he gave at length his reasons why Bro. Stiles was not elected Grand Treasurer at the last election, one of which was that his friends were over sanguine, and did not take the trouble to record their votes. Bro. Stiles had done everything to qualify himself for high office, and if he was

not deserving of the Grand Treasurership no one was, and he urged all to make a point of attending in March next, as every vote was of the utmost importance.

Bro. Hibberd, Van Tromp, Jefferies, Victor Stevens, and P. Ward also relied in some good speeches.

The W.M. gave "The Officers," remarking that they were good and he was proud of them, and a W.M. without efficient officers would be at a great disadvantage.

Bro. W. Merrett, S.W., replied that he would do his best to assist the W.M., and everything that was required for the lodge.

Bros. Hooper, J.W.; Rapley, I.G.; J. N. Hare, Lovejoy, and J. K. W. Soper, Org., also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the happy proceedings to a conclusion.

Bros. Victor Stevens, A. W. Weston, Channing, Thurlow, and Wm. Rignold vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren, the last-named giving a splendid recitation, which gained great applause.

Empire Lodge (No. 2108).—This lodge, specially established as a connecting link between the Mother Country and her Colonies, held its annual installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 22nd inst., and unanimously elected as an honorary member the Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes, who is at present applying to the Grand Master for a warrant for a Masonic lodge to be held at Buluwayo. Bro. Hermann Klein was installed W.M., in the presence of Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., Sir Augustus Harris, J. C. Parkinson, E. Letchworth (Grand Secretary), Sir George D. Harris, Lennox Browne, and many others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting and festival of this ancient lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. More than usual interest was taken in the meeting, consequent on the W.M. elect being Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P. The lodge was opened, there being a large attendance of members, amongst whom were Bros. J. W. Thompson, W.M.; Lord Stanley, S.W.; H. L. Hinnell, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G.C.; John Booth, P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Walker, P.P. J.G.W.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; Wm. Forrest, P.P.G.D.; E. J. Brown, P.P.G.D. Suffolk; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; J. Hardcastle, P.M.; Wm. Goulding, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; W. H. Brown (Mayor of Bolton); B. A. Dobson, and others. The visitors included Bros. Col. Le Centre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.; E. Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, Prov. G. Chap.; N. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Whittaker, P.P.G.O. West Lancs.; N. Heywood, P.M. 44; J. Renshaw, P.M. 298; and many others.

The usual preliminary business being disposed of, Bro. J. W. Thompson proceeded to install as his successor the W.M. elect, Bro. Lord Stanley, the ceremony being partly performed by Bro. W. Forrest, P.P.G.D. In the Board of installed Masters there were no less than 34 Past Masters or Worshipful Masters present to greet the new W.M. The investiture of the officers was performed by Bro. J. Booth, P.P.G.D., the following being the officers invested: Bros. T. Barnes, S.W.; H. L. Hinnell, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, Chap.; J. Booth, Treas.; F. W. Bristoe, Sec.; F. W. Broadbent, S.D.; G. E. Greenhalgh, J.D.; Wm. Forrest, D. of C.; Hardcastle, A.D.C.; R. Bamber, Org.; F. W. Isherwood, I.G.; C. F. Murphy, J. E. H. Spencer, G. J. French, and J. Johnston, S.Wds.; J. Walker, I.G.; and S. Rawthorne, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. J. W. Thompson, J. Booth, and W. Forrest. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Thompson, in appreciation of his services during the past year.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining room, where a banquet was served by Bro. H. Walsley.

After the removal of the cloth Bro. Lord Stanley, W.M., proposed the loyal toasts.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.

"The Health of Col. Starkie, Prov. G. Master," was heartily received, and responded to by him in one of his admirable speeches.

Bro. Rev. F. Taylor-Evans, Prov. G. Chap., responded for "The Prov. G. Officers."

His Worship the Mayor of Bolton, Bro. B. A. Dobson, in happy terms proposed "The Health of Bro. Lord Stanley, W.M."

His lordship, in suitable terms, responded, and proposed "The Health of the Mayor, Bro. Dobson."

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M. 1723, P.P.G.S.B.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was heartily received, and many expressions of regret were made at his enforced absence from the banquet, in consequence of an accident the previous day. He had attended the lodge, although suffering great pain.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., and Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Bro. Sillitoe, in a few pointed remarks, strongly impressed the necessity of increased support being given to the Charities, both metropolitan and local.

The toast was heartily received, and responded to by Bro. Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Asst. Sec., and Sec. to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, who brought before the notice of the brethren the intended Festival of that Institution in June next.

The remaining toasts were "The Installing Officers," proposed by the W.M.; "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most harmonious and enjoyable evenings in the history of the lodge.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Brunswick Lodge (No. 732).—At the annual meeting of the above lodge held at the Pavilion, on Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. Thomas Billing succeeded Bro. W. A. Field as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The other officers appointed were Bros. W. A.

Chaloner, P.P.A.G.P. Wilts, and P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; C. H. Ryles. Ernest Williams, and others. The visiting brethren included Bros. H. M. Bolwell, W.M. 457, P.P.G.C.; R. Blake, 1478; J. Goodall, 1271; J. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Taylor, I.P.M. 1271; H. Hillier, W.M. 1533, and others.

Bro. Garlick having been unanimously selected to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year was duly presented, and the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by the Deputy P.G.M. for Wilts, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps. The brethren appointed to fill the various chairs were then invested and suitably addressed by the W.M. in the following order: Bros. G. Snailum, S.W.; S. T. Wood, J.W.; E. Chamberlaine, Chap.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; R. H. Gowing, Asst. Sec.; A. J. G. Stancomb, S.D.; O. Leak, J.D.; J. Chapman, D.C.; H. Green, Org.; J. H. Aplin, I.G.; M. Millard, and E. Williams, Stwds.; and H. Bailey, Tyler. Bro. H. Millington presided at the organ, and added much to the effectiveness of the proceedings. The result of the alms-bag was devoted to the Trowbridge relief fund, and a sum of 30 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet provided by Miss Wade, at the George Hotel, where the catering was all that could be desired.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening spent by those present.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; Stevens, H., M.E.Z. elect; Larcomb, J., H. elect; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Capt. T. C. Walls, D.G.D.C., S.N., J. elect; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Mapleton, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., Asst. S.; Birch, I.P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; G. Heming, Pratt, Larter, Birch, Nash, and Goddard, Janitor. Comp. Hay was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Stevens was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. Larcomb, as H.; and Comp. Walls, as J. Among the officers invested were Comps. Collens, as S.E.; Mapleton, S.N.; J. Heming, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.S.; G. Heming, 2nd A.S.; Nash, D.C.; Birch, Stwd.; and Goddard, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, a Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Radcliffe for his services as M.E.Z. 1894-5. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Graves, P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, 1st A.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and an excellent banquet followed. The First Principal presided most ably.

