

THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND
SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XXXIV. NO. 1352.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1895.

[PRICE 3D.]

THE EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

Few, if any, of the meetings which have been held by the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, have furnished a happier or more successful illustration of the immense benefit which must result to the Craft of Masonry throughout the British Empire from having such bodies established in our midst. This lodge, as our readers are aware, was constituted some ten years since by brethren who had been, or were at the time, in some way or other interested in the development of British Colonial enterprise, the leading spirit among the founders being Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, and their purpose in founding it being to provide what may justly be termed a Masonic home in London for Colonial brethren, who might from time to time pay a visit to the metropolis of the empire. Its name, too, was happily chosen, and what is of still greater importance, it has demonstrated its utility on many and many an occasion by entertaining sundry among the most distinguished members of the Craft in the Colonies, who have one and all expressed their admiration with the manner in which the lodge fulfilled its part, and the pleasure it gave them to be thus hospitably received by their brethren of this huge Metropolis. But at no previous meeting has it entertained a more distinguished Colonial brother, or one who is doing grander service to the British Empire, than Bro. the Rt. Hon. CECIL RHODES, the Prime Minister of Cape Colony, and the prime mover in all that concerns the development of British enterprise in the South African portion of Her Majesty's Dominions. Moreover, the visit appears to have been made most opportunely, just at the very time when Bro. RHODES was visiting this country for the purpose of receiving honour from the Queen, and consulting her Ministers on questions concerning the maintenance and confirmation of British interests in Africa. Nor does it detract from the interest we have taken in Bro. RHODES'S present visit, that among its minor purposes was to obtain a warrant for the establishment of a lodge in Buluwayo, which was so recently the capital of the late King LOBENGULA, King of the Matabele, and which is now part of the territory administered by Dr. JAMIESON in behalf of the Chartered South African Company. There is, indeed, a further reason which cannot be lost sight of for the exceeding pleasure which this visit has afforded us, namely, that it is almost coincident with the progress so recently made throughout the various Masonic sub-divisions of South Africa, but most especially with the erection of the Transvaal into a District Grand Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England. For these reasons we are all the more urgently impelled to offer our congratulations to the members of the Empire Lodge on the success they have met with during the brief period of their existence as a lodge, and our hopes that this prosperity may be even greater and more pronounced in the future than it has been in the past.

A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

We are not of those who think that all the sympathy should be with the wrongdoer and none whatever with the person or persons he has wronged. When some five years ago sundry lodges in the Colony of New Zealand seceded from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and constituted themselves an independent Grand Lodge, they committed a wrong towards their parent Grand Lodges, not by seceding, which was a perfectly legitimate act on their part, but by setting up a rival Grand Lodge in territory which no one in the possession of his senses could venture to define as "unoccupied;" nor does the fact that other lodges have since then followed their example and cast in their lot with this irregularly-established Grand Lodge in any way detract from the measure of the wrong they have done to the Grand Bodies from which they derive their existence. On the other hand, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have not consciously done—nor have we found any one audacious enough to assert that they have done—any act that is capable of being misinterpreted into one of aggression against the rights and privileges which they themselves solemnly conferred upon the seceding lodges in their several Warrants of Constitution. So far, indeed, have they been from doing anything of an offensive or aggressive character towards their former daughter lodges, that, when the secession movement was first started—we exclude from our remarks those minor attempts in previous years which had been talked about rather than seriously contemplated—it is well known that—confining our attention to England only—provided a good round majority of the 149 lodges in the Colony declared in favour of a local Grand Lodge, Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, a distinguished English brother, and at the time Governor of the Colony, was prepared to accept the office of Grand Master,

and that our Grand Lodge would have accepted the new order of things unhesitatingly. But when the critical moment arrived for determining what lodges in New Zealand were and what were not in favour of independence, the good round majority which had been stipulated for was found to be a minority of less than one-fourth of the whole body. Still, the promoters of the scheme determined to proceed at all hazards, a Grand Lodge was constituted by the 32 lodges—out of 149, be it remembered—which had seceded with Bro. HENRY THOMPSON who till then had filled the office of District Grand Master of Canterbury, South Island (E.C.), as its first Grand Master; and when this body appealed to United Grand Lodge for recognition as the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, its request was very courteously but very righteously, declined. What has happened since is matter of history, but with whomsoever may rest the responsibility for the deplorable condition in which New Zealand has existed during the last five years, no blame whatever can possibly attach to the Grand Lodge of England, whose conduct throughout has been generous, dignified, and self-respectful. Those English, Irish, and Scotch lodges which have remained true to their old allegiance cannot have had a pleasant time of it, if we may judge of the opinions held of them and their rulers, from the general tone of the letters for which from time to time place has been found in the columns of the *New Zealand Craftsman*. Yet our G. Lodge has never once assumed an offensive attitude towards its seceded lodges. What its responsible officers have done has been to instruct the District Grand Lodge authorities in the Colony to secure as far as possible the due administration of our laws and to safeguard the interests of the lodges which remain faithful; and if the result of these instructions has been a considerable amount of friction among the partisans of the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand, our Grand Lodge can conscientiously wash its hands of all responsibility for such a misfortune. It is clear that our Grand Lodge is innocent of originating, and has not persisted in the establishment of, a Grand Lodge that should set its own authority at defiance. It has not carried off, retained, or transferred its own warrants in contravention of its own laws as contained in its own Book of Constitutions; and if, as we have said before, it has ordered steps to be taken to vindicate its own laws and for the protection of its own interests—well the Grand Lodge which declined to do this much would be unworthy of the name.

But whither does all this tend? We have had five years of Masonic turmoil in New Zealand, and the situation at this moment is not more disconcerting than it has been at any other time during the whole of that period. The answer to our question will be found in the fact that according to the latest advices from that Colony the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand, having first of all returned—but not unconditionally—the warrants it has retained in contravention of our laws, intends forthwith approaching the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, that recognition of its *status* which was denied it at the time of its constitution. On the face of it, this may be taken as an act of rare magnanimity on the part of this irregular Grand Lodge that, after a protracted labour of five years, it should have brought forth a resolution for at once entering into friendly relations with the three Grand Lodges, whose character it has rarely failed to asperse from the day of its birth till now. And what certainly does not place matters in a more acceptable light, we regret to say there are those in England—and it may be in Ireland and Scotland likewise—who openly avow their belief that the proper course for us to pursue is to accept the withheld warrants on the conditions proposed and afterwards accord recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand. They argue, or—which is much the same thing—the tendency of their argument is, that we have been too sensitive about our own honour and too indifferent to the true interests of Freemasonry; that we should adopt any course which will have the effect of determining the present pitiable condition of the Craft in the Colony affected; that we should abandon all idea of protecting our own lodges; and generally that, sitting in sackcloth and ashes, we should demean ourselves by doing penance for acts we have never committed. The process of fouling one's own nest is proverbially an objectionable one, nor are we so craven-hearted that we shall advise our Grand Lodge to conform to these unpatriotic opinions. On the contrary, we are of opinion that, while it is most desirable the present condition of the Craft in New Zealand should be ameliorated, and, while any honourable course which may seem calculated to ensure that consummation should be adopted, the terms of what we will speak of as the proposed reconciliation of the present divided Masonic interests in New Zealand are not such as any loyal Mason would recommend for acceptance to a Society which retains for itself a proper sense of self-respect. The honour and welfare of Free-

masonry are dear to us all, but we do not see our way to maintaining the one and promoting the other by urging our Grand Lodge to humiliate itself in the presence of the whole world of Freemasonry. We loyally desire to see all sections of the Craft throughout the British Empire entertaining towards each other the friendliest feelings; but this can only be done by the adoption of a course of action that shall be equally honourable to all.

THE OPERATIVE FUNCTION OF SPECULATIVE MASONRY.

BY BRO. THE REV. T. SELBY HENREY.

It is hardly possible to conceive a theme more inspiring to contemplate, and exhilarating to write upon, than that of Freemasonry; for it takes you out of the heated atmosphere of politics, as well as from the wrangling area of polemics—to a calm, peaceful domain, where not only unanimity, but also amity reign supreme. At the same time there is a difficulty about committing one's idea of Masonry to paper, not being desirous to enter upon ground where Angels fear to tread; also, I am not unmindful that at my initiation my brothers endeavoured to teach me to be cautious. I will, therefore, only touch on principles. In my judgment the power of the Masonic Order lies in her methods of presenting great thoughts to the mental gaze of her votaries. For a moment let us see how *thought* governs man. The subject of thought has been made the fulcrum of the teaching of every great writer. "Tis the mind," says SHAKESPEARE, "which makes the body rich." "The key to every man is his thoughts," writes EMERSON. Listen to a third, "The process of education itself is nothing more or less than the art of controlling and disciplining thought." Who has not given silent expression to such a sentiment, "Oh, give me a great thought that I may feed upon it." Thought causes a man to think, and SOLOMON, in the Old Book, tells us as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Character is determined by that whereon the mind principally dwells. Every day experience makes us conscious that such teaching is not only true in theory, but also most true in practice. Let a man nurse in his mind the thought that he is ill, and his body will not tarry in its response; inspire a man that he is healthy, and the thought of his being as "sound as a bell" will prove his best physic. Let a man be dominated by the thought, on retiring to rest at night, that at five a.m. he must be up, and on that morning, at any rate, he will be able to crow with the glorious company of Early Risers. There is nothing so marvellous as the continuity of thought. The last thought which occupied a man's mind on falling to sleep, if it be healthy sleep, will accompany him through the midnight hours, and prove to be his waking thought. And who has not heard of an instance of the psychological fact that the thought which is present immediately prior to a man being rendered insensible by accident, or some other cause, will be dormant in the mind for days, or maybe weeks, and at last re-assert itself in all its potentially on the man's recovery to consciousness. Thus we see what a wonderful influence thought exerts upon the mind of man, and the mind re-acts on the body. If you wish to resort to the most effectual means of degrading a man, lower his thoughts: if you wish to raise a man, present to him noble thoughts.

Except above himself he can erect himself
How small a thing is man.

It is my contention that the most beneficent work which Masonry can bring into operation, when dealing with man, is to be found in her methods of continually presenting noble thoughts before the mental vision of man. Trace this principle in Operative Masonry of the Middle Ages. Sir Gilbert Scott informs us how the religious builders, during the Medieval period, were organised into systematic guilds, each composed of architects, masons, joiners, and labourers, welded together under the auspices of a patron saint, most commonly St. John, executing their respective occupations by the inspiring thought expressed by Hagar, "Thou God seest me," not actuated with temporal gains, but propelled on to excellency, animated by the thought of glorifying the Great Architect of the Universe. When these guilds were initiated no one whose moral character was questionable, or who had not proved himself a competent artisan, was admitted. These guilds, of necessity, were migratory, travelling from Church to Church, keeping secret their own particular excellences in conception of style and execution of workmanship by means of the thought of brotherhood, a bond of Freemasonry. We find distinct schools over the country. The lover of architecture will at once detect buildings of exquisite symmetry in one county showing up inferior styles in an adjacent one, and the different buildings can be assigned to their respective builders by private marks which the archaeologist is now enabled to decipher. The stones at Melrose Abbey have been found to be as the distinguishing mark of two pairs of compasses crossed; those of Gloucester Cathedral a triangle, while a double triangle is cut on the stones of York Minster. In addition to these there has been discovered in the crypt of York, an ancient lodge minute book. When we consider that the work of these Guilds was on buildings which, for stability of structure and symmetry of design, have never been surpassed or even approached, we cannot but deplore that such beneficent building fraternities, animated by such divine and lofty thoughts of labour, were broken up, and their secrets to a certain extent lost during the re-action of the sixteenth century. Here you have Faith in God, men as brothers, Divine responsibility, Eternity. Divine and noble thoughts undoubtedly were the keystones of the Operative Masons' success during the Medieval Ages. Let us now look at Speculative Masonry. In the first place, I must ask for a definition of the word thought; and I remember that Locke, in his work "On the Human Understanding," states that thoughts are derived from one or other of two causes—they are either sensational, that is, they come through the medium of the senses, or

they come by reflection. As an instance of thoughts produced by sensation, I, for instance, mention an animal, and there is a picture of that animal at once produced in your mind; and then you will ruminate upon it, and reflect upon it, and you get an entirely different set of ideas—this is reflection. Or to express the same truth in a different way, is to say, that man cannot accept anything simply stated in the abstract, the abstract must be reduced to the concrete. I mention a thing by name, which no Englishman has ever heard of, and there is only a sensation of thought, but there is no reflection; there is a cessation of thought because the mind has nothing to work on. But I mention, say, a rose, a horse, and I immediately raise innumerable associations in your mind, and these reflections quickly follow in the wake of the sensational. Apply this to Speculative Masonry. Every virtue is as it were reduced to the concrete. If you cannot appeal directly to the intellect, you can through the eye, which is the first form of acquiring knowledge. There is a sense in which it is true to say that the working of Masonry is a mode by which great thoughts are presented before man's mental vision through the medium of symbols and signs. Do I not prove my assertion by directing attention to the three great emblematical lights to Freemasonry; the working tools of an Entered Apprentice; the character of Hiram Abiff; the signs, tokens, and words of a Master Mason; or, the scene in the Third Degree, when the candidate is required to anticipate an event which must come to him sooner or later, and may be rather sooner than he expects. The great thoughts which such as these carry with them must make an impression on the man, and play an unconscious or mechanical part in his every-day life. For example, do not many of the things which we perform come somewhat mechanically? We set out for a certain house, we cross over several streets, round corners, and at last find ourselves at the door of the desired house. We have never given a thought to the route. We mechanically, or unconsciously, arrived there safely to-day because we had right thoughts about it yesterday. What is character, if it is not invisible thought translated into action, cut into the life? What a glorious mission does Freemasonry fulfil in this cold and naughty world, if she is the inspirer of men to do what is noble, true, honest, just, lovable! "If you wish to alter the destiny of a people," exclaimed a great thinker, "you have *only* to alter its thoughts!" Translate the thoughts which Masonry presents into action, and they will form habits, and habits will rule you—a *fortiori*, Masonry will rule you, and you will be a good Mason. Masonry makes no secret that Charity is her goddess. The highest law in the Volume of the Sacred Law is Charity.

"Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope be emptied in delight;
Love in Heaven will shine more bright."

Charity is another name for love, and love is the essence of God, for God is love. In response to the character of love, the gates of Heaven will roll back, and the Mason will find that in the Grand Lodge above there is One greater than King Solomon, with outstretched arms to give a hearty grip to those who have held out the hand of Charity to any poor and distressed Mason. May noble thoughts endue every Mason with such fortitude, that in the hour of trial he fail not; but passing safely under God's protection through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, the Lord of Life may enable him to trample the King of Terrors beneath his feet, and lift his eyes to that bright Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th October, to the 15th January, 1895, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£370 17 11	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated	...	Quarter	...
" Account	226 2 8	" Balance	326 0 6
" Subsequent Receipts..	500 9 5	" Unappropriated	554 8 4
		" Account	217 1 2
	£1097 10 0		£1097 10 0

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

- 1st. From Comps. Edward John H. Hoskyns, M.D., as Z.; John Walker, as H.; William Henry Fisher, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425, Duffield, to be called the Ecclesburne Chapter, and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, Driffield, in the County of Derby.
- 2nd. From Comps. Wm. Edward Murray Tomlinson, M.P., as Z.; Thomas Read Wilkinson, as H.; T. Wilde Rice, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Corinthian Lodge, No. 2350, to be called the Corinthian Chapter, and to meet at the Bird-in-the-Hand Hotel, Lancashire (West Division).
- 3rd. From Comps. G. H. Whitaker, M.D., as Z.; Hawthorn Robert Thornton, as H.; William Mason Varley, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Horwich Lodge, No. 2324, to be called the Horwich Chapter, and to meet at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire (Western Division).
- 4th. From Comps. J. Norris Grant, as Z.; Wilfred Ravenshaw-Fellows Lukis, as H.; John William Ridal, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. George's Lodge, No. 2170, Colombo, Ceylon, to be called the Hercules Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Colombo, Ceylon.
- 5th. From Companions William Hickley Gundry, as Z.; Edward Rogers Deacon, as H.; George Swann, as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Conyers Lodge, No. 1916, Sydenham, Christchurch, N.Z., to be called the Prince of Wales Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Sydenham, Christchurch, N.Z.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The committee have also received a memorial from Companions William Henry Pitts, Z.; John Henry Furneaux, H.; James Frederick Pennock, P.Z., as

J., and the members of the Keystone Chapter of Western India, No. 757, Bombay, for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been completely destroyed by damp, and cannot be repaired.

The committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation be granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:—

"The Concord Chapter," No. 297, from the Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, to the New Buildings, Mint-street, Lincoln.

"The Sun Chapter," No. 106, from the Royal Beacon Hotel, to the New Masonic Hall, Exmouth.

"The Chiltern Chapter," No. 1470, from the Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable, to the Town Hall, Luton, Bedfordshire.

"The St. Oswald Chapter," No. 910, Pontefract, Yorkshire, from the Masonic Hall, to the New Masonic Hall in that town.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have to report that the Mid-Surrey Chapter, No. 1044, Camberwell, has ceased to meet, and they are informed that the Treasurer went to America and took the charter away with him. They, therefore, recommend that the chapter be summoned to show cause why it should not be removed from the roll of chapters.

The Committee have also to report that they have learned that the Albion Chapter, No. 2220, Woodstock, South Africa (W.D.), was never formed, and, as the lodge to which it was attached has been erased, they recommend that the charter be returned.

The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 447, Corfu, which has made no returns of work since 1865, and the lodge to which it was attached has been erased, has not replied to the summons sent to it by order of the Grand Chapter, the chapter be erased from the list of chapters.

The Committee recommend that the Wellington Union Chapter, No. 517, Wellington, N.Z., be allowed further time to reply to the summons sent to it.

The Committee have further to report that the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall, are taking steps to remove the chapter to Redruth.

The Committee have also to report that the charter of the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, Twickenham, Middlesex, has been returned with the report that the chapter has ceased working; they, therefore, recommend that the chapter be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th January, 1895.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL AND MILITARY CHAPTER, No. 2404.

This new Royal Arch chapter, which is attached to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, by Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, with a grand display of Masonic working, for which the companions of the province are eminent. More than once during the evening was this referred to by his lordship, who expressed the feeling of pride which he had in presiding over a province which had so largely the interests of Masonry at heart. The success of the ceremony was complete, a circumstance on which the companions connected with the chapter had previously resolved and spared no efforts to carry out.

