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## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Nothing more clearly demonstrates the amazing progress that has been made in English Masonry during the last 30 or 40 years than the exceeding care which is bestowed upon lodge work and the ever-increasing interest that is taken as to the manner in which that work should be carried out. Years ago the average Master of a lodge presided at its opening and closing, and occasionally, when the spirit moved him to exhibit a little more energy than usual or to make it manifest to the officers and members that he possessed the ability, if not always the inclination to discharge faithfully the duties of his important office, he would work a ceremony or deliver an address or charge, which for the time, at all events, won him infinite *kudos*. As a rule, however, anything like a perfect knowledge of our ritual was confined to comparatively a few brethren, who were thoroughly competent to perform, or direct the performance of, every description of lodge work, and were always willing to undertake it either in the lodge or lodges to which they belonged, or in other lodges which invited their assistance. Now, another feeling prevails among the lodges and the great majority of those brethren who aspire to office are both willing and able to undertake the duties which devolve upon them. Much of this improvement is due to the facilities afforded by our lodges of instruction, but our belief is that we are indebted for it in a still greater degree to the stronger sense of duty among the brethren themselves. Men have long realised the absurdity—to use no stronger term—of accepting office with the full intention of handing over its duties to be performed by another, and thus it has come about that in the majority of our lodges all the offices are filled by brethren who are competent to do what is required of them fairly well. But there is still room, though in a somewhat different direction, for further improvement. Masters of lodges are, as we have said, for the most part masters of the work they are called upon to perform, but they are very far from being as familiar as they ought to be with the general tenour of our laws. At their installation, their attention is particularly called to the Book of Constitutions, on the ground that there is scarcely any kind of difficulty that can occur in the lodge in which it will not be able to set them right. But the letters we occasionally publish, the queries we occasionally answer, but still more, the letters for which we are unable to find room, or which are better omitted, and the questions which are in so many cases too simple to be treated seriously, or which it would be indiscreet to answer in a public print, all these tend to show that the attention of Masters, though thus seriously invited, is by no means as seriously directed towards a study of this Book, and yet there is scarcely a brother who has passed the chair of his lodge who has not at some time or other during his tenure of office been called upon to decide, in most cases offhand, as to the mode of procedure that should be followed in certain circumstances of difficulty. It is not so very long since that a Master and one of his Past Masters were suspended for a time from their Masonic rights and privileges through having acted in contravention of one of the laws framed especially for their guidance in certain cases, nor would it be difficult to quote other cases in which the law has been broken, not intentionally, but from ignorance or unfamiliarity with its provisions. Moreover, though our Book of Constitutions has been compiled in such a manner as to meet the difficulties which commonly beset a Master in the discharge of his functions, it is by no means the easiest thing in the world to correctly interpret its meaning in all cases. It is within the experience of most of our readers that difficulties occur in lodges, which are dealt with by the Board of General Purposes. Of these, as well as of the decision at which the Board arrives, an official record is no doubt kept, but the record is not made public, and therefore the general body of Masons remain in ignorance both as to the particulars of the difference, and the manner in which it is settled. In cases where an appeal is made to Grand Lodge against the judgment of any of our authorities, the papers relating thereto are open to the inspection of the brethren, and the appeal is discussed publicly, and almost invariably settled in accordance with the opinions expressed by the Grand Registrar, who is the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, and whose rulings are authoritative. But the number of appeals is very limited, while the questions which are considered by the authorities, whether local or general, are well nigh innumerable, and as various in character as they are numerous. It is, therefore, suggested by a correspondent whose letter appears elsewhere—and it is a suggestion which is well worthy of consideration—that a work containing all the most important decisions of Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes should be compiled, and issued “by authority,” for the guidance of the brethren. Such a book would be invaluable, nor do we think that Grand Lodge would offer any objection to its publication. But the task of compiling it would be a laborious one, and, though we rejoice to

say there are many men in our ranks who are competent to undertake it, a very large amount of encouragement will be needed to induce them to embark on so important an enterprise. One of the most important of the late Bro. Dr. OLIVER's contributions to Masonic literature was his book on “Masonic Jurisprudence,” but that distinguished brother never claimed for it anything in the nature of an official sanction, and if he had done so, the number of years that have elapsed since he compiled it is such that its value as a guide in all but the simplest class of questions seems very questionable. At all events, there is no doubt that a textbook on English Masonic Jurisprudence, to the publication of which Grand Lodge was willing to give its sanction, would prove a boon to the Craft generally. Dare we hope that such a project will be favourably received by the English brethren?

## THE MASONIC HOME OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We are justly proud of the Institutions which from time to time have been erected for Charitable purposes by English Freemasons. We venture to think—not without a considerable show of reason—that there are none others like them on the face of the earth, none, that is to say of that very numerous class of Charitable Institutions, which, having few or no endowments or invested capital, are mainly dependent for support on voluntary contributions. We know that they are well administered and that they accomplish the purposes for which they have been severally established in a manner which is worthy of the highest praise; and thus the pride we take in them, as it rests on the sure and certain basis of accomplished facts, is a just and natural feeling, which we need not be at any pains to conceal from our brother Masons in other jurisdictions. But though we rightly assign the first place in our esteem and respect to the Charities of our own creation, we must not run away with the idea that Masonic communities in other parts of the world are not exerting themselves, in honourable rivalry with us, to achieve equal success in the same beneficent field of labour. In a recent article entitled “The Craft in Pennsylvania,” we drew attention to the admirable manner in which the brethren in that State, who derive their Masonry from us, are fulfilling their appointed duties, their reverence for the old Landmarks, and their strict adherence to the ancient customs of the Order, but more particularly to the splendid service they have rendered to the cause of Masonic Charity by the erection of their Home for decayed brethren. Since writing that article we have received a later number of the *Philadelphia Keystone*, in which is published in full the Report of the Board of Managers of the said Home for the year 1894, we may almost go so far as to say, for the whole period of 10 years since the constitution of the Charity. We are therefore in a position to lay before our readers a still more correct estimate of the nature and extent of the good that is being done by our Pennsylvanian brethren in this branch of Masonic duty.