During the proceedings Comps. Collens, Radcliff, Nash, and Pratt entertained the companions.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Comps. J. W. Gaze, C.C., I.P.Z., as First Principal; H. H. Nuding, H.; R. Evans, J.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., S.E.; W. H. Clemow, P.Z.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; and W. E. Farrington, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. J. Hattersley, P.Z. 177; G. W. Hartley, P.Z. 1326; and H. Jay, J. 174.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. J. W. Gaze, P.Z., was presented with a Past Principal's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. C. G. W. Moore, M.E.Z.; T. Farthing, P.Z.; and others. The name of a candidate having been proposed for joining the chapter closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The toasts were few, but most ably given by the M.E.Z. in the chair.

Æsculapius Chapter (No. 2410).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The three Principals, Comps. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.Z.; Lennox Browne, F.R.C., G.S.B.; and Henry Kiallmark, P.Z., were in attendance, and having opened the chapter, the officers and companions were admitted. In consequence of domestic troubles the exalte was unable to be present. The election of officers by ballot for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Lennox Browne, M.E.Z.; Henry Kiallmark, P.Z., H.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., J.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., I.P.Z., D.C.; Charles Gross, M.D., J.L.D., Scribe E.; Jacob Pickett, M.D., Scribe N.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; Anthony Nutt, P.S.; J. Hilditch Bradshaw, 1st A.S.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., 2nd A.S.; Montague Simpson, Org.; and G. Russell Beardmore and G. Crawford Thomas, Stwds.

The rest of the business having been transacted, the chapter was closed. The installation meeting will be held in March.

TAVISTOCK.

Bedford Chapter (No. 282).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., to install the principals for the year ensuing: Comps. J. Squire, M.E.Z.; W. T. Gill, H.; and T. Kerslake, J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. W. Allsford, P.Z. 202, P.P.G.T., assisted by Comps. Joseph Matthews, P.Z.; George Merrifield, P.Z.; Barton Richards, P.Z.; and Isaac Roskilly, P.Z. The officers were invested as follows: James Drew, I.P.Z.; W. Trevorton, S.E.; I. D. Williams, S.N.; Barton Richards, P.Z., Treas.; Harry Skinner, P. Soj.; A. C. Secombe, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. M. Webb, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and R. S. Merrifield, Janitor.

At the close of the chapter, the companions adjourned for the annual supper, and under the presidency of the M.E.Z. a very pleasant evening was spent.

AT THE recent monthly meeting of St. James' Lodge, No. 171, Doure, Mr. F. Neil was initiated in the mysteries of the Craft. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. Col. Home Drummond of Blair Drummond, the D.M., Bro. D. Ferguson, performed the ceremony in a masterly style. There was a large attendance, and the final arrangements were made for the annual ball on the 25th inst.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; A. W. Thompson, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Lightfoot, S.D.; Marriott Matthews, J.D.; H. J. Thompson, I.G.; Davies, P.M.; Holland, P.M.; Saunders, P.M.; Beauchamp, Calfe, Ham, Murray, Schott, Tuckfield, Winsborrow, Ivor-Davis, and Nicholls.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Schott being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Holland, P.M., who gave an interesting lecture "On the Lodge." The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, it was proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Holland, P.M., for his very able and interesting lecture, and the lodge was closed.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—At the usual meeting of this old established lodge, held at St. James' Restaurant, on Monday, the 21st inst., a pleasant tribute was paid to Bro. C. J. Jones, who for the past 10 years has acted as Hon. Secretary. Bro. E. B. Bloxham occupied the Master's chair, there being present Bros. I. Moss, S.W.; J. H. Lee, J.W.; D. Haslett, P.M., Preceptor; E. P. Luke, Sec.; E. Kraus, S.D.; Kelly, J.D.; Whitehead, I.G.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren.

At the close of the lodge business, the W.M. took the opportunity of expressing to Bro. C. J. Jones the very high appreciation of the lodge of the eminent services he had rendered in his capacity of Secretary for so long a period, and added that it gave him extreme pleasure to present Bro. Jones with a very handsome silver-mounted "Tantalus" spirit-stand, which had been subscribed for by a number of the brethren who knew and respected him. He trusted Bro. Jones would long be spared to serve the Craft as faithfully as he had hitherto done, and that the indisposition which had necessitated his retirement would only be of a temporary character.

Bro. Jones, in reply, expressed his gratitude for the many marks of esteem that had been showered upon him, and for the unexpected and very beautiful gift that had been made to him that evening.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Major E. Reed, W.M.; D. F. Gellion, P.M. 1425 and 2319, S.W.; T. M. Lambie, J.W.; G. Read, G.S.B. England, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; G. Weaver, S.D.; A. W. H. Jones, J.D.; W. H. Faircloth, W.M. 2733, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Dep. Preceptor; H. Windeatt, P.M. 1793; and C. Riemann.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed as required. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ferguson and Riemann being the candidates respectively. Bro. Gellion was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; E. Faux, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; R. P. Upton, J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; E. P. Woodman, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; C. Kemp, A. Cox, W. G. Carrington, and A. H. Robertson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodman being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Nicole, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Kemp answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kemp, being the candidate. Bro. Faux was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; Lewis Beale, S.W.; T. T. Gething, J.W.; George Read, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Thwaites, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; W. G. Lacy, I.G.; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090; C. Woods, R. Hendy, J. F. Bates, G. A. Murrell, and C. G. Hatt, P.M.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Woods offered as a candidate for raising, he was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, inclusive of the Traditional History. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the first Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Murrell was elected a joining member, and Bro. L. Beale was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lacy for his services on the removal of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