The chapter is the 24th in the province, the 25th—the Montreal, No. 2046, yet remaining, which will be consecrated next week at Maidstone. The ceremonies of the 23rd ult. had a brilliant array of provincial talent to conduct them, there being, in addition to Earl Amherst, Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. of England, Prov. G.H.; Major-Gen. T. Cuming, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; Horatio Ward, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. of England, as D. of C.; and Thomas Samuel Warne, P.Z., Prov. G.J., who acted as Chaplain during the consecration, and afterwards installed the M.E.Z. and H., Comp. Major-Gen. Cuming installing the J. Comp. Henry Tice, of Canterbury Cathedral, Prov. G. Org., acted as Organist. The chapter was numerously attended, as may be seen from the following list of companions present:—Comps. Alfred Spencer, P.P.G.J., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Henry Morris, P.G.D.C.; C. Copland, P.G.J.; Herbert Black, P.Z. 1273, P.P.G.D.C.; Sidney Clarke, P.Z. 913, P.G.P.S.; Henry Mason, P.Z. 913, P.P.G.P.S.; E. Walker, P.Z. 1174, P.G.S.B.; S. Warren, P.Z. 20, P.G.D.C.; F. Nicholls, P.Z. 1050, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry C. Jones, P.Z. 2099, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Powell, M.E.Z. 199, S.E. 2195; Geo. W. Parsons, M.E.Z. 1050; C. J. Clapham, 913; H. J. Butler, 913; F. Nichols, 809; T. Allan; L. Stager, M.E.Z. 1273; E. R. A. Scones, J. 1273; James S. White, H. 2099; G. Goble, P.Z. 1273, Charles R. Harris, A.S. 1273; G. W. Ray, P.S. 1174, 1273; W. Kerby Westropp, H. 2195; W. Seaman, P.Z. 619; G. W. Church, 20; V. H. Stallon, 158; W. Lawrence, 150; G. T. Green, P.Z. 158; J. S. Fletcher, S.E. 874; H. Nordy; C. G. Anderson, 20; W. A. Phipps, 2nd A.S. 20; H. K. Knight, P.S. 20; G. J. Beck, S.E. 20; C. Graham, P.Z. 874, P.P.G.R.; Chas. W. Hudson, P.Z. 315, 1507, and 1540; G. Ronaldson, P.S. 829; T. Hoyes, 1086; Charles E. Skinner, P.Z. 20; J. H. Newcombe, 103; Silas Wagon, P.Z. 503, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Marker, 2099; Francis Powell, P.Z. 1174; E. B. Stephens, J. 1174; J. T. Funnell, P.Z. 20, P.A.G.S.E.; C. R. Cockburn, P.Z. 20; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; R. Urquhart, Stwd. 20; J. W. Peart, 1037; J. M. Mathieson, 20; G. H. Hewett, 20; Eugene Sweny, 913, P.P.G.R.; G. F. Baker, P.H. 503; and James E. Orum, 1174, 20, 1050, Janitor.

The founders of the chapter were Comps. Lieut. Francis Powell, P.Z. 703, 1174, P.P.A.G.S. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Major Edward Barrington Stephens, J. 1174; Sergeant-Major Henry Mordy, William Phipps, John William Pearl, William John Beck, Charles James Rose, Timothy Allan, and Thomas Goodall, P.Z., P.P.G.O. Devon.

Earl AMHERST, in opening the proceedings, said that the companions had assembled that day for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter for the Province of Kent, and adding one more to the roll of chapters of that province. All the companions in Kent had the best interests of the Order at heart, and it must be very satisfactory to them that the Royal Arch was spreading so much among them, and that the chapters were so numerous. The Royal Arch was the completion of the Degrees and the crown of the Masonic edifice. Knowing so well that the companions had the interest of the Order at heart, he was sure they would not lend themselves to anything but that which would further maintain the principles of the Order, and it was with that knowledge he was pleased to see they had petitioned for a new chapter, which they would not have done if it had not been wanted. But he would charge them, while rejoicing at a new chapter

being opened, to remember each and all that numbers were not an indication of the prosperity of the Masonic Order, especially in an Order like the R.A.; a great deal more important than numbers was the quality of the members. He would diligently charge all the companions of the chapter, and all companions present that day, to be most careful whom they admitted to the Order, so that the high character of Freemasonry had attained throughout the world might not be tarnished, and no one ashamed to belong to it. Those who belonged to the Order were rejoiced at its prosperity, and he was sure there was not one companion present who was not delighted to have his name registered among Royal Arch Masons. He asked them to remember these few words. Let them all take the utmost care that the increase in the numbers should not reduce the character of those who belonged to it, but rather that the introduction of new members should tend to add further to the high character it possessed, and that the Order might be so respected that Masons would desire to have admission to it.

The oration was delivered by Comp. Major-Gen. CUMING, acting J., after which the consecration was completed. The installation then took place as follows: Comps. Francis Powell, P.Z. 903, 1174, P.P.A.G.S. Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.P.G.S.B. Kent, M.E.Z., and Edward Barrington Stephens, J. 1174, H., by Comp. Warne; Henry Mordy, J., by Comp. Cuming. The other officers were: Comps. William Augustus Phipps, John William Peart, William John Beck, Charles James Rose, Timothy Allan, Thomas Goodall, P.Z., P.P.G.O., Devon, and Rose, Janitor.

Votes of thanks and honorary membership of the chapter were carried to the Consecrating Officers, and the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by the proprietor of the Sun Hotel, and most admirably served.

The usual toasts followed.

Comp. ALFRED SPENCER, in responding to the toast of "The Second and Third Grand Principals, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," which was proposed by Comp. Stephens, H., said the work these companions had to do at Grand Chapter was not very onerous. The Royal Arch was the crown of the Craft, and Grand Chapter now and then made alterations in the rules which were considered for the benefit of the Order. Twelve months since they altered the rule which provided that a Master Mason could not be admitted to the chapter till he had had the M.M. Degree 12 months. But now that rule could be altered to one month, and he hoped that that alteration would be appreciated by the companions, and tend very much to the advantage of Royal Arch Masonry. For himself, he thought it was a very good alteration, because if the Royal Arch was the completion of the Third Degree, it seemed rather out of date that a Master Mason should have to wait 12 months before he got it, when a brother in the Craft had to wait only a month between his other Degrees.

Comp. POWELL, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Grand Superintendent of Kent, Earl Amherst," said if there had been any time during his career in Masonry—of 28 years as a Royal Arch Mason—if there had been one moment when he had been more proud than at another, it was the present occasion when he proposed that toast. Many years before he came into the Province of Kent, he had heard that Earl Amherst's name was a household word throughout the province. If it was so in former times, what was it now? They must all admit—there could be no gainsaying it—that he was simply beloved throughout the province, both north, south, east, and west. He might add that in no part of the province, as far as he knew, was he more beloved than in Chatham. He was sure he spoke in the name of many others when he expressed the wish and hope that the True and Living God Most High would grant him health and strength to preside over the province in the same admirable manner as he had presided over it hitherto, for many, many years to come. In mentioning the name of Lord Amherst, he could not refrain from connecting with it the name of the Countess.

Comp. EARL AMHERST, in reply, said he was extremely obliged to the companions for the kind way in which they had accepted the M.E.Z.'s remarks, and he should not fail to report to the Countess Amherst when he got home the pleasant mention of her name. He had been afraid that morning when the weather was so bad in London that if it was as bad in the country that some of the companions might not come to the ceremonies of the afternoon at Chatham, and he began to wonder how he should get through the ceremonies of the day; he did not know how he should consecrate the chapter by himself. However, the weather moderated, and they had had a most successful gathering. He could assure them that nothing gave the Grand Superintendent greater pleasure, as it had previously, than being able to attend, or to do anything for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. He always felt at home among them. It was a pleasure to him to see the way in which Royal Arch Masonry was spreading. He could not but rejoice, and he felt other Royal Arch Masons rejoiced at seeing a new chapter originated. He and the other Provincial Grand Officers came down there to establish a new home for Royal Arch Masonry, and they found on that occasion that the solemn ceremony of consecration could be carried out in that province as it ought to be carried out—that the different ceremonies were not slurred over or done hurriedly. If they were slurred over they lost half their effect. To his mind if the ceremonies were slurred over, the invoking of the name of the Most High amounted to irreverence. The ceremonies should be performed with all reverence and solemnity; and happily for him, whenever he was called upon to preside at these ceremonies he had found the companions and brethren perfectly ready to agree with him in that view, and treat the ceremonies as of importance and worthy to be rendered in a reverential spirit. He was quite sure that all the companions to whom he was speaking would endorse that view. In the working of the ceremonies, Comp. Ward had been of the greatest possible service. He always liked to give honour where honour was due. He was sorry Comp. Ward had left, and wished he could have stayed later. No trouble was too much for Comp. Ward; he never cared how far away a Masonic function was, or at what time it was, or on what day of the week, he was sure to be there, and several hours before the ceremony took place, in order that all the preparations might be perfect. Comp. Ward was the most valuable Director of Ceremonies the Superintendent of the province ever had, and the companions would agree that the smooth way the work went on was mainly due to Comp. Ward's thorough experience. If the ceremonies were properly conducted, the companions who heard the words could get some appreciation of their meaning, and justify themselves in bringing in that great and solemn name they were accustomed to use. So much for the ceremonies he had been pleased to take part in. Let him now say what he said in the chapter. He wished them a long standing and prosperous career for the chapter. They had started in an excellent way, with good founders and excellent Principals. They had a strong list, and every prospect of future success. He only hoped that in the future they would come up to the

auguries of to-day, and he was sure the Principals would carry out that augury. The chapter was in very good hands, at least for three years, and they had good companions coming on. They could be trained, and taught to act up to the principles of the Order as taught in the chapter by the Principals. He asked that the companions should support the Principals cordially, heart and soul for the first year, and if they did, the chapter to-day launched would become an ornament to the Province of Kent. No one would rejoice more in that consummation than the Superintendent. He never served in the sister service, but he did serve with a red coat, and he looked back to those years with great pleasure indeed. He repeated that it gave him great pleasure to come down and consecrate the chapter, and see so many companions wearing the red coat, and so he thought they had started with every prospect of success. The matter was now in the hands of the companions and the chairman to make it a success. For himself he could only thank them for the kindness with which they had received the toast of his health, as they had many other times. He reciprocated their hope that he should be their Superintendent for a great many years, and he trusted that they would go on as smoothly and pleasantly, and that his health would be received as well as it had been that evening. If so they would still have a very happy province. The principle of Masonry was brotherly love and affection, and the companions would agree with him in wishing that the happy relations between him and them at the present day might long continue. He had the pleasure of drinking the good health of them all.

Comp. STEPHENS, H., proposed "The Second and Third Principals of the Province," speaking in high praise of the way in which the ceremonies of the day had been carried out.

Comp. Major-Gen. CUMING, in reply, said he was sorry Comp. Eastes had been obliged to leave, as he would have said something to invigorate the chapter, and also something, as he was well qualified by his long experience to do, of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent. As to himself, he was only a novice, but the responsibility of his office weighed very much upon him, and if they had seen below his robes they would have seen how he trembled in fear when giving the oration. He was asked where he learned the oration, and when it was in print; he told his interrogator that the oration had been in his brain several months, and he had reduced it to writing, and he produced it. He was pleased by the reception it had, and that the companions thought he did credit to himself and to the Order. Having passed through the chair three or four times, he wished to give his idea on Royal Arch Masonry, though he was not a literary man. He framed the oration on what he considered Arch Masonry meant, and what he thought would stimulate the companions to make a closer study of the M.M. Degree. If he had succeeded in a very small measure he was much gratified, and was glad they had appreciated his endeavours. The encouragement they had given him would prompt him to further endeavour to help Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent.

Comp. T. S. WARNE, Prov. G.S.E., said that if he could take exception to anything that had fallen from the proposer of that toast, gentle and amiable as he always was, he should certainly object to the photograph he had presented to the brethren of him (Comp. Warne). He had done so by saying that the companions were always pleased to see their good old friend, Comp. Warne. He strongly desired to be called good, and to be called a friend, but he strongly objected to the adjective old. However, there he was, and he could only say that it had been his pleasurable duty on former occasions to be with them. All the Grand Officers were pleased to be under the genial sway of their Grand Superintendent. When they said they were Grand Officers of Kent, he always maintained they were Grand Officers of no mean province, and when they saw how, under the genial sway of Lord Amherst, Freemasonry had flourished in that province, they had reason to be proud. He carried his mind back, not to ancient history, but to 14 or 15 years, when he found they had only 10 or 11 chapters. They had more than double that number now. That was an honour, and an honour to Lord Amherst which he would feel. It had been a most happy and pleasant day; all were delighted to find themselves taking part in the ceremonies, and if he might wind up, with the permission of Lord Amherst, he would say that those who wanted to see a similar ceremony would do well to be at Maidstone on the 6th inst.

Comp. Capt. WALKER also replied.

Comp. Earl AMHERST proposed the toast of "The Three Principals." Without good men in the chapter it could not hope to succeed. Comp. Powell had done good service to the province; he was a founder of the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, which had done good work, and when it was proposed to have a chapter attached to it, and it came to him to recommend that a warrant be granted, he had great pleasure in doing so. He was sure the chapter would follow in the footsteps of the lodge. The good men in the chairs knew the ceremonies thoroughly. Comp. Powell had the good of Freemasonry at heart, and fortunately he had good lieutenants in his Second and Third Principals. The ceremonies, of installing to the second and third chairs were never done better than that evening. They were impressive and important ceremonies and he hoped the two companions who had been installed would carry away the solemn duties they had undertaken to perform. Therefore the chapter started well. It had three excellent Principals and he thought it would be very ungraceful on his part if he did not dedicate one glass of wine to them all before leaving.

Comp. POWELL, M.E.Z., in response, said his motto was "deeds not words." He was well supported, and should endeavour to do his best; but no manager or chief was any use unless he was well supported by officers. If a general of an army was not well supported by officers he could not succeed. In a chapter the First Principal would be a cypher unless he was well supported by the other officers. If the officers and companions would give him the support he had a right to expect of them, he had no fear for himself. This time next year he should be delighted with himself, and should have smiling faces all round him, and he would have a smiling face himself, because he should have got rid of a certain amount of responsibility. Any one who took it on him in an earnest manner must feel it was a great responsibility—a great responsibility whether the work would be well carried out. He gave them his word that if he was supported in the way he had a right to expect he had no fear for the result.

Comp. Major STEPHENS, H., assured the M.E.Z., that he would do his duty if the M.E.Z. would do his. He was sure he would do it well, and so would the assistant officers. They had an excellent First Principal, they could not have a better. He was sure the work would go on smoothly, and that the chapter would succeed.

Comp. Sergeant-Major MORDEY, J., also responded, and said he would do his duty well. He could not say more than that.

The other toasts were given before the companions separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHERBORNE CHAPTER, No. 702.

An interesting Masonic ceremony was performed at Stroud on Tuesday, the 8th ultimo, when a new Royal Arch Chapter, for which a warrant was issued by the Grand Chapter of England nearly 12 months ago, was consecrated and formally constituted in accordance with the impressive ritual of the Order. The chapter is attached to, and bears the name of, the senior of the two lodges meeting at Stroud, the Sherborne, No. 702; but its membership will be supplied by both of the Stroud lodges, and by the other lodges of the mid-Gloucestershire district to which it is convenient. The Sherborne is the fourth chapter on the roll of the province, the three previously existing chapters being located, one at Cheltenham and two in the city of Gloucester. That at Cheltenham is known as the Chapter of Unanimity and is attached to the Foundation Lodge, No. 82. It holds the premier position by virtue of its seniority, and as being affiliated to a lodge which was founded in Cheltenham in the year 1753, and which has now met in the town of its origin and in a hall built by the liberality of its members for the past 75 years. The senior of the two chapters at Gloucester is attached to the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, and was consecrated in the year 1876; the other bears the name of the Lodge Royal Gloucestershire, No. 839, and was consecrated and opened 12 years ago, the late Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Scribe E., Sec. Eng., presiding at the ceremony. At that time the Provincial Grand Chapter of Gloucestershire had not been formed; but Comp. Sir Michael Hicks Beach was made the first head of the new chapter with a view to its formation, which took place in the year following. The present opening of a fourth Royal Arch Chapter is therefore the first ceremony of the kind since Provincial Grand Chapter was constituted. Its foundation is justified by the prosperity of the chapters already established; but, as a fact, the increase of Royal Arch Masonry is likely to be largely promoted by the relaxation of the conditions of membership on the part of the Grand Chapter, and no long interval is now likely to occur before the ceremony at Stroud is repeated in connection with other flourishing lodges in the province. The warrant for the formation of the Sherborne Chapter was granted on the petition of the following companions, viz.: Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.Z., P.G.S. Eng., G. Supt. Suffolk; Dr. J. Partridge, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Warman, P.Z.; J. Albin Roberts, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Gen. Vizard; A. R. Grieve, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; James David, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; E. N. Witchell, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; E. Lea; R. J. Weston, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Kyle, Rev. W. Lyon, E. Hulbert, M. F. Wood, J. H. Daniels, J. Brown, A. G. Spire, and R. W. Northcott, who are the "founders" and first members of the chapter.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., assisted by Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G.H.; and Comp. J. Bruton, Prov. G.J., as Principals; and Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, G.S. of Suffolk; Jas. B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Scribe, E.; A. Woodward, Prov. G. Scribe N.; R. P. Sumner, Prov. G.P.S.; W. B. Wood, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and E. N. Witchell, Prov. G.D.C.

The usual formalities were observed in the opening of the chapter, and the charter or warrant of the new chapter having been presented and read, Comp. MARTYN, in eloquent terms, addressed the companions on the origin and principles of the Degree and on the lessons inculcated by its symbols.

Next followed the office of consecration as prescribed by the time-honoured ritual of the Order. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing" was succeeded by a dedicatory prayer and invocation, and then the three Principals perambulated the chapter, bearing richly chased vessels containing corn, wine, oil, and salt, with which in succession the floor of the chapter room was sprinkled. Each oblation was marked by the reading of an appropriate Scripture extract, and by the choral rendering of a verse of an appropriate ode.

The ceremony closed with the formal dedication of the chapter by prayer, and then an anthem was sung before the new chapter was duly constituted by the installation of its future Principals and officers. The service throughout was an impressive one, its effect being much added to by the excellence of the musical arrangements, for which the Prov. G. Org. Comp. J. A. Matthews was responsible.

The officers of the new chapter were installed and invested as follows: Comp. J. Albin Roberts, P.Z., M.E.Z.; A. R. Grieve, P.Z., H.; R. J. Weston, J.; J. Partridge, M.D., I.P.Z.; W. Warman, Treas.; R. W. Northcott, S.E.; J. Kyle, S.N.; J. David, P.Z., P.S.; E. Hulbert, 1st A.S.; M. F. Wood, 2nd A.S.; A. G. Spire, Std.; and E. N. Witchell, P.Z., D.C. Among the companions present, in addition to those already mentioned, were:

Comps. J. Bryan, P.Z. 839, Prov. G. Treas.; W. R. Porcher, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.J.; A. V. Hatton, P.Z. 493, P.P.G.J.; George Norman, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.J.; Henry S. Crump, P.Z. 493, P.P.G.S.N.; W. R. Felton, P.P.G.S.N.; J. Campbell, P.Z. 839, P.P.G.S.N.; J. L. Butler, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.R.; J. A. Matthews, P.Z. 439, P.P.G.R.; W. C. Ferris, P.Z. 493, P.P.A.G.S.; L. Evans, Prov. G.A.S.E.; Rev. W. S. Fallon, 82; E. G. Woodward, 493; S. P. Ryland, R. Cheshire, Bucknell, Horace Fisher, Turner, B. Coombe, and Palmer, of 82; C. J. P. Smith, 103; G. L. Wenden, 839; H. A. Armitage, 839; J. E. Holloway, 2191 (Anglo-American); E. Lea, Gadd, and B. London, of 493; and others.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, may be fairly termed the father of Masonic symbolism. No one writer has endeavoured more than he did to give an elevating, and classical, and philosophical tendency to all our Masonic researches and disquisitions. His is a name which ought to be held in reverential regard by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. He was born at Barnard Castle, Durham, in 1732, and died in 1814. He was a solicitor by profession, but an antiquary and archaeologist by taste—and conviction. He wrote that well-known work "The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham," and several other works, being a zealous member of the Antiquarian Society. His "Spirit of Masonry," his well-known work, was first published in 1775, with the especial sanction of Grand Lodge, and a second edition was issued in 1795. Dr. Oliver edited one of the many later editions. Hutchinson had his own peculiar theories, which a later and sounder criticism and a truer exegesis have compelled Masonic students to discard. His etymology and his symbolism are both somewhat strained, though there will be always a large School in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry which will adhere to the Christian sympathies and sentiments of Hutchinson. But though we cannot fully agree with all his views, we can admire truly the general groundwork of his admirable work, which will remain a lasting monument, both to his learning and ingenuity, a fitting epitaph, so to say, on the long career of a man and a Mason, whose head and heart went in unison, whose life was blameless, and whose memory is still fondly regarded by Freemasons wherever the English language is spoken, and as long as Freemasonry itself endures.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS. Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Jordan Lodge (No. 201).—This ancient lodge celebrated another anniversary on the 23rd ult. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when Bro. Frank S. Chaplin was installed as W.M. by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., in the presence of numerous members and visitors. The former included Bros. B. J. Douthwaite, W.M.; F. S. Chaplin, S.W.; A. Davies, J.W.; J. Martin, Treas.; A. J. T. Tate, S.D.; A. C. Buchanan, J.D.; H. J. Abrahams, I.G.; J. H. Frye, I.P.M.; F. J. Hannan, M.D., P.M.; T. Wallis, P.M.; A. Hardy, P.M.; E. A. Harris, P.M.; S. Chaplin, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Essex; C. J. Zander, H. Rigby, W. J. Cope, and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. Senior, 2434; A. D. J. Chinnery, 1366; J. Faulkner, 1423; A. Streeter, J.W. 2157; R. J. Harnell, W.M. 2021; L. E. White, 2265; W. C. Heaton, Chap. 1425; J. F. Saunders, J.W. 1507; N. Hanhart, P.M. 2048; H. W. Cooke; G. Booker, S.W. 228; A. McDowall, P.M. 1962; W. H. Pocklington, I.P.M. 1288; W. H. Wheeler, I.G. 2454; T. Powell, 2182; W. Beavis, P.P.G.P. Middx.; W. Syckelmore, P.M. 1288; J. H. Leopold, 1929; and W. Lee, W.M. 1897, P.M. 2381.