The report in question, which was submitted at a meeting of the Board of Managers in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday, the 11th ult., shows, firstly, that the Home was opened on the 1st January, 1884, with one inmate, and that it now provides accommodation for 37. The total number of aged brethren who have been nominated for admission during the 10 years the Charity has been in existence is 97, of whom 67 have been admitted, 20 declined, three withdrawn, and five died pending nomination, while the remaining two are still on the list. Of the 67 who have been admitted, one is said to have been “honourably discharged” and 29 have died, leaving the aforesaid 37 as the present occupants of the Home. Next as to the membership of the Institution; in 1884, there were 36 Masonic bodies and eight individuals on the roll; ten years later they had increased to 136 of the former and 358 of the latter, or together 494 as compared with 44 at the outset. The receipts during the 10 years exceed 129,000 dollars (£25,800), of which about 26,500 dollars is set down in respect of “Permanent and Endowment Funds,” 8800 dollars for “Sundry Building and Improvement Funds,” 3100 dollars as “Special Donations,” and the rest, amounting to upwards of 90,000 dollars for general purposes. The expenditure for the same period amounts to over 98,500 dollars, the balance of 30,000 dollars and upwards representing the sum invested and the cash in hand. The chief items among the disbursements include between 42,000 and 43,000 dollars for “General Maintenance;” over 40,000 dollars for “Real Estate and Improvements;” 5500 dollars for “Salaries,” and about 6300 dollars for “Printing, Postage, and Incidentally.” So much for the whole period the Home has been in existence; for the year 1894 the Treasurer's Report shows a total of receipts from all sources—exclusive of the gift of 12,000 dollars by Mrs. QUEEN as a memorial of her late brother, Dr. DICKEY—amounting to close on 14,400 dollars, and expended, exclusive of 5000 dollars invested, 8300 dollars. It is satisfactory

to note that all the Grand Bodies in the State contribute towards the maintenance of the Institution, the amount given by Grand Lodge being 500 dollars, by the Grand Chapter 300 dollars, by the Grand Commandery 300 dollars, and by the Ancient and Accepted Rite 100 dollars. The amount raised on 1st January, 1895, including estimated value of gifts in kind, is set down at 27,400 dollars, the number of contributors being given as 339.

The figures we have been at the pains of furnishing in some detail demonstrates clearly enough that the brethren in Pennsylvania, having established a Home for aged and decayed Masons, are sparing no efforts to establish it on a firm basis. The amounts received annually in subscriptions, donations, and bequests are considerable, while the Institution is being conducted economically, and at the same time with a due regard to the comfort and convenience of its inmates. The assets already amount to a goodly sum, and, what must be still more gratifying, there are absolutely no incumbrances on the property of the Charity. We therefore congratulate most heartily the brethren in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the ample measure of success which has thus far attended their efforts in behalf of the poorer members of their body, and we sincerely trust that their Home, which has already attained considerable proportions, will become year by year worthier, and still more worthy, of the generous support of the lodges and brethren in the Keystone State.

#### LADY FREEMASONS.

The announcement in the *Daily Telegraph* of Monday—whether intended as a “goak” or seriously, is immaterial—that “a Cambridgeshire lady has determined to start a lodge of Freemasons on her own account” and that “the number of applications she has received from sisters anxious to become acquainted with the ancient secrets of the mystic order, testify to an earnest desire on the part of many women to assist men in the working of the craft”—amuses, but does not surprise us. We have grown accustomed to the assertion of women’s rights, and are, therefore, to a certain extent, prepared for any and every development of feminine eccentricity which is possible or probable. But we are curious—as descended from Eve, not unnaturally curious—upon sundry points. Whence will this Cambridgeshire lady obtain her Masonry, whence her authority to constitute lodges, and when she has succeeded in obtaining her Masonry and setting up her lodges, how will she instruct them to discharge their appointed duties? Our contemporary suggests that as, according to popular tradition, the Master of a Mason’s lodge is the representative of King Solomon who presided over the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Mistress of a lady-Mason’s lodge might dub herself the representative of the Queen of Sheba. But this would hardly do. According to the Biblical account of the meeting of these ancient monarchs, the Queen was attracted to Jerusalem by the fame of Solomon’s wisdom, and, finding how infinitely greater it was than report had represented it, she made him costly gifts of gold and spices and precious stones, and did him reverence. If, then, the Mistress-Mason proclaims herself the representative of the Queen of Sheba, it will be tantamount to an acknowledgment of the superiority of Male Masonry, and the whole fabric of women’s rights, which the fair sex have been striving for so many years to establish, will totter to its very base. But, if we assume that this difficulty is surmounted, there are still others, which it will tax all their energies and inventive faculties to overcome. If they establish lodges they must improvise some system of governing them; if they accept candidates, they must formulate a ceremony of initiation. They will require signs, tokens, and words to know each other by, and distinguish those who are Masons from the outside feminine world who are not. Still, the difficulties in the way of accomplishing all this, though undoubtedly great, are not insuperable, and England may come to possess an “Eastern Star” organisation such as the Americans have to-day, or a *Maçonnierie d’Adoption* such as found favour in France in the latter half of last century. But whether, when the Cambridgeshire lady and her friends have set up their Temples of Sheba, it will be found that they bear any resemblance to Freemasonry as it has been handed down from time immemorial to the inferior male sex, is a point on which we offer no opinion. We await, as we have said already, the result of these efforts to establish lady Masonic lodges in England with true feminine curiosity.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