CITADEL LODGE (1897).—The usual meeting was held at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, on Friday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. D. J. Witte, W.M.; J. Abrahams, S.W.; M. Siegenberg, J.W.; F. Dunstan, P.M., Preceptor; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Henry Willsmer, Hon. Sec.; Ives, P.M., S.D.; Jackson, J.D.; Mason, I.G.; Robinson, Org.; W. B. Robinson, Chap.; Davison, P.M.; Platt, Ditchman, Wyatt, Watts, Baxter, Skipper, Cole, and Shipman.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the

previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ditchman acting as candidate. Bro. Shipman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and retired. The Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Platt acting as candidate. Bro. J. Abrahams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded Bro. Witte for his excellent working. Lodge was then closed. Although this was only the 10th meeting since the formation of the lodge, the promoters have every reason to be highly gratified at the result.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, when there were present Bros. H. F. Whyman, P.M., W.M.; L. W. Stansell, S.W.; T. G. Blake, P.M., J.W.; H. F. Whyman, Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; J. Dyke, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; T. W. Neech, P.M.; and J. B. Groom, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, also in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER (No. 753).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Maida-vale, W., when there were present: Comps. W. J. Stratton, M.E.Z. and Treas.; C. Coleman, H.; A. T. Redfearn, J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; R. Milliken, S.N.; Major E. J. Reed, P.S.; W. P. Clark, 1st Asst. S.; W. Chapple, 2nd Asst. S.; and J. C. Kruse.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Kruse personating the candidate. This being an officer's night, they turned up well, and Comp. Major Reed was specially thanked for his kindness in attending, and for his excellent work as P.S. Comp. Coleman, it was understood, would take the M.E.Z.'s chair at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of R.A. Masonry, the chapter was closed in due form.

The chapter is conveniently situated and easy of access, particularly for the W. and N.W. of London, and all companions are fraternally welcomed, both to learn and teach.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 18th inst., when there were present: Comps. Pullen, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Eckersall, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Cureton, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Benedetti, Lewis, Beecroft, Salmon, Phillips, Addington, Gill, Lightfoot, Dunn, Elgar, and R. Davis.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis personating the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comps. Pullen, M.E.Z., and Eckersall, J., for the able manner they rehearsed their respective duties for the first time. Comp. Grummant, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A conclave of Second Principals was formed, and Comp. C. H. Stone, installed Comp. J. Lightfoot into the chair of H. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the chapter was closed.

FESTIVAL OF THE HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

The Festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Tuesday, the 15th instant. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, supported by a large number of brethren, including Bros. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; Bernard Harfield, P.J.G.W.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; G. F. Lancaster, P.A.G. Sec.; J. H. Hogg, W.M. 130; W. Bates, W.M. 394; Crook, W.M. 1461; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Lashmore, P.P. S.G.D.; R. R. Linthorne; G. Cross, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Boughton Smith; E. Ward, W.M. 76; G. Ward, P.P.G.D.; Sir Barrington Simeon, J.D. 130; R. G. Pither, W.M. 2068; E. H. Buck, P.G.D.; E. Kingman, W.M., L. Steele, P.M., E. Brown, P.M., and A. J. Blackman, P.M., of 359; E. T. Wise, P.M. 1461; and many other brethren.

The banquet was served in excellent style by Mr. Sharp, of Above Bar, and during and after the repast a quartette band played selections, which included two violin solos by Mr. E. Jones.

The Royal toasts having been duly honoured, The D.P.G. MASTER, responding to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," said he was very pleased to find that they were at last holding a meeting of their Provincial Educational and Benevolent Institution. He would not, however, trench upon the remarks which Bro. Lancaster would, no doubt, presently make, but, speaking of the Masonic work done in England generally, he might tell them that last year £24,000 was raised for the Boys' School; over £20,000 for the Girls' School; and over £20,000 for the "Old People." To this £65,000 raised for the central Charities, had to be added the sum of over £9000 distributed by the Board of Benevolence, so that there was actually raised and distributed about £75,000 totally independent of Provincial Associations like the one of which the Festival was being held that day. He hoped their Provincial Institution would not, as had been the case during the last three years, be allowed to drop to some extent out of notice, and that they would in future meet annually and, as it were, "keep up the steam," in meeting the claims of those on whose behalf application was made for help.

Bro. Sir BARRINGTON SIMEON, Bart., in proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," said he would rather the toast had been entrusted to a Mason older than himself, though at the same time he doubted if any of them had known Bro. Beach longer than he had. Then, too, he had reason to be grateful to Bro. Beach Masonically, as he was kind enough some time ago to initiate him into the Order. If they searched the world through they would not find a Mason who did his work better than their Provincial Grand Master, and to show his enthusiasm in it he might mention that Bro. Beach had only just come from Northumberland, where he had been doing Masonic duty. He was at Southampton that evening, presiding at their Benevolent Festival; to-morrow he would go to Ryde; and he believed that since he had been in that room he had very nearly let himself in for another engagement. As they all knew, the Provincial Grand Master had Masonry thoroughly at heart; he performed the work from love as much as from a sense of duty, and, as he was such a good Mason, it was their place as Masons serving under his rule to do all they could to support him in his efforts to promote the best interests of the Craft.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who had a most cordial reception, expressed his thanks, and said that Bro. Simeon had spoken no more than the truth when he said that his (the speaker's) heart was in Masonic work, and that he was pleased to be doing something to promote the interests of the great Order to which they belonged. As had been said, he had just been performing Masonic duty in Northumberland, which was carried out under great stress of weather, but he was not alone, for the Grand Secretary, though he had an engagement in London next day, was also present to show his zeal in Freemasonry. He should ill fulfil his office if he did not make every effort in his power to discharge the duties which that office imposed upon him. During the long time he had had the honour of ruling over the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, he had received the greatest support from the brethren; he had received much support from Southampton, and he should be ungrateful to the brethren there if he did not reciprocate their kindness by every means in his power when he had the opportunity of doing so. In every part of the world English Freemasonry was thriving to-day, and those who were already in the Craft were striving to show to those who were joining it that they were becoming members of an Order whose work led to great and happy results. He could not but think that to set an example to others was the feeling pervading those who filled high office in their various lodges. He repeated his thanks for the kindness they had extended to him, and he hoped he should continue to rule over a province which showed unity and a readiness to accord that support which a Provincial Grand Master had a right to expect, and which it was his ambition to obtain.