The lodge was opened at an early hour, there being a heavy programme of work. After the confirmation of the minutes, two candidates were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Freeman was then passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Allen was duly initiated. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., then installed Bro. Frank S. Chaplin as W.M., and the following officers were invested (with the exception of the Secretary, absent through illness): Bros. Alfred Davies, S.W.; A. J. T. Tate, J.W.; B. J. Douthwaite, I.P.M.; J. Martin, Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec.; T. Wallis, P.M., Stwd.; A. C. Buchanan, S.D.; H. J. Abrahams, J.D.; H. Berghoff, D.C.; and H. Rigby, I.G.

Lodge was closed, and after a *recherché* repast had been enjoyed at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual toasts followed. The W.M., in giving "The Grand Officers," said he had the privilege of connecting with the toast the name of Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., who as a Mason had attained a position of great eminence, and whose presence conferred a very great honour on their lodge.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., in reply, said that they as Masons had seen the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. filling the highest position in the absence of the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and they could not but own how graceful, and in what a dignified way they rendered those valuable services. The Grand Officers held their position entirely, so far as it was a useful one, with the confidence and good will of their brethren. Especially was this so in the case of sundry of them—of whom he had the honour to be one—for without the confidence of the great body of brethren it would be doubtful whether Grand Lodge could possess a Grand Registrar whose opinion would be of the slightest use to it. He was bound to say that, never considering whether an act would be popular or unpopular, but simply whether it was the right thing to do, the kindness and confidence of his brethren had rendered an onerous office a pleasant one, and the discharge of the duties a labour of love. He could have been in lodge a little earlier, but finding there was time to spare, the attractions of the Grand Secretary's room were too much for him, for they had no idea of the multifarious cares that attached to the office he held. If a lodge is set up where the British flag flies it becomes a serious matter, and the documents emanating from the Grand Secretary's office were something like those emanating from the Foreign Office when an invasion of territory has taken place. They found that wherever Englishmen went they carried their Masonry with them, and if he might be allowed to supplement what the W.M. had so eloquently said, he would say they met responsive to that great truth which impressed itself in the hearts of all—a recognition of the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man.

Bro. B. J. Douthwaite, I.P.M., then said that after the eloquence displayed by the W.M., he was afraid his remarks would fall rather flat, but in proposing the toast of "The W.M." he would say that Bro. Chaplin was the first initiate of the lodge to attain the chair since Bro. Proudfoot. On that occasion they began a new era in the history of the Jordan Lodge. They would drink the W.M.'s health more heartily because of that. Bro. Chaplin had proved himself, among Masons and out of Masonry, to be a rattling good fellow, and a man they could look to as a friend. The offices the W.M. had performed in the lodge would speak amply for what they might expect in the coming year. They sincerely hoped he would have a successful year of office, for he had the sympathy, respect, and love of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. F. S. Chaplin, W.M., acknowledged the exceptionally kind language used by the I.P.M. and the hearty welcome the toast had received. It was extremely difficult for him to know what to say to adequately express his high sense of the honour done him in electing him to the chair. Especially did he feel it a difficulty when he remembered how very short had been the years of his Masonic life. He appreciated the honour of his position, and was proud and gratified at presiding so early over his mother lodge. Those feelings were by no means free from a deep sense of responsibility which attached to the office. Amongst his immediate predecessors had been some who would have been a credit to any lodge, so conscientiously and so ably had they discharged their duties, and that made his position one of extreme responsibility. There were many things to encourage him. He knew he should have the loyal support of every member and of every officer, and in connection with the latter he knew they were altogether an exceptional team. He entered upon his office, therefore, with happy auspices, but, above all, he was sustained by the high esteem in which he regarded the Craft as a Craft, as a service, and as a subject of study, and he could not understand how any one with the most rudimentary knowledge of the principles upon which it was founded, its aims and objects as impressed upon them that night, without being profoundly impressed with this—that Freemasonry

rightly understood, rightly applied, would build up and strengthen a man in all that was best and highest in his character. It was thus a great privilege and great responsibility to occupy an important and influential position as Master of a lodge. Whatever might be in store for them in connection with this lodge, he asked them to believe him when he said it would be his greatest ambition so to discharge his duty, that when the time came to vacate the chair there would not be one brother who regretted the vote he gave to him at the election of Master. His best efforts would be given to this lodge which gave him Masonic birth, and so soon raised him to Masonic honour.

The W.M. then submitted "The Installing Master," and thanked the Past Masters for their courtesy in allowing him to gratify a great and natural wish to be installed by the same hands as installed his own father some years ago. The ceremony had impressed him strongly, and he wished to express his grateful thanks to Bro. Philbrick for rendering him that impressive service.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., in response, said he could remember the W.M.'s grandfather, and the fact that he had installed his father as W.M. of No. 51, the premier lodge in the province with which he had the honour to be connected, rendered it an interesting ceremony to him to place the son in the chair of K.S. He felt deeply indebted to those brethren who had kindly waived their rights and allowed him to gratify a personal wish. In conclusion, he expressed his sincere wish for a successful and prosperous year, for the well-being of the lodge, and for the happiness, and prosperity, of each individual member.

In giving "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," the W.M. said the I.P.M. had taken them through the Three Degrees that night as though it were but nothing, and they would have to go back a long number of years to find one who had been more conscientious and more zealous in the performance of his duties. He had great pleasure in availing himself of that opportunity of presenting him with the jewel voted by the lodge, for no one had done more to deserve it. With reference to the P.M.s, there was one Hibernian, Æsculapian Past Master who had done much to help them at the festive board no less than in the lodge. Having heard on good authority that Bro. Dr. Hannan was shortly to be married, they felt that they could not but give him a present to fortify him against his coming responsibilities. He asked that brother to accept from his brethren in the Jordan Lodge a service of plate, which it had given them great pleasure to purchase for him, and when he refreshed himself from it, they trusted he would remember the pleasures his association with that lodge had given them.

The silver tea and coffee service, which is in Queen Anne style, bears the following inscription: "Jordan Lodge, No. 201. Presented to W. Bro. F. J. Hannan, M.D., Past Master of the Lodge, as a token of esteem and with the hearty good wishes of the members on the occasion of his marriage, which will take place 23 February, 1895."

Bro. Douthwaite, I.P.M., returned thanks for the jewel presented in commemoration of his year, and for the support he had received.

Bro. Dr. Hannan, P.M., thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for their handsome souvenir of the important epoch in his life which was about to take place. He was more than gratified to find it was the unanimous wish of the brethren. He was grateful for the kindly feeling that had always existed between the members and himself ever since he had the honour of becoming a member of the lodge. This present would enhance the remembrance of many pleasant hours spent in the lodge, and would be handed down to his sons—for he had three—as showing that in the past the name of Hannan was held in esteem in the Jordan Lodge.

"The Initiates" was next honoured, after which the W.M. submitted "The Visitors."

Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, replied, and was followed by Bros. Harnell, W.M.; Healy, Pocklington, and others. "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant gathering, the enjoyment of which was enhanced by the singing of the Unity Vocal Quartette.

Lodge of Israel (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Cannon-street, Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., attracted a numerous attendance of brethren, including many representatives from the sister lodges. The Worshipful Master, Bro. I. H. Gluckstein, was supported by Bros. B. Marcus, S.W., W.M. elect; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. Lichtenfeld; J. Marcus; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; H. Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353; J. Levey, P.M.; S. Dancyger, P.M.; N. Passingham, P.M.; S. W. Harris, P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; E. H. Norden, P.M., and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; A. C. Spaul, P.G.S.B.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; J. Barnett, I.P.M. 177; A. H. Lefear, 429; W. H. Gill, P.M. 1209; Rev. S. H. Harris, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Toye, 2316; H. Fletcher Campbell, 180; G. Hampton Barber, 1393; D. Jewell, 1668; F. F. Larner, W.M. 2054; H. Townsend, 180; E. Harr, 1409; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; M. Harris, P.M. 185; F. H. Macklin, W.M. 1319; E. J. Acworth, P.M., Sec. 2265; P.P.G. Treas. Essex; J. Nash, W.M. 1645; J. Thom, P.M. 2331; J. Green, 65; E. Salomon, W.M. 1017; J. Albu; S. Albu, South Africa; T. H. Beach, 1563; R. Finlayson, 1017; M. Joseph, 185; J. Bishop, 1456; R. Emery, 1929; J. H. Cohen, 821; M. Serjenberg, W.M. 188; W. H. Toye, I.P.M. 1218; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1887, P.M. 2381.

The minutes having been confirmed, the audit report was unanimously adopted, showing substantial balances in favour of the lodge. Bro. Barnett Marcus, was then installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Gluckstein, in an able manner that was heartily enjoyed by all present. The following officers were invested: Bros. I. H. Gluckstein, I.P.M.; John Berlyn, S.W.; Isaac Rosalki, J.W.; Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M. Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; George Lichtenfeld, S.D.; Joseph Marcus, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Trenner, I.G.; Hermann Lichtenfeld, A.D.C.; Philipp Greenspan and A. M. Goodrich, Stwds.; and K. J. Morley, Tyler. Bro. Gluckstein, I.P.M., was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair. The brethren, in order to specially mark their appreciation of the I.P.M.'s working, added three diamonds to the jewel voted by the lodge.

The gift was appropriately acknowledged, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, a lengthy toast list and pro-

gramme of music [was proceeded with, the W.M. asking the brethren to be brief in their remarks in order that the choice musical selection could be thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he esteemed it a very great privilege and pleasure to respond before so numerous and distinguished an assembly. The toast was a very important one comprising as it did so many worthy Masons of every social position in life. The Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. both took the deepest interest in the Order and the Charities, and the geniality and obliging qualities of the Grand Secretary made him popular in the Craft. The Grand Officers were pleased to visit that lodge and thanked the brethren for the kind reception given them. It had been a great treat to them for nothing was more gratifying than to see the ceremonies carried out in an efficient and impressive manner. It was not to be wondered at if this lodge were successful as its management was in the hands of Bro. Hogard. Their spry young friend, the Treasurer, too, had been busy like a "two year old," seeing that they were happy and comfortable. He (Bro. Everett) had the pleasure on the previous night of hearing Bro. Gluckstein perform two ceremonies in another lodge in a very impressive manner, and they would all agree that the installation ceremony on the present occasion had never been done more impressively. The Grand Officers would carry away very pleasing recollections of their visit that evening.

Bro. I. H. Gluckstein, I.P.M., then said it was a great pleasure to him to rise for the first time to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Marcus had been known to them for many years, and they had looked forward to the time when he would attain the chair. They all hoped the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year of office, for they were convinced he would do credit to those who had gone before him.

Bro. Barnett Marcus, W.M., returned thanks, and assured the brethren of the pleasure it afforded him to occupy the chair. He little thought he should ever reach the position in such a lodge. He would do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge, and should look to the I.P.M. for support during his term of office. If he only followed the footsteps of Bro. Gluckstein, he should please the brethren and be a credit to the lodge.

Bro. J. Barnett, I.P.M. 177, on behalf of "The Visitors," said he felt the responsibility of replying first on behalf of so distinguished a body of visitors. He wished to acknowledge his indebtedness to Bro. Hogard for his invitation, and congratulated the W.M. on being placed in a position of power and authority in that grand old lodge. He also particularly congratulated the I.P.M. on the manner in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Gluckstein had occupied the position of Worshipful Master in two well-known lodges in the year, which was a position only given with due cause. He was always pleased to attend that lodge as a student to learn something in Masonry. It was needless to say the hospitality was profuse and was thoroughly appreciated, whilst the musical treat they were receiving was being heartily enjoyed.

Bro. M. Siegenberg, W.M. 188, in response, said he hoped the day would be far distant when the practice of inviting the Masters of sister lodges would be discontinued at the installation meetings.

Bro. Felix Albu, Goldfields Lodge, South Africa, also replied, and in the name of Bro. J. Da Silva, a member of his lodge, and a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, he wished the lodge every prosperity and success in the future. They had built a splendid Masonic Hall at Johannesburg, where the Craft was well represented and prosperous, and would be pleased to receive any brethren coming from the Old Country.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that at the present time there were 63 old men wanting admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with but seven vacancies, and 50 widows with only four vacancies. He hoped the brethren would heartily support the Worshipful Master in his Stewardship for that Institution.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in response, said they regretted the absence of Bro. McLeod, who would have thanked them for the support rendered the Boys' Institution last year—an Institution which, under its present management, deserved their hearty support. With reference to the Benevolent Institution, which Bro. Terry so ably represented, and for which the W.M. had undertaken to serve as Steward, it was not necessary to add much to the remarks of Bro. Hogard. The Girls' School on many occasions in the past had occasion for gratitude to this lodge, notably in 1888 at its Centenary Festival, when Bro. Hogard took up something over £100. The School was indebted to Bro. Hogard and the brethren for that generous support. The Institution now supported 263 girls, and was never doing its work in a better condition. When this lodge had done what it could for the Benevolent Institution, he hoped they would find a spare corner for the Girls. The Earl of Mount Eglcombe had kindly consented to act as chairman, and would be only too grateful if the coming Festival was second only to the Festival of last year.

Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas., replied for "The Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund," and in response to his appeal the sum of £17 12s. was subscribed for that Fund.

Bro. I. H. Gluckstein, I.P.M., briefly answered for the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been honoured, the brethren separated after an enjoyable evening.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided over the musical arrangements, which were carried out in first class style.

Maybury Lodge (No. 969).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 18th ult., and was well attended by the members and following visitors: Bros. Wilkinson, 2012; J. H. Gordon, 820; Bett, I.P.M. 1815; Tollworthy, W.M. 1769; Gelidon, P.M. 2319; Wyboone, J.W. 548; Greig, 2319; Rusby, 917; Young, 14; Toogood, 1401; Gordon, P.M. 898; Marshall, 813; and Capon, P.M. 1900.

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Bowlin was balloted for and unanimously elected. Bro. Dr. J. F. Woods, I.P.M., then presented to the W.M. Bro. Dr. F. S. Toogood, W.M. elect, to receive the benefits of installation at his hands, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Dr. F. S.

Toogood was installed in the chair. The working tools were presented and explained, and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.P.M.; Dr. J. F. Woods, S.W.; Dr. J. J. Gordon, J.W.; G. D. Lister, P.M., Treas.; G. Bassett, P.M., Sec.; R. Evans, S.D.; Owen Perry, J.D.; Dr. Wm. Bothamley, I.G.; and Goddard, Tyler. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. G. D. Lester going up as Steward.

The lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

At the conclusion of which, the W.M. gave briefly the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "M.W. Pro Grand Master."

These toasts were cordially received, and the W.M. proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, taking the gavel, proposed "The Health of Bro. Dr. F. S. Toogood, W.M." He did so with the greatest pleasure, the W.M. and he had been great friends for years, and they took great interest in each other's welfare. The W.M. had discharged his subordinate duties in a creditable manner, and from the manner he had this evening carried out the work of Mastership, they were all fully confident that he would in the future justify their choice. He wished him a very happy and successful year of office.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

In returning thanks, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Toogood, said that it was with mingled feelings that he rose to address them. He was extremely sorry and sincerely regretted that Bro. Collinson was not sufficiently recovered from his long illness to undertake the duties of the chair, but he experienced heartfelt delight that the brethren had found him worthy to fill the chair of K.S., and to follow in the footsteps of Bro. Dr. Forbes. The trite character of Masonic speeches was then humorously referred to, and he commiserated with those brethren who had frequently to hear the same remarks made over and over again, year after year; but he declined to make any apology, seeing that thousands of Masters had for thousands of years replied to a similar toast, and it was not to be expected that he would evolve any strikingly new development. He had found it to be a very general custom for Worshipful Masters to narrate the special circumstances which had led to their initiation into Freemasonry. If he had to make a similar confession he could not lay claim to any lofty ambition or soaring desires, but must plead a very mundane cause.

When he was junior colleague of the I.P.M., at St. Leonard's Infirmary, he used to see his respected senior officer go off to lodge with a brow darkened with the care of the hundreds of sufferers who were under his charge, and with a spirit saddened with the tales of poverty and distress with which he had to fight. But on his return home from the lodge there was such an unaccustomed exhalation in his temperament, and such an airy light-heartedness about him, that impressed his beholder with the belief that Masonry was the best remedy extant for depression of spirits, and made him resolve to become an aspirant for its favours at the earliest possible moment. He wished to point out a very special and growing danger which they, as Masons, had to guard against; he referred to the desire of men to join the ranks who were anxious to use Freemasonry for their own ends and for their own personal aggrandisement, and who gave nothing to the Craft in return, but who degraded and debased the principles of the purest society that had existed at any time in the world's history.

In his position as a public officer he was astonished and saddened by the uses to which some unworthy brethren attempted to prostitute their glorious Brotherhood. But fortunately there was a much brighter side, and one that was wholly pleasing to consider, he meant the vast amount of quiet, unheard of Charity, unknown by the world at large, but which gladdened many a darkened home, and brightened many an overcast life. Whether it was a Utopian dream or no, he was uncertain, but he looked forward to the time when Freemasonry should so spread amongst the nations of the world that through its agency the universal brotherhood of man should be realised, that Freemasonry should be a power in the councils of the nations, and then the glorious idea of the mighty founder would be thoroughly and everlastingly realised.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Dr. Forbes, I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the debt of gratitude which the lodge owed to Bro. Forbes, how successfully he had steered them through a most critical time, how his charming personality had attracted many worthy and influential members to their ranks, and how the lodge had bestowed the greatest honour in its power by making him their W.M. for two successive years, and the sorrow they felt that they could not re-elect him for a third time. He then mentioned the many bonds which bound him to Bro. Forbes, who for many years had been his senior colleague in public life, and who was always ready to assist younger men "in all times of difficulty and danger." The W.M. then presented the jewel and clasp of a Past Master, and expressed the fervent hope that the recipient would be long spared to wear the badge of distinction, and to assist the lodge with his valuable and ready advice.

Bro. Dr. M. Forbes replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the jewel that they had presented him. They might still rely upon him, though still a P.M., for he would never forget the kindness that they had shown him while in the chair for two successive years, their loyalty towards him rendered his labours light.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors."

The next toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," to which suitable responses were made.

The Tyler's toast brought a happy and successful meeting to a close.

The lodge being a highly musical one, the talent was principally confined to its members. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Dr. J. F. Woods, assisted by Bros. Toogood, Bassett, Lister, Forbes, and others. The playing of Bro. Woods on the violoncello, and Bro. J. Hart Gordon on the piano, being one of the principal features of the evening.