##### INSTALLATION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The inauguration of this province took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., and under such favourable auspices as will doubtless ensure for its future a marked and continued success. Originally, Leicestershire formed a province by itself, but in course of time as Mark Masonry took root in the neighbouring counties of Northampton and Derby, it was found convenient for these to be added, and subsequently the Howe Lodge, No. 21, whose home was at Melton Mowbray, being authorised by Grand Lodge to meet alternately at Oakham, where some of its members resided, the county of Rutland was thereby attached. The rapid increase in the Degree caused the united province to become at length unwieldy and unmanageable, and much difficulty and inconvenience was experienced by many of the brethren in meeting together at any given centre. Under these circumstances there naturally sprung up a growing desire for a division to be made, and whilst the matter was being freely discussed, the decease of our late revered and veteran Prov. Grand Master (Bro. William Kelly) afforded the opportunity for the M.W. Grand Master to take the matter into consideration, and decide upon

its becoming a *fait accompli*—Derbyshire being constituted a separate province; Northampton united to Huntingdon and Bedfordshire; and Leicestershire and Rutland reverting practically to its old and original boundaries. Bereft of so grand a chief as Bro. Kelly, under whose genial sway the province had for six-and-thirty years been ruled, and to whom its ever-increasing prosperity was mainly due, it was pardonable if the Leicestershire brethren felt their loss irreparable, and knew not whither to turn for a like successor. The province may now be heartily congratulated on the appointment by the M.W. Grand Master of so eminent and distinguished a brother as the *Pro Grand Master* to rule over its destinies, and the thanks of the brethren are due to Lord Euston, who amid the multiplicity of other masonic engagements had so kindly consented to take the province under his charge.

The proceedings of Wednesday were opened under the presidency of the Viscount Dungarvan, D.G.M., assisted by several Officers of Grand Lodge. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, acted as D.P.G.M.; A. Woodiwiss, Prov. G. Master of Derbyshire, as S.W.; R. Berridge, P.S.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.S.G.W., Grand Sec.; C. H. Driver, P.G.O., G.I. of W.; J. Balfour-Cockburn, P.G.D., G.D. of C.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas., as A.D.C.; Major Clifford Probyn, G.S.B.; and Charles Belton, P.G.O., as Grand Inner Guard.

The D.G.M. having been saluted by the brethren assembled, and the preliminary proceedings gone through, a procession was formed and the Provincial Grand Master designate introduced in proper form. Then followed a brief address by the D.G.M., who in the course of his remarks, alluding to the high office held and the estimable services rendered by the Prov. G. Master designate, said there was little need to remind him of the nature of the duties and the qualifications of the office to which he had been nominated, being already so well acquainted with them.

The Prov. G. Master having been obligated and conducted to the right of the Deputy Grand Master, was invested and inducted into the chair. After being proclaimed and saluted, he announced the appointment of Bro. William Jesse Freer, P.M. 21, P.P.G.W., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The D.P.G.M. was then addressed on the duties appertaining to his office, and upon taking the customary obligation was invested and inducted into his seat on the right of the R.W. Prov. G. Master.

On the Roll of Lodges being called, a goodly response was made in the number of brethren present. The Treasurer was then elected and the appointment and investiture of officers made as follows:

Bro. B. A. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
“ W. D. Grant	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
“ T. Paget	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
“ J. Thorpe	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
“ T. S. H. Ashwell	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
“ Rev. R. W. Lancaster	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
“ J. H. Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
“ F. S. Preston	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
“ Rev. H. J. Mason	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
“ W. Vial	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
“ W. W. Vincent	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
“ T. W. Lumley	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
“ J. H. Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
“ C. Oliver	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
“ W. H. Barrow	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
“ S. Cleaver	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
“ W. Bream	...	...	...	
“ W. A. Spencer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
“ T. Corcoran	...	...	...	
“ P. Joseph	...	...	...	
“ J. Taneer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The clothing and regalia of the late Bro. Kelly being presented to the lodge by Bro. Freer, on behalf of the executors, was thankfully accepted, and the proposal of the Prov. Grand Master, that the same be suitably framed and hung up in the lodge room as a memento of the long service rendered, and the interest taken in Mark Masonry by our late brother, met with the unanimous approval of the brethren.

A well-timed reminder by the Grand Secretary of the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund reaching many of the brethren by the morning’s post, the newly-appointed D.P.G.M. seized the opportunity of doing the proper thing by volunteering to become a Steward at the ensuing festival, which, is quite unnecessary to add, received the commendation of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Lord Dungarvan and the officers of Grand Lodge for their services, and acknowledged in suitable terms by his lordship. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet was subsequently held in the Masonic rooms, at which about 60 of the brethren were present. The customary loyal toasts having been given, the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed that of “The Deputy Prov. Grand Master,” and Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN responded in a very happy and humorous vein.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed that of “The Prov. Grand Master,” and in his reply Bro. Lord EUSTON spoke in eulogistic terms of the Mark Degree, and of its close alliance with the Craft Degrees, and expressed his readiness to come at all times amongst the brethren and to do whatever lay in his power for the good of the Order and its extension in that province.