Bro. A. J. BLACKMAN, P.M., gave "W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. E. GOBLE, P.G. Sec., briefly responded, and urged the necessity of the brethren securing all the votes they could for the three Central Charities. The province was particularly short of Boys' votes. The efforts made in regard to candidates were, of course, supplemented by the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "Success to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," said the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had given them some useful information as to the way in which the great Central Charities were thriving, and it was very gratifying to them as Freemasons, looking upon these Charities as their primary Institutions, to know that such success had been attained. The Institution which they had met that day to assist was comparatively a new one, and many would not be disposed to help it did they think for a moment it would interfere with the support given to the Central Charities, as the current of charitable enthusiasm might thereby be checked. That, however, had not been the case, and well supported as the Institution had been in the past, he hoped it would be still better supported in the future. Children who could not be elected to either of the two Central Charities found great benefit from this Institution, and so might it long continue. It was well deserving the support of the several lodges, and he quite approved of the suggestion that had been made that they should hold its meetings oftener, and that they should not allow a year to go by without giving the brethren an opportunity of rallying to the support of those who had charge of the Institution. He hoped they would all be encouraged by the success of the past to make renewed efforts for success in the future. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, and thanked him for all he had done for the Institution.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, in response, said that since the Institution was formed, eighteen children had been elected to its benefits, all without a contest. No candidate had been rejected who was properly qualified, but all had been elected at once. They had £2000 invested, and between £200 and £300 in the bank, and of the eighteen children elected fifteen were still on the list at an average annual cost of between £12 and £13. The committee were still open to receive applications on behalf of qualified candidates. He then read the Stewards lists, which amounted to £345 5s., there being two lists outstanding. Bro. Lancaster added that he felt very satisfied, and was extremely grateful to the Stewards for bringing up this handsome sum.

Bro. B. HARFIELD, P.G. Warden, proposing "The Stewards," said he had had the pleasure of serving a Stewardship himself, and he was sure it was a pleasure to any Mason to act in that capacity in respect of this or any other Masonic Charity. They took the trouble to collect their lists, not for their own personal aggrandisement, but it was a labour of love to them, undertaken upon the principle animating every true Mason, which had been referred to by their Provincial Grand Master that evening. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Pither, who headed the list with £37 9s.

Bro. PITHER, in response, said his lodge had taken special interest in the Institution from the commencement, and he heartily supported the suggestion that the meetings should be held annually.

The proceedings then concluded.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. ARTHUR WATTS,
W.M. Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.

We reproduce above a portrait of Bro. Arthur Watts, the newly-installed Master of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571. Initiated in 1884, Bro. Watts, after filling various offices in the lodge, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master at the December meeting, and in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft installed into the chair of K.S. at the Bridge House Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst., in a most impressive manner by Bro. Walter T. Johns, his predecessor in the chair. Not forgetting the cause of Charity, Bro. Watts has qualified himself a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and will represent the Leopold Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School. In our present issue, under "Craft Lodges," will be found an account of the Leopold installation meeting.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS DINNING, P.M.

The brethren of the Province of Northumberland have lately had to mourn the loss of a most zealous and ardent Mason in the person of Bro. Thomas Dinning, P.M. 481, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which melancholy event took place in the first hour of the present year. Bro. Dinning was connected with the commercial department of the well-known firm of Messrs. Dinning and Cooke, Percy Iron Works, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He had been ill for some months past and has been called away at the comparatively early age of 46 years. He bore his illness with great fortitude and always met the kind inquiries of his numerous friends with a cheerful smile. His death is lamented by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and in Masonic circles on Tyneside his genial presence is much missed. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1879, and after serving in the lower offices occupied the chair of his mother lodge, St. Peter's, No. 481, in 1884. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Prov. A.G.D.C., and in 1893 on account of the zeal which he had shown in the cause of Freemasonry, he was appointed Prov. J.G.W. He was also a P.Z. of 481, and held provincial rank in that Degree. He was also a P.M. of the Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed (T.J.) Mark Lodge, and was P.P.G.D.C. of that Degree. He was also connected with the Royal Ark Mariners, Knight Templars, and several other of the higher Degrees. His interment took place on the 4th inst. at the Jesmond Old Cemetery, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where, notwithstanding the very wintry weather, over 300 brethren and friends by their presence testified to the high esteem in which he was held. He was universally respected and beloved, and his death at a time when yet a long span of life seemed before him has created a most painful impression. Amongst those present were noticed the following: Bro. Faraday Spence, P.M. 481, P.P.S.G.W. (brother-in-law), Mr. R. W. Cooke

(Messrs. Dinning and Cooke), Bros. Ald. R. H. Holmes, J.P., D.P.G.M.; E. Turnbull, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., F. Turnbull, I.P.M., John Usher, P.M., P.P.G.P., T. Purvis, P.M., P.G.R., J. M. Bruce, P.M., Michael Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., W. F. Carmon, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., J. A. G. Ross, P.M., J. McKay, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Jos. Cook, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., John Spearman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., C. B. Ford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J. Clarke, J. Brown, T. C. Campbell, H. Robson, J. A. Stelling, S.W., Cornwell Smith, W.M., R. F. W. Liddle, S.D., A. Kinghorn, J.D., A. Plumpton, Steward, C. E. Watson, and S. F. Atkinson, all of 481; Councillor Goolden, 1626; Councillor A. Hepburn, P.M. 1626; R. B. Reed, P.M. 48; Rev. J. Walker, P.M. 1427, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Pickering, W.M. 24; John Cowle, P.M. 1863, P.S.G.W.; W. E. Harker, P.M. 24; J. Straker Wilson, P.M. 685, P.P.S.G.W.; Hugh Jackson, 48; H. Spittle, P.M. 1342, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Sayer, 1427; W. M. Lyon, P.M. 406, P.P.S.G.D.; and many others. The coffin was of polished elm, and bore a simple inscription. Wreaths were sent from the W.M. and brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, and by the clerks and commercial staff, the workpeople, and the apprentices of Messrs. Dinning and Cooke, as well as by many personal friends. At the close of the Burial Service, the hymn "Days and moments," and the Masonic hymn "May we all meet together" were sung, and the brethren filed past the grave throwing in their sprigs of acacia. At a meeting of the Past Masters of St. Peter's Lodge, held at Bro. J. T. Sayer's Royal Exchange Hotel, Grey-street, Newcastle, on the 19th inst., it was unanimously resolved to erect a monument to the memory of their departed brother.