Clapton Lodge (No. 1365).—This prosperous lodge met at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when there were present: Bros. R. E. Fairclough, W.M.; D. Campbell, I.P.M.; J. D. Geddes, S.W.; Arthur H. Church, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. C.

Lintott, S.D.; F. Orfeux, D.C.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; R. Devereaux, Org.; Henry C. Muckley and I. Holland, Stwds.; N. Finch, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; W. Forty, P.M.; W. Banks, W. D. Seaton, R. C. Flint, J. Parfitt, R. B. Chessum, F. J. Thayer, H. J. Dyer, H. C. Amendt, W. W. Fletcher, E. C. Robinson, Dr. J. M. Bredin, J. Very, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Small, 2242; F. H. Critall, 1312; E. J. Wickenden, I.W. 1599; H. H. Kitch, 2021; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; E. Bloxham, 206 and R. T. West.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the W.M. passed Bro. R. B. Chessum, and afterwards initiated Mr. H. J. Dyer, M.S.A. The working of the W.M. was excellent, and the way he gave the Antient Charge proved beyond doubt that he is a master of the art. Two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, Bro. E. M. Edwards of No. 2077 was unanimously elected a joining member, other business followed, and the lodge was then closed.

The banquet that followed fully maintained the great reputation of Bro. Amendt, the general manager of the Great Eastern Railway Company's Hotels, and gave every satisfaction.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said they had never been in better hands than now, and that opinion was also shared by the many visitors who had honoured the lodge with their presence during the time that Bro. Fairclough had occupied the chair, whose working was of the very best.

Bro. Fairclough, W.M., on rising to respond, was heartily received. He stated that it had been to him a difficult task to follow Bro. Campbell, who was such a good worker of the ritual, but he had endeavoured to do so, and if the members were satisfied with the way he was carrying out his duties he was gratified. It was indeed a great honour to be their W.M.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. observed that Bro. Dyer, the initiate, had taken a step that night in joining the grandest body in existence, which he felt sure he would never regret having done.

Bro. Dyer responded in a lengthy but classical speech, which was quite unique, and given with much feeling, and was listened to with marked attention, and for an impromptu speech from an initiate, was a great success.

"The Joining Member" having been honoured and acknowledged by Bro. Edwards, who remarked that it was his intention to have slipped away early, but after hearing the eloquent speech of the initiate, his baby in Masonry, he felt he must record the honour paid him by electing him a member of their happy and excellent lodge, and from the way he had been received he considered he was eligible to join the lodge, which was composed of such good fellows.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors." They were only too glad to welcome visitors, and might he add that the lodge had the reputation of treating their guests well, and he hoped it might ever be so. In reading out their names, he made special mention of Bro. Bunker, and he coupled his name and those of Bros. Bloxham, Wickenden, and R. T. West with the toast.

In responding, Bro. Bloxham said that he was struck with admiration by the excellent working of the W.M.

Bro. Bunker also replied. He had visited the lodge on very many occasions, which was always par excellence.

Bro. Wickenden congratulated the lodge in having such an efficient W.M., who was well supported by such good officers.

Bro. R. T. West also responded.

"The Charities" having been toasted, the Charity-box was sent round, with the result that 30s. was collected, which for an off-night was a respectable sum.

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M., Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," the W.M. referred to Bro. D. Campbell, whose year of office had been a great success, and as I.P.M. he was rendering him every assistance. Bro. Finch, P.M., was the Preceptor of their lodge of instruction, and there could be no better; then as to Bro. Church, the Secretary, he and the members were indebted to him for his great services.

Suitable responses were made by Bros. Blackburn, Treas.; Forty, Finch, W. D. Church, Sec.; and D. Campbell, I.P.M., who remarked that it was gratifying to him to hear that his services while in the chair were not forgotten.

"The Officers" having been well received, Bro. A. H. Church, J.W., responded. He said the officers were proud to work under their excellent W.M.

Bros. Banks, Devereaux, Muckley, and Orfeux also replied in appropriate terms, and the Tyler's toast brought the very successful and happy gathering to an end, which had been greatly enhanced by some good songs from Bros. A. H. Church, Banks, Forty, Fletcher, Thayer, Bloxham, and Becker, and special mention should be made of Bro. Small, who gave a humorous recitation in splendid form.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 28th ult., was attended with a large amount of success and attracted 71 brethren. The members present included Bros. G. Mordey, W.M.; A. H. Cole, S.W.; T. Jefferies, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; J. Pratt, S.D.; J. Thompson, I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Bishop, Stwd.; R. Ross, P.M.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. S. P. Clark, 1512; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790; J. Fleming, 1987; W. F. Mansell, 1987; J. Irvine, P.M. 802; R. B. Hopkins, 1381; A. H. Scurrah, P.M. 2206, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Tomlin, W.M. 1360; W. B. Parsons, W.M. 2206; A. J. Phillips, 403; W. F. Driver, I.P.M. 1360; W. Baker, W.M. 1815; A. Wensley, J.W. 1815; J. Bolton, W.M. 1790; R. S. Ellis, S.W. 2242; A. H. South, P.M. 901; A. Mills, 704; H. Longman, P.M. 2271; W. Adcock, 2202; E. W. Nightingale, P.M. 87; W. J. Owen, 403; F. Bartlett, 1110; A. Hodgkinson, 599; B. Couch, 1790; R. Burleton, P.M. 800; G. Vinton, 145; L. Astot, P.M. 733; D. Lucas, P.M. 2395; W. Dawson, S.D. 1022; T. W. Heath, P.M. 1642; T. Morley, 1178; J. F. Saunders, S.W. 1507; G. T. Perrin, 1288; J. Edwards, 188; S. Renaut, I.P.M. 1623; F. J. Page, 177; T. Douglas Irvine, S.D. 172; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1847, P.M. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The Worshipful Master, to the great regret of all present, was too unwell to undertake any ceremonial work, and Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., there-

fore raised Bro. Poole to the Third Degree. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M.—who with Bro. Greenfield, P.M., are the only two founders remaining—then installed Bro. A. H. Cole as W.M. in a masterly manner that delighted all who had the good fortune to witness the ceremony. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Mordey, I.P.M.; T. Jefferies, S.W.; J. Pratt, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; G. Comley, S.D.; G. Thompson, J.D.; J. Bishop, I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., D.C.; G. Rice, A. B. Fox, A. George, and W. Baker, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. Mr. R. T. Smith was initiated by the W.M., who displayed considerable ability in the rendering of the ritual. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. with a cordial wish for his speedy restoration to good health, and was duly acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and the banquet held in the Victoria Hall was followed by the loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., in consequence of the illness of the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," as the senior Past Master. As a brother of some little experience of Freemasonry he could say, and they would all agree, that no brother who had not passed the chair had ever done the duties more ably than Bro. Cole had that night. He knew he was speaking the sentiments of all visitors when he said the W.M. had delighted them all in his rendering of the initiation ceremony. There was always the qualification of modesty in their lodge, and they also liked to have sincerity and workmanship, and in their W.M. they found all those qualities. It had afforded him great pleasure to find the W.M. so able to discharge his duties.

Bro. A. H. Cole, W.M., in response, said he felt so full of gratitude for the kind way in which he had been received, he could not find words to express his thanks. Up to that moment he had spent a most happy evening. At one part of the proceedings his heart sank low, but later his spirits revived and he felt more at home. He had aspired to the chair for some years, and the proud moment had arrived at last. He only hoped he should be able to merit the kind things said of him, and that when he left the chair they would be able to repeat those kindly remarks. In whatever post he had held he had tried to do his duty, and he hoped the present occasion was but the first of many happy meetings they would hold during his Mastership.

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said there were not sufficient words in the English language to do justice to Bro. Stiles, who had done good suit and service to the lodge for many years past, as Secretary, Treasurer, Master, and Installing Master. It was their unanimous wish to see him holding a prouder position than he now held. They all had the greatest respect for the I.P.M., and it was a great sorrow that he was unable to work the ceremonies in the able manner they had heard him render them in the past. In Bro. Scurrah, another P.M., they possessed a brother who always appeared as though he was unable to do sufficient for the lodge and the brethren, for he was always working with energy in endeavouring to do something more than was possible for their welfare. Bro. Ross, P.M., had also done his best for the lodge, and Bro. Knightley, P.M., Sec., filled any gap that occurred with ability and credit.

Bro. G. Mordey, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks, after which

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas., said he regretted that Bro. Mordey had been unable, through ill-health, to install his successor as he had previously done in the Honour Oak Lodge. Speaking as a Past Master of their lodge, he could only say how pleased he was in being instrumental in doing some service, being a founder and now a Treasurer. So long as he could do anything for the lodge they had only to command him. He very much appreciated the way in which his good old friends stood by him on the last election for the Grand Treasurership, when 1200 voted for him, being nearly 500 more than any previous candidate. The brethren were certain that he would win and that was why he lost. If they would only consider he was going to lose on the next occasion he was bound to win. He appreciated the kind compliment paid by the W.M. and accepted by the brethren.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., said that not only as a Past Master, but as an initiate of the lodge it afforded him a very great deal of gratification and pleasure to do anything and everything for their lodge. He could not let that moment pass, in such a meeting where so many distinguished visitors were assembled, without saying how much he should appreciate the efforts of all the brethren present in receiving votes for their old friend, Bro. Stiles, for the Grand Treasurership. They were all agreed that Bro. Stiles was a thoroughly honest, earnest, upright, hard-working Freemason, and during his Masonic life he had proved himself alive to the interests of the Craft in every respect. A brother who had qualified as Vice-Patron of all the Institutions, and nearly Patron, could not be a very bad man. If the Craft was true to its principles it would elect as Grand Treasurer a representative of the Craft and of good working. Their non-success at the last election was simply due to the fact that their opponents knew Bro. Stiles' strength, and consequently were able to bring up 107 more brethren, but if every brother had felt the result was dependent upon his own vote, Bro. Stiles would have been successful. He asked them to do what they could, and if they did that Bro. Stiles was as safe and secure as if he were in the Grand Treasurer's chair at that moment.

Bro. Capt. Knightley, P.M., Sec., having replied, "The Initiate" was honoured.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Tomlin, Parsons, Baker, Lee, Irvine, P.M., and others, returned thanks, expressing their admiration for the exemplary rendering of the ritual they had witnessed, and their appreciation of the profuse hospitality and cordial welcome given them.

Other toasts were honoured before the Tyler's toast was given as a signal that the hour had arrived when the pleasant proceedings should be terminated.

Amongst the musical items Bro. Hopkins was most enthusiastically received for his skilful rendering of several solos on the silver bells, and the other artistes included Messrs. H. Farnly, H. Brockbank, D. Welch, and Fox.

Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 19th ult., when there was an unusually large attendance. The members present included Bros. W. W. Lee, W.M.; W. J. Ball, J.W.; J. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; J. Weston, P.P.G.P.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Gaskin,

Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. J. Davison, P.M.; P. Young, I.P.M.; L. Mantel; J. J. Wrathall, S.D.; G. Watts, J.D.; C. Robinson; W. Whiteside, D.C.; G. P. Pilon, and J. Rae, Stwds.; W. W. George, G. Lander, F. Junker, S. Lavington, R. Appleton, and others. Visitors: Bros. Davis, P.M.; George, P.M.; Willsmer, Evans and several others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Lavington and Appleton were raised to the Third Degree, and the traditional history delivered. Messrs. F. L. Cuming and H. G. James having been unanimously approved by ballot, were initiated into Freemasonry, and afterwards had an opportunity of listening to the Ancient Charge. A sum of five guineas was devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and other business was transacted before the lodge was closed.

An excellent repast was provided by the host, Bro. Lander, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The usual toast list was afterwards given, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referring in eulogistic terms to the working they had witnessed during the current year.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., was assisted in a capital selection of music by Bros. R. Evans, W. W. George, Lander, and Lee.

London Rifle Brigade Lodge (No. 1963).

—This prominent volunteer lodge held its annual installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ultimo, when there was a good attendance to witness the installation of Bro. Spencer W. Morris, P.M. 231, as W.M. The members present included Bros. D. McNish, W.M.; Spencer W. Morris, P.M.; S.W.; A. McDowell, P.M.; Treas.; A. Haig Brown, P.M., Sec.; G. R. Rix, S.D.; H. Henton, J.D.; W. G. Wright, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., D.C.; Neville Green, P.M.; J. C. Tilt, P.M.; J. Green, P.M.; W. Walker, P.M.; W. F. Bing, P.M.; J. Gregory, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; W. Wiles, P.M. 174; E. Jago, J.D. 858; F. Lewick, P.P.G.W. Herts; W. W. Jones, 228; J. M. Cottrell, P.M. 15; P. Machin, Org. 231; J. W. Roy, P.M. 12; R. J. Godfrey, S.W. 141; J. Oppenheim, 2060; W. C. Smith, S.W. 2264; G. J. Gissing, 1056; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. R. Evans, P.M. 172; Wyndham Hart, P.M. 49; H. E. Wilson, P.M. 47; R. Hodder, P.M. 2005; G. Redding, P.M. 917; I. Payn, J.W. 1613; A. V. Pauncefort, P.M. 862; F. Lewis, P.M. 1599; G. Booker, S.W. 228; F. A. Jenson, 1827; S. Jennings, P.M. 142; A. W. Fawkes, 2381; W. F. Hamilton, 2456; N. Sherwood, P.M. 231; T. Hollis, P.M. 862; R. B. Gibson, W.M. 707; J. Appleton, 2498; T. Poultny Griffin, 1; E. Stimson, 2395; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; E. S. Green, P.M. 1139; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, P.M. 2381; and many others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report adopted. Bro. Spencer W. Morris was then presented, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. McNish, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed: Bros. C. F. Ellis, S.W.; G. R. Rix, J.W.; A. McDowell, P.M. and Treas.; A. Haig Brown, P.M. and Sec.; H. Henton, S.D.; W. S. Wright, J.D.; W. J. Pearce, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., D.C.; S. H. Latham, A.D.C.; F. F. Grimes and V. J. Wright, Stwds.; and J. S. Lachland, Tyler. The W.M. then said that Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson had unfortunately to leave at once, but before he retired, he (the W.M.) wished to thank him in the name of the lodge for his gift of a complete set of officers' jewels. It was a proof that his enthusiasm for the lodge and the regiment was still warm. The W.M. hoped that during his term of office Bro. Hanson would be able to honour them with his presence, and remain to join them at the festive board. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W. regretted his inability to see the W.M. right through the proceedings. They could quite understand the great interest he took in the lodge of which he was an honorary member, having served many years in the London Rifle Brigade. Unfortunately, another lodge with which he was connected held its meeting on the same night, and he had promised to attend there. He congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and having seen his working in another lodge was sure the members present that evening would be pleased with it. A jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. McNish, in recognition of his services in the chair, and was duly acknowledged. Five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the W.M.'s list, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the customary toasts were honoured, the speeches being commendably brief.

Bro. D. McNish, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he knew it would be well received by all. The W.M. and himself were initiated on the same night in that lodge, were invested with their first official collars on the same evening, and had kept together since then in the various offices. Knowing their W.M. would discharge his duties well and to their satisfaction, they heartily wished him a happy year of office.

Bro. S. W. Morris, W.M., returned thanks, and said he was very proud at having attained the chair of his mother lodge. He would spare no effort to prove himself worthy of their confidence. He desired to thank them for voting a donation towards his list for the Girls' School. Last year he had the good fortune to take up from that lodge over £100 for the Boys' Institution, and, although it was impossible to expect to do the same this year, he would tell them that he had already nearly £60, so that he was sure to take up a sum which would be no disgrace to the lodge. Before sitting down he wished to propose "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. McNish, I.P.M.," who had thoroughly carried out and amply fulfilled the promises made on his election. The I.P.M. was fortunate in having had a considerable amount of work which he had done well, and now that he had retired, he carried with him the esteem and regard of every member of the lodge.

Bro. D. McNish, I.P.M., thanked the W.M., for the kindness with which he had referred to the manner in which he had discharged his duties. He was fortunate in always having work to do, and as the W.M. had two initiates proposed he hoped he would be as successful. When there was work to do, the brethren came with better zest to the meetings, for they knew that on those occasions the Master was at his best. He thanked the brethren for their kindly

support, and especially the officers, and was pleased to see they had all been advanced a step.

Bro. N. Sherwood, P.M. 231, replying for "The Visitors," thanked the lodge for the magnificent reception given them. It was a peculiar pleasure to him to be present because he had had the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing the W.M. pass through the offices of the St. Andrew's Lodge, and there was no officer who had done more excellently, or who was more popular. He was quite sure they would find in this lodge that under the W.M. the work was as well done as it had been in the other lodge. He begged to thank the Secretary for his kindly New Year's greeting conveyed to all the brethren on an appropriate card, and thought it was one of the kindest and most Masonic things he had ever seen in any lodge. They reciprocated those wishes, not only to the Secretary, but to the W.M. and every member of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge.

Bro. T. Poultny Griffin, P.G. Stwd., also replied, and said that in 1860 he had the honour of being a member of the London Rifle Brigade, and in 1861, had the good fortune to shoot into a place as one of the highest scores on the first day of the meeting. He was quite sure that the same tone and *esprit de corps* that existed then, prevailed now in the regiment, and thought it was an excellent thing that a Masonic lodge should be established in connection with it.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Green, P.M., the father of the lodge, who initiated him into Freemasonry, and whom he was pleased to see present.

Bro. Neville Green, P.M., thanked the W.M. for so kindly mentioning his name with the toast. He was very proud indeed to respond to it, having had the great honour of being the first W.M. of the lodge. He was unfortunately away for several meetings, but was pleased to be present again and see Bro. Morris in the chair of Master. The W.M. was one of the rather numerous set that he had the pleasure of initiating, and it was therefore a gratification to see him attain the chair. He knew the qualities of Bro. Morris, and was sure he would do as well as those who had preceded him. He hoped the lodge would prosper as well in the future as in the past.

Bro. A. McDowell, P.M., Treas., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and expressed his satisfaction at bringing forward a better balance than last year, and hoped they would do something each year for the chapter.

Bro. A. Haig Brown, P.M., Sec., said he was proud to occupy the post of Secretary, the duties of which he would do to the utmost of his ability. With regard to the Masonic Charities, he thought they might congratulate themselves that during the existence of the lodge the sum of £1372 had been sent up to the Masonic Institutions. That he thought would compare with any lodge of the same age, and the interest of the members in the Charities was such that they would endeavour to maintain and support them.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were rendered very enjoyable by the selection of music well-rendered by Miss Edith Serpell, Miss Hamilton Smith, and Bros. Wingrove Ives, and Roland Henry.

St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday evening, the 18th ultimo. Bro. J. Raper Phillips, W.M., presided, supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. G. Hand, Sheriff of London; Col. Radcliffe, P.M. 858, P.G.S.; Under-Sheriff Phillips; A. Saunders, P.M. 144; G. B. Clough, 217; R. S. Cartwright, 834; J. Austin, 1185; G. H. Silverwood, 1343; C. Garland, 1362; H. A. Howe, J.W. 1362; J. Campbell, 1507; I. M. Parsons, P.M. 1564; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1507; H. Longhurst, S.D. 1686; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; G. E. Higginson, I.P.M. 1791; F. Flood, I.P.M., Sec. 1929; J. King, 2029; J. A. Perret, 2060; N. Pearce, A.D.C. 2278; E. G. Wilson, J.D. 2422; and R. J. Hennings, J.W. 2508.