The enthusiastic spirit which dominated the remarks of his lordship were heartily reciprocated, and everyone felt that a fresh impetus had been given to the furtherance and well-being of the cause with which it was his privilege to be connected.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed “The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past,” which was responded to by Bro. FREER, who, speaking for himself and the officers,

said that in the discharge of their respective duties nothing would be lacking on their part in endeavouring to emulate the spirit and love for Mark Masonry as exhibited by the Prov. Grand Master, and he hoped that for many a long year it might be their good fortune to be associated with him in the work.

The exigencies of the Midland Railway service at this juncture compelled the retirement of the Prov. Grand Master and officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Berridge alone remaining to advocate the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the toast being ably responded to by Bro. Freer proved to have had a desirable effect, for Bro. T. Paget at once arose and announced his intention of becoming a second Steward in the province for that fund.

The remainder of the evening being spent in harmony, proved a very successful and hopeful initiation of the new province, or which perhaps may be more fittingly termed a rejuvenescence and infusion of fresh vigour into the old.

**CONSECRATION OF THE BOOTLE MARK LODGE,**  
No. 478.

The Degree of Mark Masonry has of late years made considerable progress in the Province of Lancashire, and especially in the western division, of which Liverpool is the centre. The membership of the lodges has largely increased, but owing to the comparative fewness of the number held in so large a district, brethren have, in many instances, had to travel a considerable distance in order to attend to their duties. This inconvenience was particularly felt in Bootle, and accordingly it was decreed by a number of Mark Master Masons hailing from the borough to found a new lodge, to be held at the County Hall, Pembroke-road. A charter was applied for and graciously granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the impressive ceremony of consecration was performed in the County Hall at 2.30 on Saturday the 26th ult. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Lancashire, was in the chair, and he was assisted in the ceremony by Bro. J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.W., as S.W.; Bro. W. Platt, Prov. G.J.W., as J.W.; Bro. Rev. Charles Courtney Bluett, Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; Bro. W. Hewson, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C., as Assistant D.C.; and Bro. A. H. Leach, Prov. G. Org., as Organist. There was a large attendance of Provincial G. Officers, Present and Past, and brethren, the lodges represented including the West Lancashire, Walton, Rose and Thistle (Wigan), Southport, Lathom, Excelsior, Clarence, Liverpool, and Chorlton. After the ceremony of consecration had been performed, the W.M. designate, Bro. Walter Simpson, Prov. S.G.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. Capt. Murray, P.G.O. England, P. Prov. G.D.C. A Treasurer (Bro. W. Goodacre, Past G.D.), and a Tyler having been elected, the W.M. invested the following as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Alfred Cross, S.W.; G. C. Moir, J.W.; J. Haynes, M.O.; A. E. Smith, S.O.; L. Platts, J.O.; W. Goodacre, Treas.; W. Marvie, R. of M.; T. McHugh, Sec.; J. V. Thompson, S.D.; H. E. Thompson, J.D.; J. Fletcher, D.C.; W. Taylor, I.G.; and J. A. Crowther and E. Cowley, Stwds. The principal brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Pye, P.J.G.W.; R. Rawlinson, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Armstrong, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; R. Sharrock, P.G.O.; G. E. Wand, P.G.S.B.; S. Locke, P.G.T.; T. Whitehead, P.P.J.G.W.; G. A. Myers, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Marsh, P.A.G. Sec.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; and J. W. Kenyon, P.P.J.G.O. The founders of the lodge, which is named the Bootle Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and is numbered 478 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, are Bros. W. Simpson, 158, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. A. Cross, 393; G. C. A. Moir, 359; John Fletcher, 359; John Haynes, 359; Thomas McHugh, 65; Herbert E. Thompson, 65; Isaac Platts, 359; William Macvie, 359; and W. Goodacre, 447. During the afternoon the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and Bros. the Rev. C. C. Bluett, and Capt. Murray were elected honorary members of the lodge.

**Bro. C. C. BLUETT, Prov. G. Chap., delivered the following oration :**

R.W. Provincial Grand Master and brethren,—The brief address to which it is now my great privilege to ask you both patiently and kindly to listen is determined by the simple fact that I did not become a Mason when, as regards my natural life, the sun was at its meridian, but only when it was rapidly westerly. Consequently my knowledge of the complicated history and traditions of Masonry is extremely limited, and has been gathered from happy intercourse with brethren who genuinely love the grand principles on which our Order is founded, and who both desire and endeavour to act continually in conformity with those principles, and thus enjoy in themselves the purest pleasures of Masonry, and who seek to impart the same to others by their happy influence. By the ceremony of to-day we are more particularly led to speak of the "Mark Degree." This beautiful Degree is, I believe, as old as the Craft itself, and I am informed was always in Scotland the Second Degree until the formation of the present Grand Lodge, and from whatever period the Craft ritual may date, that of the Mark Degree will as to its language and purity of style bear favourable comparison with it. The subject of Masonry, both ancient in its history and amazing in its traditions, has ever proved to earnest-minded Masons, who have talents to exercise and time to expend, most fascinating, but it has not been allowed to escape the most careful and critical scrutiny of those who are anything but friendly to the Order, and who are too prone to utter words not only in foolish ridicule—but something worse. Now in spite of all the researches intended to throw light on so complicated a matter, both friendly and otherwise, all the efforts to trace back to its source our history have to a large extent been baffled, and we must be content to know that very much will always remain thickly veiled from view and utterly lost in obscurity. Yet very much that is interesting has been brought to light. For instance, evidences, even on the increase, exist that at least Operative Masonry was in long ages past organised in societies, though when Operative and Speculative Masons were united is still one of the problems waiting a solution. Certainly clearly defined Masonic marks are to be found in the most ancient buildings, not only at home, but abroad, and, upon the authority of some, even in the Holy City, Jerusalem, itself. As your Chaplain, I want to ask an interesting and important question—how is it to be accounted for that Masonry has not only so wonderfully survived the wreck of mighty empires, and has so successfully resisted the destroying hand of time, and at this day is spread over the world, and continues to exert so powerful an influence for good wherever