BRO. JOSEPH NICHOLSON.

The Province of Cumberland and Westmorland has lost one of its oldest and dearest Craftsmen, through the death, on the 18th inst., of Bro. Joseph Nicholson, of many posts, at the ripe age of 82. We can only say Bro. Nicholson was the oldest Mason of his province, and probably he was the oldest member of the Craft in the Border Counties. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, as far back as 1835, and two years later was exalted in the chapter attached to the same lodge. In 1840 he became a joining member of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, and from that year till his death was a subscribing member, holding the position of Treasurer for nearly half-a-century, whilst he served the office of W.M. at least half-a-dozen times. Bro. Nicholson's early connection with Lodge of Perseverance was of an historical character. On December 27th, 1841, we find him presiding at the Feast of St. John, when the lodge was formally removed from Whitehaven to Maryport, and 10 or 12 years later, when reduced in numbers, he and the late Bro. William Miller Sewell, father of Bro. Colonel Sewell, the present Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also W.M. of No. 371, paid the Grand Lodge dues in order to preserve the charter. The loyalty of Bro. Nicholson and his coadjutor was ultimately rewarded, and for years past the Lodge of Perseverance has occupied a most prominent position in the province, whilst its fine hall is a credit to north-country Masonry. Bro. Nicholson, many years ago, was Senior Grand Warden of his province. His long connection with Royal Arch Masonry culminated in 1879, when a chapter was opened in Maryport under the appropriate name of "Nicholson," he being its charter M.E.Z., and only a few years ago he donated 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the name of that chapter. He was P.P.G.J. In Mark Masonry our venerable brother also became distinguished, and in all probability he could claim to be the oldest member of the Order. His advancement, in 1844, was of a rather unique character, namely, in his Craft Lodge, for the minutes of Lodge of Perseverance, July 9th, of that year, record that he and eight other brethren "took the Degree of Mark Master Mason, and had their marks duly registered in the Book of Marks," for which they each paid *ten-pence*. As time rolled on, the present Whitwell Lodge of M.M.M., No. 151, was warranted, with Bro. Nicholson as its first Worshipful Master, and he subsequently was P.P.S.G.W. In 1881, on the death of Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., the late Lord Bective offered Bro. Nicholson the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but age prompted him to decline the courteous recognition of his services, and, in doing so, he recommended Col. Sewell, the son of his old colleague, for the appointment. Add to this, in the Jubilee year, he was made a Past Senior Grand Deacon of England. In other branches of Masonry he was founder and P.M. of the W. M. Sewell Council Allied Masonic Degrees, and Past Commander of the Collin Ark Mariners' Lodge. Unlike many Masons of the present day, Bro. Nicholson was a hard worker nearly all his life, and it was only quite recently that he was obliged, through infirmity and advanced age, to relinquish his erewhile labours of love in the cause of the institution of which he had so long been an honoured example to his juniors. A perfect ritualist, and a rare stickler for constitutional order and regularity, a long line of Masters of lodges, &c., looked upon him as their venerated Gamaliel, and his departure to the Grand Lodge above removes from the busy scene one of the brightest characters of English Masonry of the old school. The remains of our late brother were interred in the Maryport Cemetery last Tuesday, and the Masons of the little Cumberland town, it is scarcely necessary to say, mustered in all their strength to pay the last tribute of respect to departed worth.



IN OUR REPORT last week of the meeting of the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 11th instant, it was announced that notices of motion were given for the Quarterly Court next April that the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron be conferred on Bros. Thomas Fenn, Jabez Hogg, and Wharton Hood. We are requested to state as regards Bro. Fenn, that notice was given in his case that the rank of Honorary Patron be conferred upon him.

OLD MASONIANS.—We are asked to announce that the above association will commence their "Social Evenings" this evening (Friday) at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at eight o'clock, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Packer. A large number of well-known artistes are announced to appear.

THE INSTALLATION of Bro. Fred. Garlick, S.W., as W.M. of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, was duly performed at the lodge-room on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., the Installing Master being the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Wilts, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps. The ceremony was followed by a banquet at the George Hotel.

AT THE annual meeting of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, Bro. James Willan was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The other officers were invested, and at the close the Festival of St. John was celebrated with a banquet, at which the usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR and Pocket Book for 1895 has just been published by George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, London. It contains, beside the matters of interest usually inserted in ordinary pocket books, a complete list of Masonic lodges and chapters, with their places and times of meeting, in the United Kingdom; also useful articles concerning Masonry. The work is of a very handy size, and we should say that all the members of the Order would do well to become the possessor of a copy.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

THE ANNUAL BANQUET and installation of Bro. James Frost as W.M. of 191, Bury, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Knowsley Hotel. After the installation, the following officers were invested: Bros. J. Hoyle, S.W.; C. W. Holt, J.W.; J. Barker, Chap.; W. Barritt, P.M.; Treas.; W. Balmer, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. East Lanc.; Sec.; R. Smith, S.D.; J. Cross, J.D.; J. R. Parkinson, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Bell, Org.; H. M. Sutton, I.G.; W. Dickson and W. Babbington, Stwds.; and W. Burgess, Tyler. A long toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs by Bros. Purcell, P.M.; Mellor, P.M.; Wood, Bell, Wild (Huddersfield), and Dickson. Bro. W. B. Bell officiated as accompanist.