After lodge had been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot on behalf of Mr. A. H. Waller having proved unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M. The charge was given in a highly impressive manner by Bro. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey. The W.M. then appointed Bros. G. E. Higginson, I.P.M. 1791, to act as S.W.; Col. Radcliffe, P.M. 858, P.G.S., as J.W.; and W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, as I.G. Bro. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Treas., then presented Bro. R. H. Catling, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M., and he was duly installed, Bro. J. O'Connell acting as D.C. The W.M. next proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Raper Phillips, I.P.M.; J. Stanton, S.W.; A. Streeter, J.W.; Rev. G. W. Gent, Chap.; Rev. G. J. Smith, Asst. Chap.; J. H. Smith, P.M. 279, 1920, W.M. 1827, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Treas.; T. Simpson, Sec.; J. L. Johnson, S.D.; W. T. Thompson, J.D.; J. Parry, I.G.; R. W. St. D.C.; L. H. Walker, Org.; H. R. Elkin and A. Williams, Stwds.; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Phillips as a mark of the esteem of the brethren and as a memento of his year of office. The presentation was briefly acknowledged by the recipient.

After receiving "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the W.M. closed the lodge, and an adjournment was made to the banqueting room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

Bro. Col. Radcliffe, P.G.S., responded on behalf of "The Past Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. referred to the pleasure it gave him to welcome, amongst others, the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of London—Bros. Hand and Phillips. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors, and hoped to see many of them again during his year of office.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Hand, Phillips, Higginson, Wilson, and Perret, all of whom expressed the pleasure it had given them to be present.

During the evening the toasts were interspersed with songs, glees, and part songs, which were ably rendered by Bros. J. H. Smith, J. R. Phillips, Walker, Elkin, Heathcote, and Hennings, and received by all with great appreciation.

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

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 3rd ult. Bro. Chas. H. Ellis, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John T. Last, I.P.M.; John Morton, S.W.; J. B. Fearnley, J.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; S. Robinson, Sec.; R. S. Hird, S.D.; John Harland, as J.D.; John Bland, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; John Niven, P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M.; E. P. Peterson, P.M.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; John Haigh, P.M.; Albert Swaine, Org.; W. Shaw Smith, Asst. Sec.; A. E. Harris, R. Harland, T. P. Sykes, R. B. Nicholls, Wm. Walker, R. S. Markham, J. R. Marsland, H. Bowler, and J. C. Paul. Visitors: Bros. S. W. Johnson, 68; James Mortimer, S.W. 302; S. G. Haley, 275; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.; John Overton, W.M. 600; A. Graham, 600; C. W. Hudson, 600; J. Taylor, 600; E. Foulds, 600; J. Thompson, 603; J. H. Collins, J.D. 750; J. B. Turner, 940; C. Taylor, W.M. 974; E. H. Barraclough, S.W. 974; A. P. Rendle, J.W. 974; Walter Dickinson, 974; W. B. Fisher, 1018; John Akam, S.W. 1034; R. Wilson, 1303; Oliver Lamb, W.M. 1648; and J. L. Watson, 2009.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed, after which Bro. Paul was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Peterson, P.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Fearnley, J.W., and the charge delivered by the W.M. The Secretary presented the annual returns to Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, which were signed by the W.M., and the dues directed to be paid. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

After refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be honoured by the presence of so many visiting brethren, representing as they did no less than four provinces and 14 lodges. On behalf of Lodge Acacia, he accorded them all a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D., responded, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty manner the visitors had been received. He was gratified with the working in the lodge, and regretted that the regulations of the railway company prevented him from remaining longer with the brethren, as he had enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Bros. John Overton, W.M. 600; O. Lamb, W.M. 1648; and J. Mortimer, S.W. 302; also responded.

"The Worshipful Master's Health" was proposed by Bro. O. Lamb, W.M. 1648, who remarked that he was convinced that Bro. Ellis would have a successful year of office as he was so well supported by the officers and brethren. Outside the lodge he heard him well spoken of by the brethren; his reception of the visitors that evening was all that could be desired, and he (Bro. Lamb) was honoured by having the privilege of proposing the toast.

Bro. C. H. Ellis, W.M., responded, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner the toast of his health had been received; he was gratified that the brethren had attended that evening in such numbers.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. E. P. Peterson, P.M., in his usual felicitous style.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting. During the evening songs and music were contributed by Bros. Haley, Tykes, Rendell, Turner, Lamb, Swaine, and Akam.

The annual lodge re-union or ladies' night was held on Thursday evening, the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, and proved one of the most successful and enjoyable yet held, upwards of 90 brethren and their lady friends attended. The toasts of "The Queen," "The W.M.," and "The Visitors" were duly honoured, and dancing was kept up with much spirit until two o'clock.

BIDEFORD.

Lodge of Benevolence (No. 489).—The festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., when the W.M., Bro. E. Rouse, invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chap. England, I.P.M.; E. Trapnell, S.W.; Rev. R. W. J. Smart, J.W.; J. C. Clark, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Andrew, Sec.; F. Trapnell, S.D.; W. H. Puddicombe, J.D.; I. Brook, P.M., Org.; W. Ascott, I.G.; F. G. Cock and E. J. Tattersall, Stwds.; and R. Grant, Tyler.

A banquet followed at the New Inn Hotel.

DEVIZES.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, when there was a good attendance both of members of the lodge and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. W. J. Mann, P.M. 632, P.S.G.W.; W. S. Bambridge, P.M. 1533, P.P. J.G.W.; J. McNaught Davis, P.M. 1661; J. Butterworth, S.W. 355; and A. J. G. Stancomb, S.D. 632.

The outgoing W.M., Bro. F. G. Billingham, opened the lodge, and after the usual preliminaries, his successor, the S.W., Bro. Frank Reynolds, was installed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, the whole of the ceremony being conducted in an excellent manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. G. Billingham, I.P.M.; F. Wyatt, S.W.; H. H. Baker, J.W.; Rev. W. Humphreys, Chap.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Baldwin, S.D.; J. Hunt, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Bush, P.M., Org.; S. W. Taylor, I.G.; J. Rendell and D. Owen, Stwds.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was served in an admirable manner by Bro. Reynolds, and to which Bro. Simon Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

(Continued on Page 59.)

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE,

19, LOMBARD ST., & 57, CHANCING CROSS,
LONDON.—Established 1782.

Lowest Current Rates | Assured free of all Liability
Liberal and Prompt Settlements | Electric Lighting Rules supplied
W. C. MACDONALD, } Joint
F. B. MACDONALD, } Secretaries.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

12, ST. SWITHIN'S LANE, LONDON, E.C.
Personal Accidents. Fidelity Guarantees.
Railway Accidents. Plate Glass.
Employers' Liability.
Prospectuses and every information forwarded Post
Free on application to the SECRETARY.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

will be found complete in all the arrangements, and the charges moderate.

MIDLAND GRAND

(St. Pancras Station) London, N.W.

VENETIAN ROOMS

are available for Wedding Breakfasts, and Public and Private and Masonic Banquets.

ADELPHI

(Near Central Station), LIVERPOOL.

QUEEN'S, LEEDS.

MIDLAND, BRADFORD.

MIDLAND, DERBY.

MIDLAND, MORECAMBE.

Tariffs on application.

Telegraphic Address—"MIDOTEL."

WILLIAM TOWLE, Hotels, &c., Manager.

Dining and Luncheon Carriages (1st and 3rd class) are attached to express trains between London (St. Pancras) and Glasgow (St. Enoch). Luncheons, Teas, Dinners and other refreshments served en route at Midland Railway Buffet prices. For times of departure and other particulars see Midland and other Time Tables.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

THE FIRST TWO PILLS TOOK THE PAIN AWAY.

EADE'S PILLS. 2, College Park Villas, Kensal

Green, London, W., May, 1891.

Dear Sir,—I feel it my duty to tell

you I had Rheumatic Gout twice, and

had to stop at home for three weeks.

I cannot describe the pain I suffered. I read your advertisement, and looked upon it as all others. A brother

signalman said, "Try them." I did so.

THE FIRST TWO PILLS TOOK THE PAIN AWAY

in a few hours, and I was able to resume

my work. No one need be frightened

to take them. I have recommended

them to all whom I have heard com-

plaining of Rheumatism, Gout, Lum-

bago, Neuralgia, &c. I hope no one

will doubt my statement.—Yours sincerely,

JAS. PETTINGALL.

Mr. G. Eade.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

Prepared only by George Eade,

72, Goswell Road, London, E.C.; and

Sold by all Chemists in Bottles, 1s. 1½d., and 2s. 9d.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR BILE,

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR WIND,

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR INDIGESTION,

IS

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

They quickly remove irritation and feverish state of the

STOMACH, correct the morbid condition of the LIVER,

relieve the system of all impurities, which, by circulating in

the blood, injuriously affect the action of the KIDNEYS,

and, by removing the causes of so much discomfort, restore

the vital energies of body and mind.

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

Sold by all Chemists in Boxes, 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., or

Mailed Free on receipt of remittance by GEORGE EADE,

72, Goswell Road, London, E.C.

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

CANNON STREET HOTEL,

CANNON STREET, E.C.

—

RITTER & PUZEY, PROPRIETORS.

—

SPACIOUS AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS

FOR LARGE OR SMALL

MASONIC LODGES,

AND

BANQUETS,

MEETINGS, AUCTIONS, BALLS, CONCERTS, ARBITRA-

TIONS, CINDERELLAS, ETC.

J. APTOMMAS, MANAGER.

OLD GRANS SPECIAL TODDY,

THE CREAM OF
HIGHLAND WHISKIES
(Registered), carefully blended under our own supervision.
Guaranteed Ten Years Old.

See Reports of ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, M.D., London,
Author of "Food and its Adulteration;" EDWYN GODWYN
CLAYTON, F.I.C., F.C.S.; Dr. GILBERT D. SUTHER-
LAND, F.E.I.S., Consulting Analyst and Food Expert.
Specially retained by the National Food Reform Associa-
tion.

48s. per Dozen. Carriage paid on one doz. and upwards.

LODGES SUPPLIED UPON SPECIAL TERMS.

CHARLES WRIGHT & SON,

(Established 1795.)

WIRKSWORTH and LONDON.

BONDED STORES—LEITH.

CAFE MONICO.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

BANQUETING ROOMS

FOR REGIMENTAL DINNERS, &c.

46, REGENT ST., & 19, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, W.

ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN

FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEWOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel,

Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for

Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts,

Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance

is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts,

Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

The 2s. Hot Luncheon, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Coffee

Room, unequalled.

Registered Address for Telegrams:—

CLEWOW, LONDON.

THE "MANCHESTER" HOTEL,

ALDERSGATE-STREET, E.C.

FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL.

300 BEDS.

Immediately opposite the Aldersgate Station of the Metro-

politan Railway, and central and convenient for everywhere.

THE "BRISTOL" & "GLOUCESTER"

ROOMS

ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR MASONIC PURPOSES

AT REASONABLE TERMS.

FINE BANQUETING HALL.

Terms and all particulars on application to

Bro. F. G. NEWELL, Manager.

BREE'S ROYAL HOTEL, JERSEY

Healthiest situation in St. Helier.

20 degrees cooler than the sea front.

BED AND BREAKFAST 5/6 AND 6/-.
FULL BOARD, ROOMS & SERVICE, 8/6 & 9/- per day.

Telegraphic Address—"BREES, JERSEY."

ALEXANDRA HOTEL,

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. DUE SOUTH.

FACING THE SEA.

Spacious Public Rooms. Conservatory and Lounge.

Hydraulic Lift and every modern improvement. Table

d'hôte Dinner, separate tables at 7. Night Porter.

PERCY BEER, MANAGER

(Late of Bailey's Hotels, London).

COALS. COALS. COALS.

COCKERELL'S (LIMITED),

13, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

For Prices, see Daily Papers

Trucks direct from the Colliery to every Railway Station.

PICTURE FRAMES,

MASONS' CERTIFICATES, &c.,

FRAMED TO ANY DESIGN.

H. MORELL,

17 & 18, GREAT ST. ANDREW ST., BLOOMSBURY,

LONDON, W.C.

Importer and Manufacturer of all kinds of PICTURE

FRAME and ROOM MOULDINGS, Carver, Gilder, and

Mount Cutter, having the Largest Stock in the United

Kingdom, and a large staff of experienced Workmen, is

able to execute all orders at the lowest rate with dispatch.

Send for Pattern Book, containing all the newest Designs,

95 Pages, Post free for 6 Penny Stamps. Estimates given.

Telegrams, "Rabbitry, London."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS.

GRAND PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,

K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

TREASURER:

JOHN A. FARNFIELD, Esq.

BANKERS:

LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK (Bloomsbury

Branch), 214, High Holborn, London, W.C.

Upwards of 1460 Annuitants have received the benefits

of the Institution since its foundation in 1842 and 1849, 195

men and 240 widows are Annuitants at the present time. 30

widows, in addition, are receiving half their late husband's

annuity.

Amount paid Annually in Annuities £16,090

Permanent Income £3,600

Deficit £12,490

Nearly 110 Candidates for next election.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held at the

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON, W.C.,

On WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1895,

Under the distinguished Presidency of

THE VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN,

R.W. Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire.

Brethren are earnestly solicited to accept the Stewardship

upon this most important occasion, and to kindly forward

their names as soon as possible, with full particulars, to

JAMES TERRY (V.-Pat., P.G. Swd. Br.),

Secretary.

Office—4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

FRANK HASWELL,

(ESTABLISHED 1847),

SIGN AND GLASS WRITER TO THE TRADE.

4, SOHO STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

ARTISTIC WRITER TO THE

FINE ARTS.

TESTIMONIALS A SPECIALITY.

THOMAS MORING,

Established 1791.

SEAL ENGRAVER, HERALDIC PAINTER, &c.,

52, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES IN THE BEST STYLE.

MASONIC AND HERALDIC BANNERS.

Send for Specimens of High Class Stationery, Visiting

Cards, and Dies gratis.

Also gratis on application:—Book of Examples of Monu-

mental Brasses, and Specimen Book of Brass Door Plates.

Catalogue of Seal Engraving, etc. (illustrated), 13 stamps.

WANTED -By a MASTER MASON

a CLERKSHIP in good office. Highest refer-

ences.—Apply, A. P. L., office of the Freemason.

ASSIMILATIVE MEMORY

(LOISETTE'S SYSTEM). Established 21 years.

"Your admirable system,"—M.D. (Ed.).

"By your system I committed to memory 1600 words,"—Dist.

Supr. (Bengal Police).

"My success at recent Civil Service Exam. is attributable to

your system,"—A. SHEPARD.

"A sound healthy training of the memory,"—J.H. SCAIFE, L.L.B.

Lessons by Correspondence. Send for Prospectus, free.

PROFESSOR LOISETTE, 37 New Oxford-st., London.

MR. GORDON TANNER

(VIOLIN SOLOIST,

Paris Conservatoire),

GIVES LESSONS OF THE HIGHEST GRADE.

Address, 19, QUEEN ANNE STREET, W.

TYPE - WRITING.

All kinds of Copying:—MASONIC NOTICES,

AUTHORS' MANUSCRIPTS, PLAYS, &c.

Duplicates of Circulars by the latest process.

RAYNE AND CO.,

40, NORFOLK STREET STRAND, W.C.

Highest References. Private Room for Dictation.

Terms on application.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

In compliance with a requisition signed in conformity with the laws a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th February, 1895, at 4.30 o'clock p.m. precisely, to take into consideration a proposed addition to laws to enable Ladies and Lewises (being minors) to qualify as Patrons, and Lodges, Chapters, and Masonic Societies to qualify as Vice-Patrons and Patrons, and also to fill up vacancies occasioned by death or resignation in the House and Finance Committees.

By order.

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

The ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 27th February, 1895, under the presidency of the VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, D. L. Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire. The services of brethren to act as Stewards are fraternally invited.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of this Lodge

WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY NEXT,
AT FREEMASONS' HALL,
as usual.

R.W. BRO. THE RT. HON. THE VISCT. DUNGARVAN,
Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire,
Has kindly consented to preside.

Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock punctually.

Tickets of admission (5s. each, including Supper, but not Wine, &c.), may be obtained of Bro. JOSEPH RUSSELL, Sec., 27 and 28, Milk-street, E.C., and of Bro. JNO. R. FREEMAN, Tyler of the Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall.

Telephone No. 2879.

Established 1808.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
STATIONERS, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS,
ACCOUNT BOOK MAKERS.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

"THE PROFESSIONAL NOTE,"
A High-class Vellum Paper, with Rough or Satin Surface.
SAMPLES ON APPLICATION.

Send for Illustrated Price List Free.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & COMPANY,
37 & 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.
(Opposite Chancery Lane).
Law Writing Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW, LIMITED
86, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.
(late 17, New Broad Street, E.C.),
12, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,
93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,
AND
86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest
Stock in London of the Very Best Quality at Lowest Prices.
HIGH-CLASS PROVISION STORES (NOW OPENED),
51, 51, and 52, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

GOVERNESS.—A YOUNG LADY
who has just finished her education in the Masonic
Schools, Battersea Rise, London, is desirous of obtaining a
SITUATION as Governess. She is capable of teaching
English, the Rudiments of French, Music, and Drawing.
Apply to the W.M. or Secretary of the Silurian Lodge,
No. 471, Newport, Mon.

WANTED TO BUY.—OLD LIFE
INSURANCE BONUS POLICIES, at prices
exceeding the Office Surrender Value.—Apply to J. L.
SHERRIN, 40, Old Broad-street, London.

WANTED.—PRINTED PRO-
ceedings of the Grand Lodge of England for
March and April, 1880, March and April, 1882, and
December, 1887, and any parts preceding 1877. Grand
Chapter of England, any numbers preceding 1886. Also
complete sets of *Freemason*.—Apply to 30, office of this
paper.

Illustrated Tariff Post Free.

FUNERALS OF EVERY
DESCRIPTION.
LONDON NECROPOLIS Co.,
188, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,
2, LANCASTER PLACE, STRAND.

LAURENT- PERRIER'S "SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

This High-Class Natural Champagne of remarkably fine
flavour, being without any of the customary added sugar
and alcohol, is hailed with delight by all Champagne
drinkers. Obtainable at all the Gordon Hotels, the Savoy,
Spicers and Pond's, St. James', and at all leading Clubs,
Hotels and Restaurants, Wine Merchants and Stores.

LAURENT- PERRIER'S "SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

HERTZ & COLLINGWOOD,
4, SUSSEX PLACE, LONDON, E.C., Sole Consignees.

PANTOMIME SEASON.

THE GAIETY RESTAURANT

Adjoins the Gaiety Theatre, and is quite close to the
Lyceum, Drury Lane, Covent Garden; The Globe, The
Opera Comique, The Strand, The Adelphi, The Vaudeville,
Terry's, Toole's, &c., &c.

FOR MATINEES.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE. Hot Luncheons at
popular prices in the RESTAURANT (1st floor). Chops,
Steaks, Kidneys and all Grills in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE. Dinners 3s. 6d., 5s.,
and a la Carte in the RESTAURANT (with Band).
Grills and Special Dishes in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE RESTAURANT.

FOR EVENINGS.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE. Dinners 3s. 6d., 5s.,
and a la Carte in the RESTAURANT (with Band).
Grills and Special Dishes in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE. Grills and Special Dishes
in the GRILL ROOM until 12.30.

THE BAND PLAYS IN THE RESTAURANT FROM 6 TILL 8 P.M.

Private Dining Rooms for large and small parties.

Proprietors, SPIERS & POND LIMITED.

PARTRIDGE & COOPER, "THE" STATIONERS, 191 & 192, FLEET STREET, LONDON, Would invite attention to their LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF GENERAL & FANCY STATIONERY,

Suitable for presents, such as Inkstands, Stationery,
Cabinets, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Bags,
Travelling and Brief Bags, &c., all of which are enumer-
ated in their New Illustrated Catalogue, sent free on appli-
cation.

To Correspondents.