it is loyally accepted and acted upon. Surely there can be but one answer to our inquiry, boldly and simply stated. The answer is this—"the purity and nobility of our grand principles, they stand unchangeable and universally applicable, so that wherever the sun shines, men meet face to face as brethren, hand is clasped in hand, and heart is united with heart, by the one strong bond of Brotherhood, and Masonry is thus felt to be a power largely contributing to render life truly happy, and, at the same time, truly and extensively useful. Now, let us all ardently wish for, as we may all confidently look for, a thoroughly successful career of the Bootle Mark Lodge now being consecrated, placed, as it is, from its commencement under the guidance and direction of so experienced and enthusiastic a Mark Master Mason as the Worshipful Master designate, supported, as he undoubtedly will be, with zeal and loyalty, by those who appear with him to-day as the founders of this new lodge. Now, I am reminded by one of the beautiful emblems depicted in our lodge-room, that we are all of us embarked on the sea of life, which may sometimes be calm, but is often much troubled and tempest-tossed; therefore, let us ever keep in mind, as the ultimate end of our voyage, that peaceful haven in which we hope to be safely anchored, where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest; and then the hearing of that joyful and welcome salutation in the Grand Lodge above from our Grand Overseer—"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

**CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE,**  
No. 2541.

For nearly two years past a scheme has been on foot among the brethren residing in and near Shirehampton to establish a lodge at Avonmouth. As Sir Michael Hicks Beach explained on Tuesday, the 29th ult., the members of the Province of Gloucestershire have always been very cautious in assenting to an increase in the number of lodges, and the close proximity of Avonmouth to the Province of Bristol introduced a new set of conditions. The perseverance of the founders, however, and particularly of their leading spirit, Bro. Charles Holtom, happily surmounted all difficulties. The Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., granted the necessary charter towards the end of last year, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, fixed the 29th ult. for the important ceremony of consecration. Most wisely the founders have met the objection to meet on licensed premises, by leasing a very convenient building for their hall, premises formerly used as a workmen's club, close to Avonmouth Dock Station. This, however, was altogether too small for the function on the 29th ult., which was therefore held in the parish schools, which had been admirably arranged for the occasion. The lodge starts with very handsome furniture and appointments, for which it is largely indebted to the gifts of members and friends. Its number is 2541, and it is called St. Andrew's Lodge, after the patron saint of the parish church. Although the heavy fall of snow had prevented several who were expected from attending, there was a very large gathering of brethren from Bristol, Gloucestershire, and Somerset, upwards of 200 in all, and they were with difficulty accommodated in the building.

The Consecrating Officer was the Prov. G.M., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who was assisted by the following of his officers:—

Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M.; James Bruton, Prov. S.G.W.; R. W. Northcott, Prov. J.G.W.; G. Linton Thorpe, Prov. G. Chap.; J. B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Sec.; H. Cooke, Prov. S.G.D.; Sidney P. Ryland, Prov. G. D.C.; R. F. Turner, Prov. G.A.D.C.; A. Philpott, P.G.S.B.; M. Llewellyn Evans, Prov. A.G. Sec.; F. Forty, Prov. G. Org.; and F. Cullis, Prov. G.P. There were also present the following P.G. Officers of Gloucestershire:—Bros. R. Sumner, Prov. Charity Sec.; T. G. Seymour, P.P.S.G.W.; W. G. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Crossman, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Roberts, P.P.G.R.; J. Waghorne, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Fenner, P.P.S.G.D.; and E. Lea, P.P.G.D.C. From Bristol—Bros. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.; David Rose, P.S.G.W.; P. Harris, P.G. Sec.; E. B. Colthurst, P.G.D.C.; A. Petter, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Low, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Gard, P.P.J.G.W.; E. J. Grubb, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Cullimore, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Owner, P.P.J.G.D.; H. F. Price, P.P.G.R.; W. Proctor, P.P.G.S.B.; H. A. Benham, P.P.G.S.B.; Harold Lewis, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. J. Stone, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Justice, and E. J. Sellick, P.P.G. Std. Br. Also Bros. A. Wallis Paul, P.D.D.G.M. Bengal; W. K. Thomas, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.P.G.D., and M. H. Clarke, P.P.G.P. Somerset; L. G. W. Mayer, S.W., and E. W. Henley, J.W. 839; C. E. Barry, W.M. 187; G. J. Holloway, W.M., and H. J. Brewer, S.W. 702; E. G. Machon, W.M. 68; S. B. Darke, W.M. 2407; F. W. Simpson, W.M. 686; J. F. Wallis, W.M. 103; A. Griffiths, W.M. 270; A. Jefferies, J.W. 1755; and others.