FREEMASONRY.—The editor of *The Ancient Craft Mason*, Cleveland, Ohio, speaks thusly of Dr. Graham's "Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec." It is a complete and well-printed volume of nearly 700 pages, containing much that is of vital interest to the Craft in general, especially to the brethren who delight in Masonic lore. The author possesses a faculty of condensing historical events in a manner at once entertaining and instructive. Several full-page illustrations grace the work and lend to its intrinsic value. The low price of the volume and its Masonic historical value should secure an unprecedented sale and the author reap the reward he so richly deserves for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Craft, and its historical data in the Province of Quebec.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Lincolnshire was held at Sutton Bridge on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the Edward Albert Chapter. A large number of Principals and Past Principals of the several chapters in the province were in attendance, together with many other members of the Degree. After the ceremony, the installation of Principals and election of officers were proceeded with, the founders of the chapter being Comps. H. F. Pollock (London), J. H. Carter (Holbeach), Mark Cox (Tydd), J. R. Clarke (Sutton Bridge), S. J. Coupland (Long Sutton), H. Healey (Dawesmere), J. E. Townsend (Long Sutton), J. G. Dunlop (Long Sutton), C. C. Ward (King's Lynn), C. W. Smith (King's Lynn), S. S. Mossop (Long Sutton), and W. G. Flanders (Newport, Mon.).

UNDER THE BANNER of Doric Lodge, No. 1193, Wymondham, a good company assembled on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent. Two brethren were effectively raised by the W.M., Bro. Charles Payne and his officers. Among the visitors present were Bros. R. P. Noverre, Union Lodge; Howitt and Woodward, Perseverance Lodge; G. E. Theobald, Cabbell Lodge; E. A. Bracey, Sincerity Lodge; the W.M. and T. Cranmer, Soudes Lodge; Leghorn, London; and others. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to Bro. Payne, W.M., to mark the recent celebration of his silver wedding and also his 50th birthday. The idea of thus signalling these happy events originated with Bro. F. Lacey, P.M., who, in asking Bro. Payne's acceptance of the gift—a handsome silver tea urn, fluted in the Queen Anne style—referred with pleasure to the ready way in which the brethren of the Doric Lodge had subscribed. He said the occasion seemed a peculiarly fitting one for acknowledging in a small way the unvarying kindness and hospitality displayed in so especial a manner by Bro. Payne. The urn bears the following inscription: "Presented to the Worshipful Master, Brother Charles Payne, on the occasion of his 'silver wedding,' December 26th, 1894, with the hearty good wishes of the brethren of his lodge—Doric, 1193; also on his fiftieth birthday, January 8th, 1895."

"POVERTY IN THE DITCH and the devil throwing stones at him."—This was once a favourite toast—in the days when heavy drinking and convivial meetings were commoner than they are now. It is a good toast, but unfortunately it is not always realised. As often as not, we are in the ditch, with poverty sitting complacently on our chest and the devil grinning hard-by. The fight for existence is keen, and we can only succeed in holding poverty at arm's length by keeping our heads cool, our nerves steady, and our frames healthy and vigorous. How are we to do this? There is only one sure way, my brothers. I speak in all seriousness when I say, use Holloway's Pills.

WE HAVE much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Sir Albert Altman has been appointed a Governor of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., who was appointed J.G. Warden of England during his Mayoralty of London in 1882 will to-day (Friday) enter upon his 67th year.

WE HAVE much pleasure in announcing that the Lord Chancellor has placed Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., M.A., on the Commission of the Peace for the County of London.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS has very generously expressed his willingness to furnish library buildings at St. Ives, Helston, Penryn, St. Austell, Liskeard, Bodmin, and Launceston, on condition that the inhabitants adopt the Free Libraries' Act, and maintain the libraries out of the rates.

It is expected that Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Joseph Renals, who has been sojourning at St. Leonard's-on-Sea for the benefit of his health, will be sufficiently restored to allow of his resuming his duties at the Mansion House. During his lordship's absence, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., has been acting as his *locum tenens*.

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

THE MEMBERS of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, have made arrangements for a Ladies' Night on the occasion of their next meeting on the 7th February. The lodge business will be limited to routine matters, so that lodge may be closed in time to admit of the brethren meeting the ladies and sitting down to dinner at 7 p.m. The Celia Quartette (Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, D. James, J. L. Haddon and S. Gley) have been engaged for the evening.

IN HONOUR of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the Worshipful Company of Furners, who claim to have been the first of the City Guilds to take up the question of technical education, held their festival at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. Sir Joseph Renals, through indifferent health, was unable to be present, but the Master, Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, was supported by a numerous and distinguished company.

A SPECIAL FESTIVAL SERVICE for Freemasons will be held at the Highbury-quadrant Church, Highbury, N., on Sunday evening, the 24th February, under the auspices of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.M. and founder of the lodge, has kindly arranged to act as Director of the Ceremonies, and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. J. Dawson, while the musical arrangement will be in charge of Bro. Arthur Bristow, P.M. Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, who will be assisted by Bro. Warwick Williams as conductor, and the Misses Emily Davies and Edith Hands. The members of the London Military Band will also take part in the service. The offertory will be devoted to the Church building fund, on which there is a debt of £2300.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER in connection with the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Maldon, was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on Monday evening, the 14th instant. The W.M., Bro. G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and 25 brethren partook of an excellent repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bros. F. G. Green, Geo. Davis, and Walter de Caen. Bros. G. Davis, S. Shawyer, and E. A. Basham replied for "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bros. F. H. Bright, W.M. 1024, and W. R. Errington, J.W. 2154, for "The Visitors," while Bros. T. O'Neill and Taylor Shiers responded on behalf of "The Officers of the Blackwater Lodge." Songs were contributed by Bros. Bennett, Taylor Shiers, W. R. Errington, Gooch, and C. F. Rush; the latter also accompanied the songs on the piano. Bro. Walter de Caen gave a recitation.