A large number of lodge reports and other contributions
unavoidably stand over for want of space.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The regular Quarterly Convocation of Supreme
Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on
Wednesday, the 6th inst. As will be seen from the
Agenda we print elsewhere, the business to be
transacted is of the usual character. As for the new
chapters for which warrants have been granted since
the convocation in November last, they are five in
number.

It is extremely gratifying to be in a position to
announce that during the past month Bro. Terry's
efforts to strengthen the Board of Stewards for the
Anniversary Festival, which will take place at Free-
masons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., have been
most successful. When he referred to the subject at the
New Year's entertainment to the inmates of the Insti-
tution at Croydon, on the 2nd January, the number of
brethren who had volunteered their services was 184,
and this has now been raised to close on 250. This is,
perhaps, not quite so strong a Board as we were looking
forward to within a month of the day appointed, but
there are some good men amongst them, men who are
prepared to put their shoulders to the wheel, and bring
up sensible lists of three figures and upwards. These
are the kind of Stewards whose services are most in
requisition at these anniversary gatherings, and we
trust their efforts will go a long way towards
placing the total of subscriptions on a level with the
average of ordinary years.

When we have said the Board of Stewards already
numbers 250, we are far from suggesting that the
outside limit has been reached. Bro. Terry is still
visiting Lodges in town and country, and we have
no doubt that when the day arrives for the celebration,
the Board will muster not less, and it may be more,
than 300. But in the three weeks that remain to us
there is not time to do much canvassing, and it is
tolerably certain that the bulk of those whose co-opera-
tion Bro. Terry is able to secure will be Unattached,
and unable to furnish much beyond their own personal
donations. However, even this will be of material
help, and we are not without hope that Bro. Terry
may be able to announce a result still nearer his old
average than it was last year.

While on the subject of the Benevolent Institution,
we take the opportunity of mentioning that Bro.
Gardner, the junior clerk in Bro. Terry's office, who
had been absent from his duties for several months in
consequence of serious illness, died on Monday, the
28th ult. Bro. Gardner, who was an initiate of the
Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, was a promising young
official, who, had his days been prolonged and his
health re-established, would have been able to render
valuable assistance to his chief. He was most atten-
tive to his duties when able to be present at his post,
and as courteous to all who came into contact with him
as he was attentive.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council of
the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was held
at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 25th ult., the
resolution to augment the salary of the Secretary, Bro.
J. Morrison McLeod, so as to raise it to a level with the
salaries assigned to his colleagues of the Girls' School
and Benevolent Institution by the authorities of those
Charities, was carried, after a full discussion, amid the
acclamations of those present. The attendance was
very greatly in excess of the average, and we heartily
congratulate Bro. McLeod on this ample recognition of
his services to the Institution during his brief tenure of
the office of Secretary.

We go further, and congratulate the Committee on
their adoption of the resolution. Bro. McLeod has
been Secretary for less than five years—he entered on
his duties, if we remember rightly, in August, 1890—
but at the four Festivals which have since been held, the
sum total of the Donations and Subscriptions exceeds
£80,000, while the invested capital of the Institution
has been augmented from £17,500 to upwards of
£51,000. Such progress as is indicated by these
figures justifies the Council in the resolution it has
so handsomely adopted.

On Wednesday next, the 6th instant, a new Royal
Arch chapter, for which a warrant was granted last
year, will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Maid-
stone, under the style and title of the Montreal Chapter,
No. 2046. The ceremony, which will commence at
3 p.m., will be performed by Comp. the Right Hon.
Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent, assisted
by his Provincial Grand Officers, and the customary
banquet will follow at the Mitre Hotel, at 5 p.m. The
chapter is attached to the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046,
and will increase the number of chapters on the roll of
the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent to 25. As there
are three lodges in the town of Maidstone, and only
one chapter besides this, there is every reason to hope
that the event of Wednesday next will be attended
with results very beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry.

The recent festival, at Southampton, in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution—a report of which appeared in last week's issue—proved a great success. The respected Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presided, and received the support of his Deputy and principal officers, as well as of many brethren in the Province. The Stewards' Lists—with the exception of two that were still to be returned—showed a total, as announced by Bro. Lancaster, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, amounting to £345 5s. This is an exceedingly good return, on which we take leave to congratulate the Provincial Grand Master, and the lodges and brethren he has long presided over, most warmly. The institution has already done good service during the few years that have elapsed since its establishment, and, as it has a good round sum of £2000 invested, we trust that, with the help of many more such festivals as that held a short while since at Southampton, it may in time be made capable of rendering still more valuable aid to deceased brethren of the Province and their widows and orphan children.

It appears from the copy with which we have been favoured of the annual Report of the Finance and Audit Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic and Benevolent Institution, that this Provincial Charitable Institution has been doing some excellent work during the past year. The payments for education and relief amounted to £767 os. 5d., showing an increase of £224 3s. 5d. over that of the preceding year. The sum devoted to annuities was £104, and £10 was granted for a boy's advancement. Establishment charges reached only £131 11s. 5d., the sum appropriated to investments being £3014 15s. 11d., and the balance at close of account £1058 8s. 6d., as compared with £1233 17s. 2d. at the close of 1893. The ordinary receipts showed a falling off from £2335 14s. 8d. in 1893 to £1851 2s. 10d., there being only 69 lodges out of 108 subscribing to the Institution, as compared with 76 in 1893, but individual subscribers have increased from 75 to 226.

These figures are by no means as satisfactory as might have been anticipated, an increased outlay having been met by a decreased income; but the General Committee having decided to hold a Festival in aid of the Institution, and Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master, having kindly consented to preside as Chairman, it is to be hoped that the statement of Receipts and expenditure for the current year will show a considerable improvement.

Our worthy contemporary, "The Masonic Visitor," which is the representative organ of Irish Freemasonry, and for twelve months past has done good service to the Craft generally as well as in Ireland, commenced its second volume last month. We, who have so often expressed our regret that particulars about Irish Freemasonry should be so difficult to obtain, were greatly rejoiced when the publication of this welcome "Masonic Visitor" was announced, and now that it has surmounted the difficulties which beset almost every new journal during the first year of its existence, we hasten to offer it our warmest congratulations on its success. We are not surprised to find that it has succeeded. Its articles have been uniformly well written, its excerpts from lodge records relating to Irish Freemasonry in the past most valuable, and its news relating to current events most interesting. Though only a small monthly magazine, it reflects credit on Bro. the Rev. Charles W. Ganly, P.M., its editor, and all who have had a hand in its publication, and we trust it may be as ably and successfully continued for many a year to come.

The three important offices in the Grand Lodge of Ireland of Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary, which recently became vacant by the death or resignation of their respected occupants, have been filled by the appointment of the following distinguished brethren—To be Senior Grand Warden *vice* the late respected Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, who had served the office for a long term of years—Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, who is Prov. Grand Master of Down, and in 1885 was appointed and invested Senior Grand Warden of England; to be Junior Grand Warden in place of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., resigned, Bro. Viscount Templetown; and to be Grand Secretary *vice* Bro. the Earl of Bandon, resigned, Bro. Lord Castletown, of Upper Ossery.

We learn from the report of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, which was held at St.

Augustine's Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 25th October last, that the Committee of District Grand Lodge, appointed some time previously with reference to the division of the District Grand Lodge funds lying on fixed deposit with the Permanent Investment and Loan Association, have reported that an agreement had been arrived at with the representative of the seceding Lodges, and that the amount due to the English Constitution would shortly be paid to the credit of the District Grand Lodge. It appears from the Amended Statement of figures appended, that the amount, including share of accumulated interest, due to the seceding lodges, is £382 15s. 5d., and to the District Grand Lodge, including its share of same interest, £247 5s.

At the same Communication it was announced that a letter had been received from the District Grand Secretary of Canterbury, Scotch Constitution, to the effect that they had asked the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and were desirous of obtaining the opinion of the District Grand Lodge on the question. The District Grand Secretary, however, was instructed to reply that the District Grand Lodge was not in a position then to express an opinion upon the matter.

Correspondence.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. "Ex-Secretary's" letter—If the visiting brother was known to be the individual mentioned in the certificate, I am confident "no rule or canon of Masonic jurisprudence" would have been transgressed by his being allowed to sign it; on the contrary, I venture to think that any lodge objecting would be lacking in common courtesy and fraternal duty.

In fairness to the present excellent staff in our Grand Secretary's office, permit me to say that the duplicate certificate referred to in my previous letter was issued in 1859.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

EDWIN STORR, P.M.

January 28th.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Almoners in different parts are cautioned against an individual calling himself Herbert Owen Blythe, who claims to be a member of the Fawcett Lodge, No. 661, Seaham Harbour. We are assured by the Secretary of that lodge that he is not, nor ever has been, a member of that lodge.—Yours fraternally,

T. J. HOOPER, Chairman } Almoners
JAMES NEWTON, Secretary } Committee at
Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, 29th January, 1895.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was visiting a lodge a short time ago, and noticed two visiting Past Masters, both from the same lodge wearing Past Masters' collars and jewels.

As this is unusual in this province (W. Yorks), I should like to ask (1) whether it is in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and (2) whether it is customary in other provinces?

I was assured by the brethren concerned that it was sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

On referring to law 308, it is laid down that "the collars of officers of private lodges are to be worn only in the own lodges, or when representing their lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges."

From this it is plain that neither Master, I.P.M., or any officer is allowed to wear his collar and jewel outside his own lodge. Then why should a Past Master?

—I am, yours fraternally,
W. GREENWOOD, P.M. 439.

Bingley, 28th Jan., 1895.

[Our correspondent appears to have lost sight of the law which was passed about four or five years since, sanctioning a special kind of collar to be worn at all Masonic meetings.—ED. F.M.]

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will "M.O." kindly favour us with his authority for saying that "none but a W.M. should give Hearty good wishes from a lodge they are members of," for, in the absence of any authority or good reason I fail to see why he or the West Lancashire Province should make such an innovation upon what has been an established custom in Masonic lodges from time immemorial. Of course, if he can produce convincing reason, I, and I believe others, will be glad to adopt his views.

I am afraid M.O.'s area of experience must be very limited when he says that "Hearty good wishes" from Grand Lodge (I presume he means Provincial Grand Lodge also) is not likely to be heard in any of the lodges. I can assure him that I have seen in lodges in several provinces Past Grand Officers give "Hearty good wishes" from Grand Lodge, and strings of Prov. Grand Officers standing doing the same from Prov. Grand Lodge, although, as I stated in my last letter, I consider both, for the reasons therein given, to be quite out of place, and I have invariably kept my seat while others have done it, and on several occasions have had to explain my reasons for doing so, as it was looked upon as a slight to the lodge. However, as I stated in my last communication, I look upon the Hearty good wishes from a lodge to a lodge as somewhat different, and I should like to see some authority given to decide the question.—I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.G.W.

Reviews.

"IRISH FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR A.D. 1895."—This official annual of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is edited on somewhat similar lines to the one published by the Grand Lodge of England, but nothing like the pains is taken in its compilation, as respects statistical information. The Craft in Ireland is mainly at a standstill in regard to the number of Lodges, but if the *personnel* of the Grand Lodge witnessed changes from year to year, as in this country, a great deal more vitality would be infused into its meetings and assemblies. Its list of Past Grand Officers only includes a *score* of names, and hence, although the management is undoubtedly good, there is really very little ambition—laudable as it is—that can be gratified, as to office in Grand Lodge, and the progress of the Fraternity is limited accordingly. One feature of the Calendar is a most useful one, and that is the many particulars inserted as to the Provincial Grand Lodges. There are 38 lodges in the Dublin District, corresponding to the Metropolitan District in England. The Order of the Temple, the Rose Croix Chapters, and other Masonic bodies, recognised by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, are duly represented, and brief particulars are afforded of Grand Lodges exchanging Representatives with Ireland.

"GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND, 1894," contains a complete record of the proceedings at an Emergent Convocation held at the Masonic Hall, Baltimore, on the 23rd November, 1893, for the purpose of taking part in the obsequies of the late Comp. Robert K. Martin, Past G.H.P.; and of the 97th Annual Convocation held in the same city on the 13th November, 1894, under the presidency of Comp. William E. Howell, G.H.P. The particulars furnished are most ample, and show how the Grand Chapter is circumstanced as regards the number of chapters on the roll, the number of subscribing members, and its financial position. It contains also a list of the new Grand Officers, of whom it is only necessary we should mention Comp. Edward R. Tripp as the G.H.P., and Comp. George L. McCahan as the Grand Secretary for the current year. There is further an ample Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and 47 Grand Chapters are reviewed by the Committee, of which Comp. Edward T. Schultz is the Chairman. The Report has been well edited, and will be found of great use to all who seek information, especially of a statistical nature, as to Royal Arch Masonry in this and other jurisdictions in the States.

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA," Volume III., Part V., 1893-1894, Winnipeg; McIntyre Bros., Printers.—Bro. William G. Scott has inserted in this Report a note to the effect that these Proceedings were received from the printers on the 14th November last, and that two days later, together with all other property of Grand Lodge, were destroyed by fire. Under these circumstances, Bro. Scott claims some indulgence for the delay in issuing the report, a claim which will be readily conceded. The Proceedings included in this Volume III., Part V., are those of a Special Communication held in the Masonic Hall, Melita, on the 10th August, 1893, when the corner stone of the Melita Public School, was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Richard D. Foley, Acting G. Master, and of the Annual Communication in Banff, District of Alberta, on the 13th June, 1894. The information furnished as to the statistical and financial state of the G. Lodge, the Reports of the different District Deputy G. Masters, the tabular statements as to lodges, Grand Officers, Committees of Grand Lodges, are so full and exhaustive that it is difficult to suggest any subject of interest to the general reader or the student which is not dealt with. The present G. Master and G. Sec. are Bros. Thos. Tweed, of Medicine Hat, Assiniboia, and W. G. Scott, of Winnipeg. There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASON," published by Bro. W. Boughton Chambers, P.M., at Municipal Office-street, Calcutta, for December, 1894, contains, in addition to its usual monthly pabulum of lodge and other Masonic news, a further instalment of the History of the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, E.C., by Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie, R.A., P.M., and a biographical sketch, accompanied by a portrait of Bro. Thomas Jones, Past Deputy District G. Master of Bengal. The portrait, so far as we are able to judge, is an excellent one, while as to Bro. Jones's career in Masonry, we can best describe it as having been in all respects most creditable to himself.

"THE CRAFTSMAN"—Cardiff—is a monthly journal devoted to the interests of Freemasonry in Wales and the Border Counties, and its issue for last month well maintains the credit it has won during its brief career. The contents comprise a biographical sketch with portrait of Bro. D. H. Thomas, M.P., who was elected W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, in December last; a brief account of "Welsh Freemasonry in 1894," an article on "Freemasonry in Paris," obituaries of Bro. Sir Morgan Morgan Cardiff, Bro. W. Pickford, of Newport, and Bro. A. Helliwell Cardiff: together with the usual lodge and chapter news.

(Continued from Page 55).

LANDPORT.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 16th ult., when Bro. A. J. Dunn was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. C. G. Holmes, I.P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. G. Holmes, I.P.M.; E. J. T. Webb, S.W.; C. J. Long, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Wilberforce, Chap.; A. W. Hewett, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; J. T. Lewis, Sec.; W. Gunnell, P.M., D.C.; W. Glazebrook, P.M., A.D.C.; W. T. Pine, S.D.; J. H. Easton, J.D.; F. W. Evans, I.G.; H. Sibert, Org.; and E. Neck and F. L. Francis, Stwds. After the investiture of officers a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Holmes in recognition of the good work performed by him during his year of office.

At the banquet which followed a large and representative gathering of brethren, to the number of 80, were present. The following Past Masters of the lodge attended: Bros. J. Friedberg, S. R. Ellis, J. W. Willmott, H. Croucher, W. Gunnell, W. Beuttell, A. W. Hewett, J. Hewitson, W. Glazebrook, R. Payne, and C. G. Holmes. There was a large attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. F. Brown, P.M. St. P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; T. King (Mayor of Portsmouth), 257; G. E. Kent, W.M. 257; R. Clover, W.M. 309; G. Cox, W.M. 804; W. J. Jago, W.M. 923; D. H. Watney, W.M. 923; C. Martin, W.M. 1428; E. Godwin, W.M. 1776; R. Waterman, W.M. 1834; W. J. Townshend, W.M. 1903; A. Manistree, W.M. 1958; R. G. Pether, W.M. 2068; H. Nancarrow, W.M. 2074; W. Pawsey, P.M. 2153; W. S. Hooper, J.W. 1897; J. Jenkins, P.M. 487; J. J. Bascombe, P.M. 804; G. Grant, P.M. 904; W. Bates, P.M. 487; T. Stretton, P.M. 903; T. Askew, P.M. 903; W. Smith Parsons, P.M. 804; W. Baker, S.W. 1834; J. Carnon, S.D. 1776; C. Hendy, Sec. 1069; G. Cook, H. Dunn, Strong, F. White, A. E. Guy, R. J. Case, H. Shervell, and others.

A choice selection of music was given by a band under the conductorship of Bro. Wilton, and during the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Strong, Bascombe, Sibert, and Beves, which materially added to the enjoyment of the evening.

ROMILLY.

Oakwood Lodge (No. 1126).—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., Bro. Brine, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Emanuel Clough, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Brine, who installed his successor in a most able manner. The newly-installed Master was duly declared and saluted, and he appointed as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Brine, I.P.M.; Henry Greenhalgh, S.W.; H. White, J.W.; Rev. Herbert Moore, Chap.; W. F. Brownrigg, P.M., Treas.; Henry Woodall, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Hy. Ross, S.D.; H. Margison, J.D.; Edward James Greenhalgh, Org.; James Rosser, I.G.; T. M. Draper, Alfred Baines, and Alfred Leah, Stwds.; Jos. Whalley, Asst. Sec.; and Brownrigg, P.M., Connor, P.M., and Rev. J. W. Leathley, P.M., Dir. of Circ. The following brethren were present: Bros. Brine, W.M.; Clough, S.W.; Greenhalgh, J.W.; Brownrigg, P.M., Treas.; Woodall, P.M., Sec.; White, S.D.; Wm. Henry Ross, J.D.; T. H. Margison, I.G.; Mitchell, P.M.; J. W. Leathley, P.M.; Wm. Connor, P.M.; G. J. Greenhalgh, Org.; J. Rosser, A. Leah, A. Baines, R. Paterson, Jos. Walley, and John Clarke, Tyler. Also the following visitors: Bros. H. Thornton, P.M. 2374; Thos. Drinkwater, P.M. 1166, P.P.G. Reg.; Samuel N. Brooks, P.M. 361, P.P.G.D.C.; Joel Michell, P.M. 3000; Thomas Sedwick, W.M. 251; T. W. Start, P.M. 1052; W. Moulton, J.W. 654; F. Batty, P.M. 2241; George Hughes, J.W. 2524; J. Tetlow, S.W. 2324; W. J. Herring, W.M. 815; Thomas Turney, 1933; W. H. Brown, 1134; F. Thornham, 2324; and W. Lowsley, 2231.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

During the evening, Bro. Leathley, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. Brine, I.P.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services.

The musical arrangements were conducted throughout by Bro. E. Jas. Greenhalgh, Org., in a most competent style.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Monday, the 21st ult., when Bro. Michael Emanuel, J.P., who has never been Master of a lodge in Southampton, though he passed the chair of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, as long ago as 1872, and has been a subscribing member of the Peace and Harmony Lodge for many years, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Masters and Past Masters included Bros. E. Ward, 76; J. H. Hogge, W.M., T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg., and J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg., of 130; E. Kingman, W.M., John Adams, P.P.G.D.C., H. Dusautoy, P.P.G.D.C., H. Coles, P.P.G.D.C., T. Lashmore, P.P.G.D.C., G. Cross, P.P.G.D.C., J. Patstone, P.P.G.D.C., E. O. Longland, P.P.A.G.D.C., J. E. Aldis, P.P.G.D.C., Edward Brown, C. S. Dusautoy, A. J. Blackman, P.P.G. Stwd., W. Jenvey, Laurence Steele, T. G. Dacombe, and J. Griffiths, of the lodge; W. Bates, W.M., H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., and Sheriff G. Tilling, P.P.G.S. of W., of 394; G. B. Nalder (Town Clerk), P.M. 270, 1021, and 1225, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancs.; S. P. Grook, W.M. 1461; and G. J. Jordan, W.M., and G. Heathcote, P.P.G. Std. Br., of 1780. The visitors also included Bros. L. Button, Mayor of Southampton, and E. Hinxman, W.M. elect 76.