The PROV. G.M. having opened the lodge and stated the business of the meeting, the warrant was read, and the founders signified their approval of the officers named therein.

The PROV. G. CHAP. delivered a judicious oration on the nature and the principles of the institution, in the course of which he warned the members of the new lodge that quality and not quantity was what they should look for in receiving candidates.

The PROV. G. Master then proceeded with the elaborate and impressive ceremony of consecration, the ability and dignity with which he performed it being subsequently the theme of universal admiration. The assistance rendered by the PROV. G.D. of C. is deserving of mention. The musical arrangements, which included several anthems, were under the skilled direction of the PROV. G. Org., assisted by several brethren, members of the choir of Gloucester Cathedral.

After the lodge had been duly consecrated, the chair was taken by the Deputy PROV. G.M., who installed Bro. J. L. Bretherton, P.M. 839, P.P. S.G.D., as W.M. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Chas. Holtom, S.W.; E. J. Pillers, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M. 839, Treas.; C. Hardwick, Sec.; T. H. Gore, S.D.; S. Humphries, J.D.; M. P. S. Tozer, P.M. 1752, I.D.C.; C. R. Reilly, I.G.; and P. W. Trachy, Tyler. Bro. J. Weston will act as I.P.M., having been the immediate predecessor of the W.M. in their mother lodge, No. 839.

The three addresses were delivered by Bro. RYLAND, Bro. SUMNER, and the PROV. G.M.

The S.W. was presented with a founder's jewel, in recognition of his exertions as Secretary to the preliminary Committee. He drew attention to the gifts which had been made to the lodge, particularly the banner given by the wives of the founders and the bible by the vicar of the parish.

Two propositions having been made, the lodge was closed.

About 90 brethren afterwards sat down at the Royal Hotel to a dinner, which was splendidly served, and did great credit to the resources of Avonmouth.

The subsequent speeches were admirably brief, the main features being the interchange of courtesies between the two Provinces of Gloucestershire and Bristol, which are intimately associated in promoting the Masonic Charities, and some pleasant banter about the possibility of Avonmouth being absorbed into Bristol.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE STAINES LODGE, No. 2536, AT STAINES.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., was consecrated a new Masonic lodge at the Town Hall by the Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., assisted by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G. D.C., Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the other Prov. G. Officers, including Bros. Jabez Church, Prov. S.G.W.; Goodchild, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. P. Henderson Aitken, Prov. G. Chap.; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Adams, Prov. G.D.C.; and R. W. Bilby, Prov. G. Treas.

For some years the need of a Masonic lodge has been felt in Staines, and more than one attempt has been made to establish one, but without success until now, and it is in a great measure due to the indefatigable exertions of the first J.W., Bro. R. Fox Warner, that the lodge commences its career with such a brilliant promise for its future. The first W.M. is Bro. W. H. Gardener, P.P.S.G.W. Berks., and under his direction, and a sistered by Bro. R. J. Ball, P.P.G.R. Berks., as S.W., and the following officers: Bros. F. Morford, acting I.P.M.; George Perkins, S.D.; S. Smith, J.D.; C. Ellis, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Rowbotham, I.G.; and J. Gring, Treas., no better start could be desired. The Sec. will be the Rev. G. V. Briscoe, who is not a founder.

The beautiful ceremony of consecration was ably performed by Lord George Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master, and his officers, whilst the musical portion of the service was beautifully rendered by a choir under the direction of Bro. T. W. Walford, Prov. G. Org. Berks.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. W. H. Gardener, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the latter, on behalf of the founders of the lodge, then presented Lord George Hamilton with a founder's jewel as a mark of their appreciation of his kindness in coming to consecrate the lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a banquet was provided by Mr. E. H. Blamey, of this town, whose efforts were fully appreciated by the brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The music was again under the direction of Bro. T. W. Walford, and the efforts of Bros. G. May, H. Stubbs, G. Stubbs and R. de Lacy, of St. Paul's Cathedral were, thoroughly appreciated as they deserved to be, for it was a real musical treat.

The toast of "The Visitors" was duly proposed and honoured, each visitor who responded wishing Staines Lodge, No. 2536, every success.

The following distinguished visitors were present: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; H. Leigh-Bennett, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey; H. Sidler, G. Tyler; Rev. E. R. Parr, P.P.G.C. Cheshire; E. H. Clarke, P.P.G.S. of W. Derbyshire; H. J. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.C. Berks.; W. B. Hendrik, P.G.D. Berks., and many others.

A number of very handsome gifts in the shape of furniture, have been presented to the lodge by the founders, a W.M.'s chair being the gift of Bro. J. Tillyer, while a tripod was presented by Bro. Col. Lane.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HIRAM ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

The Lodge of Architects and Surveyors having been very successful, the members obtained a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter, and on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the consecration took place.

The Consecrating Officer, Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., took the chair, and was assisted by Comps. P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S., as Second Principal; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.A.S., as Third Principal; Frank Richardson, P.G. Soj., G.D.C.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.S.B., as S.N.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., while the musical arrangements were directed by Comp. John Read, P.G. Org.

The founders were Comps. Henry Lovegrove, P.Z. 72, 1549, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; Edward W. Lewcock, P.Z. 72, P.P.G.A.D.C. Berks.; F. A. Powell, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Monmouth; H. J. Adams, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; F. R. Tallow, Chas. P. T. L. P., P.Z. 157; W. J. Ebbets, P.Z.; G. Elkington, and J. H. Richardson.