MASONIC SERVICE AT READING.—The members of the *Greyfriars Lodge*, No. 1101, attended Divine service at St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, the 13th inst., to mark the year of office as their W.M. of Bro. the Rev. J. M. Guilding, vicar of the parish. By permission of the Mayor, the brethren met in the small Town Hall, and walked to St. Lawrence's in procession, the officers of the lodge wearing their collars, the Past Masters their jewels, and the Wardens carrying their respective columns. The Junior Steward of the lodge (in the absence of the Almoner) bore the broken column, the offertory at the service being in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Mayor's chair, which was allotted to the I.P.M., Bro. R. E. Hodder, was appropriately decorated, and Masonic emblems adorned the church. There was a large congregation. The service was special and appropriate, the musical part being rendered with fine effect. The vicar, the W. Master, was the preacher, and he founded a most able discourse on the 1st chapter of the First Epistle of St. John, v. 5—"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." As the congregation left, Mr. Deacon gave a very fine rendering of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Amongst those attending this interesting special service were Bros. R. E. Hodder, I.P.M.; E. Margrett, P.M.; J. H. Hawkes, P.M.; W. Ravenscroft, P.M.; H. Creed, P.M.; C. Slaughter, P.M.; J. Greenaway, P.M.; T. P. Stewart, P.M., D.C.; W. Ridley, S.W.; J. D. Brown, J.W.; W. B. Reed, Sec.; W. B. Biddles, S.D.; E. J. Lewis, J.D.; E. F. Collins, Org.; W. H. Kidgell, I.G.; E. O. Farrer and E. H. Salmon, Stewards; C. E. Hewett, P.M. Union Lodge; W. A. Hukins, J. Sparrow, W. C. Long, T. Mackrill, W. J. T. Stapley, C. Turner, F. A. Sarjeant, A. V. Knowles, J. Hill, C. W. Sisley, W. Dyke, F. Tunbridge, W. Bonny, A. H. Bull, Dryland Haslam, jun., W. W. Williams, T. H. White, C. G. Hawkes, G. W. Webb, T. Sawyer, W. E. Staniford, and E. P. Silver.

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AN OFFER by Bro. the Lord Mayor to open a Mansion House Fund for the relief of sufferers from the recent disaster at the Audley mine has been gratefully accepted.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S cutter Britannia sailed on Wednesday from Cowes for the Mediterranean to take part in the Riviera Regattas.

BRO. ALDERMAN TRELOAR presided on Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the Central Criminal Court Brotherhood, held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant. Some 300 guests were present.

LANCASTRIANS in London have elected Bro. the Earl of Lathom as their President for the ensuing year, while among the Vice-Presidents will be found Bros. W. E. Tomlinson, M.P., J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.G.D., and Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.

GORDON BOYS' HOME.—The Bishop of Peterborough will, by desire of the Prince of Wales, preach at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sandringham, on Sunday, the 27th instant, the proceeds of the offertory being devoted to the funds of the above institution.

OUR FRIENDS in the Province of North and East Yorkshire and generally throughout the Craft will be glad to hear that Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., P.G. Treasurer of England, has accepted the post of President of the Fishery and Marine Exhibition, Scarborough.

IN THE FEW PARTICULARS we gave last week of the Masonic career of Bro. the Rev. Stephen Lea Wilson, who was installed the first W. Master of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, on the 1st January, 1845, there was, to regret to say, a mis-print. The Essex Lodge, of which he became W.M. on leaving Berkhamstead, was located at Bocking, not Barking.

THE gentleman to whom the lease of Dudley House has been sold by Lord Dudley is Bro. B. I. Barnato, the well-known South African diamond merchant and financier, who, with his brother, H. J. Barnato (both members of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265), were two of the pioneers of the diamond industry in Kimberley, and proprietors of the Barnato Mine, which was afterwards amalgamated with the celebrated "De Beers," and since then they have identified themselves with the Witwatersand Goldfields.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Grand Council (R. and S.M.) of New York was held in the Masonic Hall of that city on Monday, the 31st ult., Comp. John F. Baldwin, D.G.M., in the absence, through illness, of the M. Ill. G.M., being in the chair, while among those present was Comp. John Coburn, General Grand Master of the United States. A series of exercises having been impressively carried out, a reception was held in honour of General G. Master Coburn, to whom was presented a handsome gold watch and chain as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the Cryptic Masons throughout the States.

PRESENTATION.—At the monthly meeting of Lodge Zetland, No. 391, Grangemouth, on the assembling of the brethren, Bro. Christensen, late Past Master in a neat and appropriate speech, presented the lodge with a handsome Bible, square and compass on the occasion of Bro. Wilkinson, R.W.M., taking the chair for the first time. Bro. Wilkinson suitably acknowledged the gifts. On the closing of the lodge and at an after meeting Bro. William Hendrie, P.M., at the request of the R.W.M., and the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. Christensen, with the original Bible, square and compass, which had been in the lodge since 1850, and referred to the long connection Bro. Christensen had had with the lodge, and the active interest he had all along manifested in its success and prosperity, and in entrusting these ancient emblems to his care, he was sure they would be highly prized by the recipient. Bro. Christensen, in accepting the presentation replied in suitable terms.

THE ANNUAL BALL, at Hull, under the auspices of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, took place at the Central Hall, on Friday, the 18th inst., and was in every way an unequalled success. Among those present were Bros. J. A. Brown, W.M.; J. Y. Torr, I.P.M.; R. R. Hawke, P.M.; Dr. Holder, P.M.; F. Blackburn, P.M.; M. Martinson, W.M.; J. Rutter, P.M.; J. G. Wallis, P.M.; H. Colbeck, S.W.; and Capt. Coysh, J.W.; the company numbering about 190. The decorations were entrusted to Mr. T. Fussey, Pryme-street, and gave complete satisfaction, each side of the hall being draped with white and heliotrope art muslin, and the south end was arranged as a drawing-room, and furnished in the best style, with fine plants, ferns, and fairy lights, the whole presenting a grand effect. The music was in the hands of Mr. Collinson, the popular airs taking the fancy of all engaged. Bro. Hewson Wood made a good M.C. Supper was served by Mrs. T. Great credit was given to the Executive for the successful arrangements made, Bro. J. E. Walker being the Hon. Secretary to the Committee.—*Hull Daily Mail.*

THE FRENCH MASONIC LODGES.—In connection with the subject of Women Freemasons, to which we referred in a recent issue, and regarding the existence of whom all pretence of secrecy has been abandoned by the Masonic authorities, some curious details have been furnished by a certain Dr. George Martin, Chief of the Mixed Lodge of Freemasonry in Paris, concerning the various oaths in use amongst the Masonic brotherhood. It would appear from Dr. Martin's statement to an interviewer that whereas the usual oath of a Freemason is by "The Great Architect of the Universe," meaning thereby the Almighty, and that this belief in a Supreme Being is accepted, more especially in England and America, as a fundamental clause in the constitution of the Masonic lodges, in France the "Grand Orient" lodges, distinguished both by their numbers and their importance, refuse to commit themselves to any recognition of a Divine Power as being an unwarrantable interference with liberty of conscience, and content themselves with swearing by their own constitutions. This solution of a difficult problem has been accepted as satisfactory by both Theists and Atheists, who, it need hardly be added, compose the majority of the "Grand Orient" Lodges. The first lodge to offer the full privileges of membership to the fair sex in the person of the late Mdlle. Maria Deraismes is known by the candid title of "The Freethinkers of Le Pecq." These few facts should go a good way towards making it plain to English non-Catholics why it is that the Catholic Church has adopted so persistently hostile an attitude towards Freemasonry in Continental countries, while among the members of the English lodges so little antagonism exists towards the fundamental interests of religion.—*Catholic Times.*