The installation ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Aldis, and at the conclusion the W.M. invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. E. Kingman, I.P.M.; Long, S.W.; T. E. Smith, J.W.; F. Lashmore, P.M., Treas.; J. Adams, P.M., Sec.; Orchard, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; G. Cross, P.M., D.C.; G. A. Andrews, Org.; Captain Berry, I.G.; J. Rowthorn and W. Martin, Stwds.; and W. Vane, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the new W.M. presented an ancient Bible to the lodge, which

was accepted with a hearty vote of thanks. The retiring W.M. was complimented for the efficiency he had displayed in conducting the work of the lodge during the last 12 months, and heartily thanked for his services; and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Aldis for his services as Installing Master. General business being disposed of, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherche* banquet, supplied by Bro. Biggs, under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, D.C.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a cordial welcome was extended from the chair to "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Ward, Hogge, Crook, Jordan, the Mayor, the Sheriff, and Nalder returned thanks.

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially drunk, and suitably responded to, and the I.P.M. replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

A very pleasant evening was spent in true Masonic fashion.

Ropal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.

Fidelity Chapter (441).—The half-yearly convocation for the installation of Principals was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Chapter Rooms, Zion Hotel. The three chiefs were installed by Comp. Thos. Watts, P.Z. The following are the officers for the year: Comps. J. E. L. Whitehead, M.E.Z.; J. Royston, H.; H. E. Greef, J.; J. F. Symonds, I.P.Z.; J. S. Youngman, P.Z., S.E.; James Catling, S.N.; P. H. Young, P.S.; G. Bull, 1st. A.S.; F. W. Potts, 2nd A.S.; J. Vail, Treas.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., D.C.; T. Watts, P.Z., and J. Sheldrick, P.Z., Stwds., and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor.

At the close of the business the companions partook of banquet.

Mark Masonry.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Lodge (No. 394).—The annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. Samuel Locke, Prov. G. Treas., W.M.; J. H. Wells, S.W.; H. Nail, J.W.; T. Griffiths, M.O.; T. W. Bone, S.O.; R. V. Critchley, I.G.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treasurer; J. Crompton, Sec.; W. Richmond, F. Renshaw, J. G. Battey, J. W. Jordan, W. Chesshyre, Tyler; C. Heywood, P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; and J. Travers. Visitors: Bros. J. Hardwicke Marsh, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; George Alfred Myers, P.G.S.B., W.M. 34; James Sharples, I.G. 34; Charles Shaw, Org. 34; and others.

Bro. J. H. Wells was installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Locke, who displayed his usual ability, performing the ceremony most impressively. Bro. Crompton addressed the Wardens, Overseers, and brethren generally. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

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

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs from Bros. Locke, H. Nail, C. Shaw, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh. Bro. Heywood gave one of his amusing recitations, thus closing a happy evening.

Knights Templar.

Faith and Fidelity Preceptory (No. 26).

—A very interesting meeting of this ancient preceptory was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 25th ult. The agenda paper notified the election of Bro. J. Badger Clark as a candidate for installation, and of Bro. O. B. Cavilo as a joining member, but the event of the evening was the installation of Sir Knight Chas. Belton, P.P. and Grand Sub-Marshal, as Pro Preceptor for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Charles Belton has been so intimately identified with this preceptory for so many years that his selection by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master as his Pro Preceptor was hailed with universal satisfaction. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most excellent manner by the out-going Pro Preceptor, Sir Knight E. Coulton Rogers, in the presence of many distinguished members of the Order, amongst whom were the following: Sir Knights Frank Richardson, K.C.T.; R. Clutton, K.C.T.; Balfour Cockburn, G.H.; J. H. Clutton, E. Swain, E. Monteunis, Hancock, Laurence, Thompson, and many others. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Pro Preceptor invested the officers whose names had been duly submitted and approved by H.R.H. the Preceptor.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At the recent House Committee, the resignation of Bro. Thomas Fenn, on the ground of increasing years and consequent inability to attend at the School with sufficient regularity, was regretfully received, and the following resolution, proposed by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. A. C. SPAULL, unanimously passed—"His colleagues upon the House Committee cannot receive the resignation of V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.P.B.G.P., &c., &c., and Patron of the Institution, without expressing their deep sense of the useful and valuable service he has rendered during the period of his association with them as one of the managing body. His ripe judgment and his active intelligence have been at all times available when needed, and while they greatly regret that circumstances render it in his opinion necessary that his resignation should now be accepted, they sincerely hope he may be long spared to take a continued interest in the Institution he has served so well."

In accordance with Rule 75, the Committee elected Bro. R. Loveland Loveland (Bro. Fenn's successor as President of the Board of General Purposes), to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation.

The following resolution of thanks was also proposed by Bro. RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, and unanimously passed: "That the best thanks of this Committee be accorded to Bro. Henry A. Tobias for his kindly liberality in presenting the sum of 10 guineas for the purpose of providing holiday recreation and amusement for the children remaining in the Institution during the Christmas vacation, 1894-5."

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ST. MARK'S LODGE,

No. 857

Bros. Noblett R. Livett, W.M.; W. H. Andrews, S.W.; W. Scott, J.W., Hon. Sec.; E. W. Crouch, P.M., Treas.; A. Boulton, P.M., Sec.; G. Lavington, I.P.M.; E. C. Crouch, P.M.; C. H. White, P.M.; Kildahl, J.D.; Abbott, and Barclay were the Committee who arranged the above ladies' night, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 24th ult. The whole of the proceedings passed off with *éclat*.

About 80 sat down to dinner, after which an excellent concert was given by the following artistes: Miss Gertrude Drinkwater (Royal Welsh Choir), Miss Emily Himing, Mr. Kirkley Campbell, Bro. Page Hannant, Mr. Geo. Schneider, and, at the piano, Bro. James Kift.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said: Ladies, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—I think I need not say much upon this subject; she is a grand old Queen, and has done her part in the government of this country for many years to the credit of herself and the satisfaction of her subjects. In fact, I think it is little known how often her voice has weighed in the councils of nations on the part of peace. She is a good Queen, and I may say the mother of the Craft, and therefore as her loyal subjects I ask you to drink her health.

The W.M. then said: Of the Prince of Wales as a Mason I can hardly say enough, he has given such a filip to the Craft since he has been connected with it. The number of lodges is constantly increasing, and the members have nearly trebled. I am glad to say that in addition to the Prince, we have a number of members of the Royal Family who have honoured us by joining our ranks. I will therefore ask you to drink "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The loyal toasts were enthusiastically received.

Bro. LAVINGTON, I.P.M., said: Ladies, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—The W.M. has already stated how loyal the brethren of the Craft are to the Queen, I may tell you how loyal also they are to the W.M. for the time being. We are taught to respect the chair from the date of our initiation into Masonry, and I am pleased to say that we never, or seldom, have cause to treat the brother in the chair but with the utmost esteem. Our present W.M. of the St. Mark's Lodge is certainly deserving of our warmest support, and it affords me the greatest amount of pleasure in proposing his health.

In reply, the W.M. said: I am exceedingly obliged to you for the very cordial manner in which you have received the toast proposed by our I.P.M., and I can only say I appreciate it very much. I have responded to this toast so frequently, that I am almost afraid to say anything for fear of repeating myself; but perhaps I may be permitted to say to those ladies and gentlemen who are visitors to-night, and in all probability unacquainted with the general principles of the Craft, that there is nothing like Freemasonry for teaching a man the duties he owes to his fellow creatures. I shall only add that I thank the ladies and gentlemen for the kind support they have given us to-night.

The toast of "The Ladies" was entrusted to Bro. WHITE, P.M., who, in appropriate terms, heartily welcomed the ladies who had honoured the St. Mark's Lodge with their presence.

Bro. WAGSTAFF (in the absence of the "New Woman") responded for the ladies, and, for the time being, he adopted the *role* of a member of the gentler sex, and, on their behalf, made a capital and humorous speech.

Bro. ROBINS, P.M.: We have enjoyed ourselves very much indeed to-night, and our best thanks are due to the members of the Committee, who have done so much for our comfort and enjoyment. It is a matter of some responsibility to carry out so satisfactorily a meeting like this, especially when, as in the present case, a new departure is made in having a dinner and concert, instead of a ball. I think the alteration is fully justified by the success which has attended the undertaking. In proposing "The Health of the Committee," I will couple with it the name of Bro. W. Scott, the Hon. Sec., who has worked so indefatigably in carrying out every detail.

The toast was cordially received.

Bro. W. SCOTT, J.W.: Ladies, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—I am sure I may say, on behalf of the Committee, that we are exceedingly gratified to see you here to-night. As Bro. Robins has observed, it is an experiment. It is the first time we have had a ladies' dinner. We are always pleased to see our lady friends, and when they turn up as they have done to-night, it is to the Committee very gratifying. I thank you for the kind words in which you have alluded to the Committee, who are more than pleased if they have succeeded in satisfying the guests.

MAY ELECTION, 1895.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the
ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
 FOR
 AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
 FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is respectfully solicited on behalf of

JANE LOUISA SILLIFANT,
 AGED 62,

Widow of the late Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT (Professional Accountant, Gresham Buildings), who died on the 19th February, 1875.

Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT was initiated in the Stability Lodge, 207, in December, 1854; Member also, at the time of his death, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; P.M. and P.Z. of more than one Lodge and Chapter, Life-Governor to all the Masonic Charities, and also on the Audit Committee for the Girls' School.

His widow, having passed through many untoward circumstances since her husband's death, through the mismanagement of her Solicitor (now an outlaw), as also the property vested in her husband reverting to his surviving brothers, is now left entirely without an income and in too delicate health to earn her living, she craves, therefore, the sympathy and help of his Masonic Brethren.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. *George Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx., Upper Sydenham; *John Davies, P.M. & Sec. 1309, P.P.G.D. Middx., 5, Finsbury Square, E.C.; J. Addington, P.M. 217, and M.E.Z. 14, Peckham-road, S.E.; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217, and Chapters 89 and 1275, 110, Lewisham-road, S.E.; T. Hinks, 217, 52, Leynette Avenue, Clapham, S.W.; Marfleet, P.M. 217, 818, and 322, 61, Crisp-street, E.; J. Nixon, P.M. 217, 44, Great Tower-street, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *; or by the Widow, 30, Rockley-road, Shepherd's Bush Green, W.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the above Institution was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday the 25th ult. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, president of the Institution, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman of General Committee; J. L. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; W. Jaffray, Treas.; James Newton, Sec.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; J. L. Hine, T. J. Hooper, E. G. Harwood, Fritz Reiss, Jas. Kershaw, Jas. Andrew, C. D. Cheetham, N. Nicholson, F. W. Lean, Charles Turner, E. Halliwell, E. Williams, The Rev. Dr. Salts, W. H. Cunliffe, W. Allitt, Martin Thomas, Major John Booth, G. S. Smith, Fred. Hilton, W. Shackleton, W. Nicholl, and other subscribers. The following Lodges were also represented: Nos. 37, 42, 62, 78, 116, 163, 126, 128, 1055, 322, 274, 1773, 2156, 367, 852, 269, 935, 317, 1099, 2320, 1392, 2363, 1458, 1218, 1534, 226, 993, 1633, 1145, 277, 1129, 1030, 1013, 1322, 204, 1948, 210, 1219, 1634, 219, 854, 935, 288, 1723, 286, 999, 226, 298, 2529, 1134, 345, 348, 1723, 300, 2449, 678, 245, and others.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed; the annual reports of the Finance and Audit Committee and Almoners' Committee were submitted for adoption; the Treasurer's Balance Sheet was also passed and adopted, showing that the Institution, notwithstanding the depression in trade in the district, has been flourishing during the past year, the gross income being £1850 2s. 10d., and the expenditure for relief, education, annuities and establishment £1012 11s. 10d., leaving a balance in favour of £838 11s. 0d.

Several Sub-Committees were appointed, and votes of thanks passed to the General and Sub-Committees; also to the Treasurer, Bro. W. Jaffray, and Bro. James Heelis, Hon. Sec., who were both re-elected, and to Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman, and Bro. Newbold, Vice-Chairman of the General Committee.

A motion to alter the rules of the Institution for the purpose of appointing Stewards for the forthcoming Festival was proposed by Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, and unanimously passed.

After several questions had been asked and satisfactorily replied to,

Bro. SILLITOE proposed a vote of thanks to the President, Colonel Starkie, and in doing so bore testimony to the deep interest evinced in the welfare of the Institution by that worthy brother, who had not only most liberally assisted it financially, but had also given them encouragement by his personal attendance at their meetings. That was their 19th annual meeting, and he could speak from personal knowledge that Colonel Starkie had presided over every one of them.

The proposition was supported by Bros. NEWBOLD and ANDREW, and received with acclamation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply, thanked the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of his name. He assured them it was a great pleasure for him to attend these meetings, not only on account of the deep interest he took in the Institution, but also of the true Masonic and harmonious manner in which the proceedings were always conducted. He wished other Prov. Grand Masters had been present to witness the unanimous manner in which they managed the affairs of this Institution. He (Bro. Starkie) sincerely hoped and believed that the coming festival would be a great success. He impressed upon the representative of

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

DAISY ISABEL SHAW,
 Aged 5 years,

The youngest Daughter of the Six Children of the late PATRICK DUNLOP SHAW, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, since March, 1893, Member of the Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, who, having filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden of that Lodge, and of District Grand Registrar, died on the 8th May, 1894, leaving a Widow and Six Children (one son 9 years old, 5 daughters, aged respectively 15, 14, 12, 7½, and 5 years), totally unprovided for. Bro. Shaw was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for upwards of eighteen years, up to the day of his death.

I hope you can in due course send me your proxy.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND.

1, Stone Buildings,
 Lincoln's Inn.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.; R. L. Loveland, Pres. B. of G.P.; W. B. Colman, M.A., S.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Pat.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., Vice-Pres.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Pat.; Edward Cutler, Esq., Q.C., P.G. Org.; J. W. Handley, Esq., P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Gen. R. H. Cuncliffe, P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Walter H. Glazier, P.M. 34; Edwd. T. E. Byles, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.M. 1460, 2459; G. King, W.M. 1641; W. H. Sands, P.M. 1724, 1718; J. Bradley Dyne, P.M. 1731; Montagu Sharpe, P.M. 2022; J. W. Allen, P.M. 2146; T. Sansome Preston, I.P.M. 2408; John Adam, 1198 (Madras); G. D. Coleman, 2323, late 150 (Madras).

each lodge that it was his imperative duty to bring the matter strongly and prominently before every member of his lodge: at the same time, he did not wish the festival to interfere with the desire of any lodge or brother to support the London Charities. He thought there was room for all, and he would like to see them working hand in hand together. In conclusion, he proposed a vote of thanks to the Freemasons' Club for giving them the use of that room for the meeting, and paid a well-deserved compliment to the Committee upon the great improvements they had made in their arrangements. He trusted that brethren would give the Club their hearty support, as he considered it to be the head-quarters of Masonry in the province.

Bro. W. JAFFRAY responded, and expressed a wish that those present who were not then members of the Club would soon become members.

The meeting then terminated.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 9, 1895.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

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.

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, Euston-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, FEBRUARY 4.

RAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
 1660, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.
 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
 1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.
 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
 2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
 2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Stoke Newington.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
 2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM LORAIN SEYMOUR DALLAS,
 Born September 18th, 1884,

Whose first and only chance of Election will occur on the 19th of April next ensuing.

Son of the late Charles Henry Dallas, Merchant, and afterwards Accountant, who died at Shanghai, China, on May 15th last, after a week's illness, aged 52, leaving a widow and three children almost wholly unprovided for.

Bro. C. H. Dallas—initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, Shanghai, in 1863—was appointed as the first District G.M. of Japan in 1874, and held that office for about 12 years. He was a Founder of the Yokohama (1902), O'Entosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1902), the Orient Mark Lodge (304), and the Chrysanthemum Chapter of Rose Croix (94). A Life Governor of the R.M.I.B.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. J. I. Miller, Dist. G.M. North China; H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, Life Governor; C. Thorne, P. Dist. G.M. North China; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., Patron; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron; George Kenning, Patron; Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G.P., Vice-Patron; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Vice-Patron; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., V.-Pres.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., V.-Pres.; William Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancs., V.-Pres.; Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183, V.-Pres.; Jehangir Hormusjee Kothari, V.-Pres.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Life Governor; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., Life Governor; Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., Life Governor; John Smithers, W.M. 38, Life Governor; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, Life Governor; Arthur A. Moss, P.M., 1375, Life Governor; Rev. H. Lansdell, P.G.C.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R.

FOR ECONOMICAL AND RESPECTABLE FUNERALS at stated charges.

To cover all expenses, exclusive of cemetery fees.

BRO. C. G. HATT,
UNDERTAKER,

82, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, W.
 CREMATION AND EMBALMING.

Orders by post or telegrams promptly attended to.
 Price Lists free on application.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, 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., Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, at 4th Mon., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 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-rd., at 6.
 Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
 Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.

RAFT LODGE.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 166, Union, Criterion.
 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
 1159, Marquess of Ripon, 33, Golden-square.
 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-rd.
 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
 1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
 1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.
 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
 2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
 2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
 2409, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGES.