The chapter was opened and the usual ceremony observed.

Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIIGG delivered an oration, comparing the studies and works of architects with the building up of the Masonic and ordinary life of the members of our Craft.

This was composed and delivered with great ability in the well known style of the distinguished companion.

After the completion of the ceremony of consecration, the Grand Scribe E. proceeded to instal Comps. H. Lovegrove as M.E.Z.; E. W. Lewcock as H.; and F. A. Powell as J. Comp. H. J. Adams was elected and invested as Treasurer, and Comp. G. Elkington as S.N. Comp. G. Austin was elected Janitor. The other officers will be elected at the first regular meeting on the 13th inst.

The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer, and it was resolved that he and the other Grand Officers who had assisted be elected honorary members.

The companions adjourned to the Sussex Room for the banquet, which was satisfactory, except for the temperature, which was so cold that the after proceedings were shortened.

The usual toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. and well received.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Scribe E., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, in responding, stated that it was the 15th time that he had presided over a Masonic body, and the third time over a Royal Arch chapter; he also referred to the assistance he would receive from his officers, especially Comp. Lewcock, H., who had made the ritual of the chapter a subject of constant study.

A long list of names was read over for exaltation at the regular meeting so that the chapter has a most hopeful start.

Besides the Grand Officers and founders there were present Comps. H. Thomson Lyon, 1789; Henry Gilbert, M.E.Z. 834; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.Z. 259; J. R. Reep, H. 1265; J. Rosdale, M.E.Z. 1017; A. Lowe, 1387; and R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1327.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Monday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt., who was supported by Comps. Le Feuvre, Prov. G.H.; Atkins, acting Prov. G.J.; E. Goble, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Tilling, Prov. G. Treas.; and a large general attendance of companions, the roll of chapters being responded to with only two or three exceptions.

The Grand Superintendent invested the following as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" G. J. Tilling, 1461	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. R. Holbrook, 309	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Boughton Smith, 394	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Col. A. Boyd, 1331	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. M. Preston, 195	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" G. H. Swansborough, 2016	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" J. Leftwich, 175	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" E. T. Wise, 1461	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Saville, 723	...	...	...
" H. P. Arthur, 304	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. G. Dacombe, 130	...	...	...
" G. C. V. Inkpen, 1776	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Williams, 2068	...	...	...
" E. Boorman, 2074	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. T. Slade, 804	...	...	...
" A. Horwell, 2074	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Lancaster, 903	...	...	Prov. G. Ass. Sec.
" Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Tilling on his retirement from the office of Treasurer which he has held for six years.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Superintendent Hants and Isle of Wight, acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. Col. Noel Money, C.B., G. Superintendent Surrey, as H.; Comp. Maj.-Gen. Randolph, G. Superintendent Sussex, as J.; and Comp. E. Letchworth, S.E., and the following companions were also present: Comps. W. B. Colman, M.A., Prin. G. Soj.; Alfred Cooper, 1st A.G. Soj.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, 2nd A.G. Soj.; Maj.-Gen. F. Gidson, G.S.B.; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, 2nd G. Std. Br.; Lennox Browne, 3rd G. Std. Br.; E. W. Stanton, M.A., 4th G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., G.D. of C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Dep. G.D. of C.; H. F. Frost, G. Org.; G. Read, 6th G. Std. Br.; F. Hilton, 4th A.G.D. of C.; Thos. Minstrell, 3rd A.G.D. of C.; Geo. Lambert, Sir Bruce W. Seton, H. P. Dumas, A. C. Spaull, E. Monteuuis, J. E. Le Feuvre, C. Belton, W. E. Brymer, H. J. Adams, F. H. Goldney, L. G. Gordon Robbins, Charles E. Keyser, F. West, W. P. Brown, W. Hopekirk, the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D. G. H. Mattinson, C. F. Matier, Chas. H. Driver, G. J. McKay, H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; H. M. Williams, P.Z. 1326; John Almond, J. 1839; E. Styles, J. 704; H. Lovegrove, P.Z. 72, and M.E.Z. 2416; Valentine Wing, M.E.Z. 907; G. S. Recknall, P.Z. 73; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; J. Wilson, P.Z. 1365; D. Legg, P.Z. 1365; W. Lake; Alf. Bannister, P.Z. 1556; J. H. Clare, M.E.Z. 1365; H. Weigel, P.Z. 1615; P. N. Newbold, P.Z. 404; J. Cowan, M.E.Z. 1572; Berry, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of November, 1894, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read.

The recommendations, including that in reference to the Mid-Surrey Chapter, No. 1044, were, on the motion of Comp. GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, unanimously adopted.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said the next motion he had to make was with regard to the Albion Chapter, No. 2220, Woodstock, South Africa (W.D.), which the Committee had learned was never formed and never consecrated, and the lodge to which it was attached had been erased. The charter had never been acted upon, and the Committee considered it right that the charter should be returned as soon as possible, and that the chapter be erased, not that the companions should be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased, as the chapter had never been consecrated.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said the Committee recommended that inasmuch as the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 447, Co. su, which had made no return since 1865, and the lodge to which it was attached had been erased, had not replied to the order sent to it by order of the Grand Chapter, the chapter be erased from the list of chapters. No communication had been made to

the Committee of Grand Chapter when asked to appear and show cause why the chapter should not be erased.

Comp. BEACH enquired whether there was any companion who could state why this chapter at Corfu should not be erased.