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 2, 1895.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

CRAFT LODGES. 1679, Henry Muggieridge, Anderton's Hotel. 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry-hill, Catford, S.E. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Easton-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern. 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich. 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel. 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall. 1549, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel. 1615, Jayard, 33, Golden-square. 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion. 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel. 2369, Bishops-gate, Great Eastern Hotel. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern. 1201, Electric, Freemasons' Hall. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion. 1604, Imperial, Cloots' Restaurant. MARK LODGE. 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Sharnbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGE. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel. ROSE CROSS. 132, Camden, Anderton's Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgembe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES. 808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar. 1708, Progress, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1471, Islington, Railway Hotel, Highbury. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Easton-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m. CRAFT LODGES. 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus (Emergency, at 5.30). 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern. 2204, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30. Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priors, Berryhead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddleton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross-gate, at 8. Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES. 554, Yarborough, London Tavern. 899, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel. 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern. 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall. 2233, Old Westminsters', Gate Royal. 2497, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel. 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. 259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms. MARK LODGES. 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern. 454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grave, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Mark Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., at 6.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

CRAFT LODGES. 142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern. 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel. 1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern. 2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel. 2466, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall. 2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, February 2, 1895.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES. Bridgend... 1752 Eccles... 1345 Birmingham... 43 Okehampton... 1753 Penarth... 1754 Manchester... 62 York... 1991 Nottingham... 1909 Callington... 557 Southport... 2229 MARK LODGES. Bury St. Ed. Bristol... 2257 Devonport... 64 munds... 1008 R.A. CHAPTERS. Newport, Mon. 109 Eastbourne... 1110 E. Stonehouse 189 Preston... 143 Tenby... 1177 Liverpool... 241 Lancaster... 140 Pontypool... 1258 Kingstons... 889 Bath... 177 Liverpool... 1335 Knutsford... 941 Reading... 235 Buxton... 1688 Altrincham... 1045 Gt. Yarmouth... 317 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Old Brompton. 184 Liverpool... 724 Canterbury... 1449 Norwich... 213 Worthington... 962 Walton-on-... Liverpool... 292 Saltash... 1071 Naze... 1799 Bradford... 303 Ramsgate... 1209 East Retford... 1862 Brighton... 315 Mossley... 1218 Hull... 2134 Old Brompton. 1424

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGES. Brighton... 636 Durham... 124 Dartford... 299 Staindrop... 1650 Newport, I.W. 151 Carlisle... 310 Sheffield... 1779 MARK LODGES. Holyhead... 597 Fenton... 1942 Hereford... 243 Polsham... 1358 Castletown... 2358 Taunton... 348 St. Albans... 1479 R.A. CHAPTERS. Bognor... 453 Maidenhead... 1500 Nottingham... 47 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Birmingham... 74 Broadstairs... 429 Bradford... 974 Whitehaven... 119 Halifax... 448 Paignton... 1358 Liverpool... 241 Aylesbury... 591 Saltburn-by-Sea 618 Batley... 204 Cleckheaton... 693 Keswick... 1783 Maryport... 371 Stockton... 940 Chertsey... 2120

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES. East Dereham... 996 R.A. CHAPTER. Winchester... 76 Manchester... 1083 Pezance... 121 Manchester... 163 Jarrow... 1119 York... 236 Leeds... 304 Sowerby Bridge 1283 Keswick... 1073 Crewe... 321 York Town... 1714 Heaton Moor... 2107 Brecon... 651 Tunstall... 2064 MARK LODGES. Sutton Bridge... 427 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Chatham... 20 Bingley... 439 Canterbury... 972 Ryde... 175 Haverfordwest 404 Derby... 1085 Rochdale... 298 Ventnor... 551 Herne Bay... 2099

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

CRAFT LODGES. Ashton-under-... Douglas... 1004 Darlington... 111 Lyne... 1322 MARK LODGES. Kendal... 129 Shanklin, I.W. 1884 Manchester... 32 Morpeth... 636 Hazel Grove... 1957 Frome... 155 Bridport... 707 Milnsbridge... 2201 Harwich... 413 Glastonbury... 772 South Shields, 2418 Egremont... 423 Norwich... 807 Hounslow... 2523 Horncastle... 445 Chorley... 1032 R.A. CHAPTERS. Teignmouth... 303 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Canterbury... 31 Uxbridge... 382 Shanklin, I.W. 1884 Plymouth... 70 Maidstone... 503 Whitstable... 1915 Merthyr Tydvil 110 Sudbury... 1224 Hazel Grove... 1957 Batley... 264 Romford... 1437 Bradford... 2321 Leeds... 280 Sandown, I.W. 1869

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES. Ripon... 837 Penarth... 1754 Manchester... 44 Aldeburgh... 936 R.A. CHAPTERS. Leeds... 300 Barnard Castle 1230 Weymouth... 179 Chester-le-Street 375 Churlton-cum-... Brighton... 271 Huddersfield... 521 Hardy... 1375 MARK LODGES. Ashford... 709 Nottingham... 1495 Hinckley... 39 Ledbury... 751 Gosforth... 1664 Castleford... 457 Maidstone... 1725 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Richmond... 123 Keighley... 265 Saltash... 1071 Bristol... 187 Bristol... 326 Bristol - Province

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

CRAFT LODGES. Brighton... 1466 Bexley Heath... 2499 Manchester... 1458 Plymouth... 1550 LODGE OF INSTRUCTION. Birkenhead... 478

BREAKFAST - SUPPER. E P P S ' S GRATEFUL-COMFORTING. C O C O A BOILING WATER OR MILK.