315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.
 255, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

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, Chapside, at 7.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 7.
 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, at 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.
 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.
Kensington, Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Mount 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.
Pillgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

111, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1491, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
1501, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.
1610, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
1687, Cornhill, Cafe Monaco.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville Place.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
193, Lion and Lamb (Ladies' Night), Cannon-street Hotel.
227, Ionic, Criterion.
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
336, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
823, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1351, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thoroton Heath.
2201, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2201, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
2211, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
2312, Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
143, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

1197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Alcester, 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.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Grotched 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 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.
1705, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
2399, Ordinance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

6, Friendship, Criterion.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street, Hotel.
1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitham, Vestry Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, February 9, 1895.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

CRAFT LODGES.	Worcester	Market
Bolton	37	Southport
Halifax	61	Wimborne
Harleston	85	Basingstoke
Dukinfield	89	Ashbourne
Lynn	107	Petersfield
Preston	113	Ipswich
Bridgewater	135	Fowey
Wakefield	154	Altrincham
Plymouth	156	Rochester
Dover	199	Lancaster
Barnstaple	251	Southport
Batley	264	Saltash
Torquay	328	Blackley
Truro	331	Oswestry
Ross	338	Birmingham
Leamington	395	Leeds
Haworth	408	Shelfield
Gainsboro'	422	Exeter
Northwich	428	Liverpool
N. Shields	431	Saffron Walden
Brightlingsea	433	Market Rasen
Cambridge	441	Bocking
Oldham	467	Nottingham
Oxford	478	Lowestoft
Handsworth	482	Swansea

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton	184	Reading	414	Old Brompton	1424
Norwich	213	Workington	962	Canterbury	1449
Bradford	302	Levenshulme	993	Bromley	1692
Brighton	315	Ramsgate	1209	East Retford	1862
Pembroke Dock	378	Mossley	1218	Hull	2134
		Leeds	1221		

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

CRAFT LODGES.	Havant	Frodsham
Nottingham	47	Crewkerne
Norwich	52	Honiton
Plymouth	70	Cambridge
Bristol	103	Linslade
Hereford	120	Bradford
Durham	124	Crews
Sheerness	138	Neyland
Rochford	160	Ulverston
Littleboro'	226	Cockermouth
Dudley	232	Aberystwith
Keighley	265	Walmir
Brighton	315	Manchester
Neath	364	Batley
Milford	366	Weston-super-
Berwick	393	Mare
South Molton	421	Blandford
Ashton-in-		Brigg
Makerrfield	484	Wrexham
Gloucester	493	Newport Pagnel
Liskeard	510	Barton-on-
Folkestone	558	Humber
Burton	624	Crowley
New Malton	660	Amlwch
Liverpool	673	Portmadoc
Stroud	702	Bognor
Bridlington	734	Southampton
Launceston	789	Padstow
Sutton Cold-		Builth
field	794	Bedlington

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham	74	Batley	264	Cleckheaton	603
Darlington	111	Maryport	371	Stockton	940
Whitehaven	119	Broadstairs	429	Kingston Hill	1686
Liverpool	241	Halifax	448	Huddersfield	1783
		Aylesbury	591		

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

CRAFT LODGES.	Ormskirk	Halifax
Prescot	86	Carnarvon
Bury	128	Ludlow
Poole	137	Colchester
E. Stonehouse	159	Abergavenny
Sidmouth	164	Boston
Guernsey	168	Pontefract
Heckmondwike	258	Bungay
Leicester	279	E. Looe
Tavistock	282	Lower Broughton
Stockport	287	Jersey
Rochdale	298	Douglas
Alcester	301	Hull
Mottram	320	Liverpool
Bristol	326	Maldon
Wigton	327	West Malling
Yeovil	329	Derby
Hadleigh	322	Alnwick
Rye	341	Sandwich
Sandwich	368	Atherstone
Budleigh Sal-		Wigan
terton	372	Leigh
Morley	380	Chipping Sod-
Shipley	387	bury
Bishop's Stort-		Warwick
ford	409	Woolston
Dorchester	417	Warminster
Ramsgate	427	Cannock
Haverfordwest	464	Dunmow
Newport, Mon.	471	Park Gate
Berkhamstead	504	Liverpool
Congleton	533	Frizington
Framlingham	555	Eye

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham	20	Ventnor	551	Chorlton-on-
Ryde	175	Liverpool	594	Medlock
Bingley	439	Canterbury	972	Herne Bay

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

CRAFT LODGES.	Hyde	Widnes
Newcastle	24	Grantham
Canterbury	31	Wolverhampton
Chacewater	38	Spilby
Bath	41	Wells, Somerset
Hull	57	Hayle
Lowestoft	71	Uttoxeter
Merthyr Tydvil	110	Accrington
Ipswich	114	Spalding
Colne	116	Shaftesbury
Richmond	123	Stockton
Bournemouth	195	Hartlepool
Dewsbury	208	Walsall
Devenport	230	Howden
Liverpool	249	Stoke-on-Trent
Coventry	254	Blackpool
Heywood	266	Totnes
Blackburn	269	Dursley
Huddersfield	275	Grimsby
Chelmsford	276	Biggleswade
Haslingden	283	Lostwithiel
Leeds	289	Plumstead
Beverley	294	Bruton
Macclesfield	295	Bury
Ashton-under-		Melton Mow-
Lyne	300	bray
Beebles	305	St. Germans
Pareham	309	Elland
Manchester	317	Buxton
Helston	318	Topsham
Stalybridge	324	Horncastle
Uppermill	337	Ripley
Northampton	360	Darlington

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury	31	Maidstone	503	Romford	1437
Plymouth	70	Liverpool	673	Sandown, I.W.	1809
Gravesend	77	Portland	1037	Shanklin, I.W.	1884
Batley	264	Rochester	1050	Wallingford	1887
Leeds	289	Liverpool	1182	Hazel Grove	1957
Uxbridge	382	Sudbury	1224	New Brompton	1907

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

CRAFT LODGES.	Hulme	Southwold
Cardiff	36	Eastbourne
Woodbridge	81	Stow-on-the-
Weymouth	170	Wold
Towcester	445	Eccleshill
Holmfrith	532	Kirkby Lonsdale
Liverpool	680	Mirfield
Louth	712	Hull
Liverpool	786	Swadincote

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond	123	Keighley	265	Liverpool	1393
Bristol	187	Leeds	306	Bristol - Province	
		Bradford	1034		

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

CRAFT LODGES.	Portsmouth	MARK LODGE.
Meltham	149	Didsbury
Sutton	1347	Lower Mitham

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead	478
------------	-----



A CONFERENCE of those interested in the important questions of conciliation and arbitration was held in the Tounber Hall, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P.

CONSEQUENT on the death of Lady Keyser (who was a *membre d'honneur* of the Belgian Benevolent Society), the banquet which was to take place on Thursday, has been postponed until Thursday, the 7th inst.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS opened in Canning Town, on Thursday, the 24th ult., two houses that have been purchased as the headquarters of the Medical Mission connected with the Settlement of Women Workers.

BRO. SIR POLYDOR DE KEYSER has received from His Excellency the Belgian Minister, Baron Whetnall, a letter conveying, on the part of the King and Queen of the Belgians, an expression of their Majesties' sympathy and condolence.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon William M. Sinclair, B.D., has consented to act as one of the examiners of the Training College for Lay Workers, which is conducted by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in Commercial-road, Stepney.

Amongst those present at the memorial service held in Westminster Abbey in honour of the late Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, were Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, O.C., M.P.; Sir Richard Webster, O.C., M.P.; Bro. Sir E. Lawson, Bart.; Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; Bro. Sir F. Seager Hunt, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Col. Howard Vincent, M.P.; Sir Donald Currie, M.P., and others.

THE DEATH is announced of Bro. Major Barge, of Hampton-road, Bristol, a well-known and prominent Freemason. He was a Past Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality (No. 187). Amongst others who attended the funeral were Bros. C. E. Barry, W.M.; E. B. Colthurst, P.M.; P.P.G.S.W.; Pierpont Harris, P.M.; P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; and A. Petter, P.M., P.G.S.B.

BRO. W. G. LEMON, J.P., L.C.C., has intimated that he will not seek re-election to the Council for Lewisham. Bro. Lemon has been a very useful member of the Council, and long served as chairman of the Corporate Property Committee for his work upon which he was warmly and publicly commended by Lord Rosebery. Certainly not less important has been his work as chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, so that he will be a distinct loss to the Council.

A GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR will be held under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, in the Brownlow House and Grounds, Lurgan, on Monday, the 24th of June, and three following days, the object being to raise funds sufficient for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall suitable for the requirements of the three lodges—the *Acacia*, No. 24; the *St. John's*, No. 134; and the *Ulidia*, No. 151—which meet in Lurgan. An influential Committee, of which Bro. H. E. Kincaid, M.A., is the Secretary, has been formed to carry out the arrangements, and to judge from the very liberal programme which is set forth in the prospectus, there should be no difficulty in raising a good round sum in behalf of this commendable project.

OUR MEMORIES of the great struggle in the Crimea, when the allied French, English, and Turkish forces marched, after a victorious conflict with the Russians at the Alma, on Sebastopol, and laid siege to that redoubtable stronghold, have just been revived by the news, received during the present week from Paris, of the death of Marshal Canrobert, at the advanced age of 85 years. Marshal, or as he then was, General Canrobert, succeeded to the command of the French army on the death of Marshal St. Arnaud, and was present at the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, but in the spring he resigned in favour of General Pélissier, and resumed command of the 1st Division. In 1855 he received the bâton of Marshal; in 1859 he fought under Napoleon III. in Italy, rendering valuable assistance at the battles of Magenta and Solferino. In the war with Germany in 1870, he was with Bazaine's army, and became prisoner on the capitulation of Metz. The deceased warrior's funeral will take place with military honours.

THE PRINCE OF WALES presided at the house dinner of the Council of the Imperial Institute on Monday evening, the guest of the evening being Dr. Jamieson, C.B., Administrator of the British Chartered Company's Territories in South Africa. Later in the evening his Royal Highness occupied the chair at the meeting, which was held in the Great Hall of the Institute, and Dr. Jamieson delivered a long and most admirable address on the Past, Present, and Future of South Africa. The address was listened to throughout with the closest attention, the cheers with which many of the lecturer's sentiments were received being most enthusiastic, and at the close a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Dr. Jamieson on the motion of the Prince. Amongst those present were Bro. the Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony; Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies under Lord Salisbury's administration; Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord Chancellor, representing the present Government; Sir Lintorn Simmons, Lord Playfair, Bro. Sir Charles Mills, Bro. Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, Bro. Sir T. Somers-Vine, Sir S. Samuel, Sir G. Bowen, Sir Horace Farquhar, Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, and others.

CAPPER'S CELEBRATED CONSTITUTION CURE.—Is a new and original preparation not contained in any other advertised medicine, and has proved to be a reliable remedy for all complaints resulting from a disordered condition of the Head, Stomach, Liver, and Blood. It is also strongly recommended by all who have tried it for the cure of Gout, Rheumatic Gout, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Stiff and Swollen Joints, and all nerve pains. It is perfectly safe in all cases, and for all ages. Testimonials in favour of it are being received daily. Post free 1s. 3d. and 3s. per case.—Agent by special appointment, BRO. G. COUCHMAN, Rutland-place, Charterhouse-square, London, E.C.—ADVT.

BRO. ALDERMAN TRELOAR will not contest Finsbury East, London County Council.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR returned to the Mansion House from the Coast, last Monday, much invigorated.

BRO. J. TICKLE has been elected Chairman of the Billingsgate and Leadenhall Committee for the ensuing year.

THERE HAS BEEN a large demand for Bro. G. A. Sala's Autobiography, published this week by Messrs. Cassell & Co. The first large supply was exhausted on the day of publication.

AT A MEETING held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., of St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, Bro. Walter H. Wellsman, J.W., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The W.M. elect is the second son of Bro. Wellsman, C.C.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL (Lord Chancellor) has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman at the anniversary festival, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the funds of the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary for Scrofula at Margate, on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

A CORRESPONDENT has very kindly informed us that of the 72 persons who were elected members of the Fulham Vestry in December last, 12 are Freemasons, and that of these 12 one has been elected to the Chairmanship of the Vestry, and ten others to be Chairmen of different committees.

AT THE NEXT MEETING of the Court of the Spectacle-makers' Company, the Master (Mr. J. Sebag Montefiore, J.P.) will move a resolution asking the court to confer the honorary freedom of the company upon the Astronomer Royal (Mr. W. H. M. Christie), in recognition of his services in the cause of optical science.

IN OUR announcement last week that a special Masonic service would be held at the Highbury Quadrant Church, on Sunday evening, the 24th inst., we stated inadvertently that it would be held under the auspices of the "Highbury" Lodge, No. 2192, whereas it should have been the "Highgate" Lodge, No. 1366. We regret the error.

THE QUEEN will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, the 19th February, and on Tuesday, the 5th March, under the same regulations as last year. More Drawing Rooms will be held later in the season. The Prince of Wales will hold a Levée, on her Majesty's behalf, at St. James's Palace, towards the end of February. The precise date will be shortly announced.

THE FEBRUARY NUMBER of "Cassell's Magazine" opens with an article upon "Some Royal Pets," illustrated by drawings by Mr. Ernest M. Jessop, to whom special facilities were given at Windsor and Sandringham for sketching these favourite retainers of royalty. In the same number appears an interview with the late Mr. R. L. Stevenson in Samoa from the pen of a New Zealand journalist.

IN "THE QUIVER" for February Miss T. Sparrow continues her account of her experiences "As One of the Penniless Poor." "With the Fish-Curers" is the special subject of this month's paper. The same number contains "A Day in the Life of a Bishop," by the Rev. Montague Fowler, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The paper is illustrated by photographs taken at Lambeth and Wells and in the Melanesian Mission.

MEETINGS of the Philadelphia Sovereign Consistory, S.P.R.S. 32, and of the Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 140, were appointed to be held in the Gothic Hall of the Masonic Temple in that city on Friday the 18th ult., when a number of candidates for acceptance into the latter body were set down for ballot. Both the Consistory and the Lodge are under the obedience of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

THE BRONZE MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE have been awarded to Bro. James Noble, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, by the Royal Humane Society for a recent act of bravery in rescuing a woman from drowning in the river near Blackfriars Bridge. The presentation was made on Friday last, the 25th ult., by Col. Henry Smith, City Commissioner, who, in addressing the recipient, alluded to his exemplary conduct while serving in the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Col. Smith also expressed his gratification at such recognition on the part of the Society, adding that Bro. Noble, by his action, had brought great credit on himself.

THE ordinary general meeting of the Royal Aquarium and Summer and Winter Garden Society, Limited, was held in the Theatre of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, on Friday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Mr. Josiah Ritchie, Chairman and Managing Director. The report and accounts were submitted and adopted, after which, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dominy, a dividend of 5 per cent., less income tax, was declared for the year ended the 31st December, 1894. Messrs. Ritchie and Dominy were re-elected Directors, and Messrs. Cash, Stone & Co., Auditors, and the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors for their services during the past year.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.—Bro. Benjamin Bridgman, W.M.—The above ancient lodge intend holding their first annual ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 20th inst., on which occasion the whole of the elegantly decorated suite of rooms will be thrown open. A dispensation has been granted the lodge, permitting brethren to wear Craft clothing. Tickets and further information may be obtained, on application to the following brethren, who have kindly promised to act as M.C.s.: Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., "Fairlawn," Parsons Green, S.W.; Bro. F. Thomas, S.W., 1, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, S.W.; Bro. H. Beauchamp, J.W., 6, Clovelly-terrace, Parsons Green, S.W.; Bro. R. Iling, I.G., 7, St. George's-circus, S.E.; and Bro. S. C. Montague Austin, J.D., 11, Park-side, Albert Gate, S.W., Hon. Sec. and Treas.

WILL TRADE IMPROVE?—So far everyone admits that 1894 is every whit as bad as 1893. Universal grumbling prevails. But while we hope for better times, let us not forget that we are ourselves in some measure to blame for the trouble. Certainly we should have much less cause for grumbling if we took better care of our health. Nothing unites one for work so much as illness. Even what we are wont to call minor complaints lead to endless trouble. Happily in Holloway's Pills and Ointment we have the means of effecting a speedy cure for all such troubles, and we should be foolish indeed if we neglected to avail ourselves of them.

BRO. DR. RALPH GOODING, J.P. of the Poultern's Company, has been elected Chairman of the Vestry of Greenwich.

BRO. A. J. HOLLINGTON, L.C.C., states that his retirement from the representation of Mile End is due solely to ill-health brought on by overwork.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association will be held at the Holborn Restaurant to-morrow (Saturday) evening, under the presidency of Bro. Benjamin Ward Richardson.

BRO. CHARLES GARTON presided at the annual dinner of the employees of Messrs. Samuel Bros., on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall. Bro. Joy proposed "The Health of the Firm." Nearly 100 sat down to dinner.

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 Henriens" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

MESSRS. CASSELL & Co. will shortly publish a New Work, entitled "A King's Diary," by Mr. Percy White, author of "Mr. Bailey-Martin." It will be issued in a form peculiar to itself, and will be followed by other works produced in a similar manner. Mr. Max Pemberton is, we understand, to undertake the selection and editing of this new departure in the issue of Pocket Editions.

SUNDAY LECTURE SOCIETY.—The third series of lectures given by this Society begins on Sunday afternoon, the 3rd inst., in St. George's Hall, Langham-place, at 4 p.m., when Arthur Smith Woodward, Esq. (of the British Museum), will lecture on "The Restoration of Extinct Animals." Lectures will subsequently be given by R. D. Roberts, Esq., M.A., D.Sc.; Prof. Henry E. Armstrong, Ph.D., LL.D., F.R.S. (President of Chemical Society); C. T. Whitwell, Esq., M.A., B.Sc.; C. W. Kimminis, Esq., M.A., D.Sc.; Douglas Carnegie, Esq., M.A.; and W. Mayhew Heller, Esq., B.Sc.

BRO. JAS. STEVENS, P.M., delivered a lecture on "Fruit-growing in Australia" in the Sale Room of the Railway Gates, Queen's-road, Brighton, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Bro. C. W. Hudson presided as chairman, and introduced Bro. Stevens to the audience, which was a very numerous one, and frequently gave expression of the pleasure it derived from the lecture. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, the Chairman proposing it, the audience adopting it with acclamation, and the lecturer acknowledging it with a brief but appropriate speech.

THE SECOND annual report and financial statement of the Executive Committee of the "Liberator" Relief Fund shows that the total income for the past year was £15,345 12s. 2d., of which £3397 4s. 1d. was brought forward as balance from previous account. The donations and subscriptions and other moneys raised amounted to £11,488 17s. 1d., and the interest on deposit account and dividends reached £459 11s. Among the disbursements are £6108 10s. for relief, of which £3399 10s. was for temporary grants, and the rest for grants in relief to annuitants, while £5000 was laid out in the purchase of Consols. A balance of £2937 11s. 11d. remained at the close of the year. We trust the fund will be still more generously supported during the present year.

MASONIC BALL IN AID OF THE OTLEY CHARITIES.—The officers and brethren of the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, held another of their popular balls in aid of the Masonic Charities on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. As usual, the Mechanics' Hall was tastefully decorated, and the attendance was again large. Messrs. Walker and Hardwick's band supplied the music, and the supper-room and refreshment buffet were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Burley-in-Wharfedale. The Stewards were Bros. A. Dawson, F. C. Dawson, W. Strain, J. Macnab, H. Barker, W. Laycock, F. Coupland, W. H. Dawson, and W. A. Walker. Craft and Royal Arch clothing was worn under dispensations.

FUNERAL OF BRO. WEBSTER.—The remains of Bro. Charles E. Webster, of the George Hotel, West Derby-road, Liverpool, were interred on the 24th ult., at Smith-down-road Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mrs. Webster (widow), Messrs. Charles E. and Albert Webster (sons), Misses Rose, Mary, and Mabel Webster (daughters), Mr. Joseph Webster (brother), Mrs. D. Edwards (sister), Messrs. D. Edwards, J. and W. Hodson (brothers-in-law), Messrs. E. Davies, F. Willings, W. Wood, Thomas Johnston, W. Forbes, W. E. Goodwin, L. Harpur, H. B. Wood, R. Davies, and J. McCall. There were also present Bros. James White, J. Brophy, R. Calder, A. Yates, and other brethren of Lodge No. 965, of which the deceased was a member. The coffin, of polished oak, with brass mountings, covered with floral wreaths, bore the inscription: "Charles Edward Webster, died 21st January, 1895, aged 43 years." The funeral service was impressively conducted by the Rev. T. A. Howard, of St. Matthew's, Hill-street.

CAN WOMEN BE FREEMASONS? There is nothing to prevent their joining, said Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, in his lecture at St. George's Hall, on "The Past, Present, and Future of Freemasonry." In 1775 there was a ladies' lodge at St. Petersburg, and it was carried on with all true Masonic dignity for several years. But we have a record nearer home than that, of a lady—the great aunt of the present Mrs. Basil Wilberforce—becoming a Freemason, and, as Dr. Richardson says, remaining one of the best who ever entered the Craft. There are two readings of the story as to how Miss St. Leger joined the Order. One is that, impelled by curiosity, she secreted herself in the room in which the lodge was to be held, but, being discovered by the Tyler, was dragged forth to be killed, when her lover—who was one of the body—rushed forward and exclaimed that they must kill him first, whereupon, to save her lover's life, the young lady was made a Mason. The other and less romantic, but probably truer version is, that the lodge was being held in a kind of library, part of the wall of which had been broken down to make a new window. Miss St. Leger, passing along the corridor of her father's house—perceiving a light in the chink of the wall, and looking in, she was seen, seized, and taken into the lodge, where, at her brother's—not her lover's—suggestion, she was made a Mason.—*Ladies' Review*.