As no reply was given, after a short pause,

Comp. ROBERT GREY said: Then I move that it be erased from the list of chapters.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, the following recommendations were agreed to:

The Committee recommend that the Wellington Union Chapter, No. 517, Wellington, N.Z., be allowed further time in order 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.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### SECOND LADIES' BANQUET OF THE MOLESEY LODGE, No. 2473.

The Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, is certainly to be congratulated on the vigour and energy with which the members have carried on its business during the two years it has been in existence. A reputation has already been established for excellence of working and a liberal support of the Masonic Charities, Bro. C. O. Burgess, W.M., having taken up the largest list in the province of Surrey at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons; thus completing his qualification as Vice-President of all three Masonic Charities, and its thoroughly up-to-date character is evinced from the fact that the second ladies' banquet was held at the Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W., on the 30th ult., and proved an unqualified success. Bro. C. O. Burgess, the W.M., presided, and was assisted in the arrangements of the evening by Bros. J. D. Langton, I.P.M.; E. Lane Campbell, W. J. Harvey, H. J. Keen, and C. Morrell, Stewards; and E. L. Berry, the indefatigable Secretary.

After a well-served repast,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family."

Bro. J. D. LANGTON, P.P.G.W. Surrey, I.P.M., then said he had the pleasure of proposing the next toast, which, he was sure, would be a popular one—"The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Burgess was well known to all the members of the lodge, and was held in high respect on account of the kind and genial way in which he ruled over them. He was sure the ladies would join in drinking the toast in consideration of the way in which the W.M. had presided that evening. Bro. Burgess was pleased to be the W.M. of the Molesey Lodge, and one of his great pleasures had been the anticipations of this meeting. The way in which the ladies and brethren had supported him must be very gratifying.

Bro. C. O. BURGESS, Prov. G. Stwd. Surrey, W.M., in response, said his reply would be brief, owing to the musical programme that was to follow, but it was only due in courtesy to thank the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and also for the very pleasant way in which it had been received. The I.P.M. had proposed that toast more than once, and always did it in a courteous and kind manner that was somewhat undeserved on his (the W.M.'s) part. Among a party of personal friends, it was unnecessary to stand upon formalities and to dwell upon those matters which sometimes occupied the speeches of Masters in reply to that toast. He would therefore refrain, and simply say how pleased he was to be present to see the manner in which the ladies and brethren had assembled to do honour to the occasion, and if the numbers were equalled next year he was sure his successor would do his best to make them happy. Mention had been made of a launch party in the summer time, and there was ample justification for that, as the last occasion was numerously attended. They then had a most enjoyable day, and if Providence gave them equally good weather this year, he hoped to see them all present then. He thanked them for the flattering way in which they had received his health, and hoped to meet them again in the summer time.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said he approached the next toast with a little trepidation, as he felt unable to do justice to it. It was that of "The Ladies." The brethren would all join in expressing their greatest satisfaction at seeing so large an assembly of ladies present. He hoped as years went by the ladies would help them to make their annual banquet one of those gatherings they looked forward to with the keenest anticipation. A brother could not become a founder of a new lodge unless he belonged to at least one other lodge, and consequently when it was proposed to found the Molesey Lodge the married brethren who had already devoted time to Masonic duties had to consult their wives as to whether they might divorce themselves from the domestic circle for another period. He did not know what happened to other brethren, but he would tell them what happened in his own case. When the time came to draw the monthly cheque for the milliner's and other bills, that cheque was drawn without the usual criticism and murmur. He then innocently mentioned he had several brethren who desired occasionally to meet and form a new lodge. Under the influence of that generous cheque, and a pleasant social conversation, Mrs. Burgess somewhat reluctantly gave her consent. She duly repented next morning after the manner of ladies, but it was too late, and doubtless some other brethren may have had a similar experience. The Molesey brethren could not possibly fail to be proud of having joined in the formation of this successful lodge. There were but three bachelors. One relented at the first ladies' festival, but the other two had had the audacity to come again, although they might, before next year, see the error of their ways, and come to the next festival duly accompanied by their respective wives.

Bro. E. L. BERRY, Sec., responded in a humorous vein, after which

Bro. J. R. CLEAVE, S.W., gave "The Visitors." He said the members were indebted to the visitors for their presence, and claimed for the Molesey Lodge that it was second to none in the cordiality of their greeting to visitors.

Bro. W. B. FENDICK, Prov. G.D. Berks., replied, and said the visiting brethren were delighted to be present, and the cordiality with which they had been received made them feel thoroughly at home.

Bros. LANGTON, I.P.M.; CLEAVE, S.W.; and BUXTON, Treas., briefly acknowledged "The Officers."

After a brief interval, a charming selection of music was thoroughly enjoyed, and the pleasant proceedings were appropriately terminated with "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. STUART WALKER directed the musical arrangements, and was ably assisted by Miss Alice Motterway, Bros. Herbert Linwood, Harrison, Brockbank, Alsepi, and Dudley Causton, and Mr. Ambrose Thorne.

Amongst those present, we noticed Bro. and Miss Fendick, Bro. and Mrs. Foan, Bro. and Mrs. Lee, Bro. C. and Mrs. Morrell, Bro. W. C. Greaves, Bro. G. and Mrs. Britton, Bro. H. J. and Mrs. Keen, Bro. J. Rowe, Bro. H. H. Leigh,

Bro. J. D. and Mrs. Langton, Bro. S. and Miss Hewett, B. Baglioni, Mrs. Pedroni, Bro. L. and Mrs. Azario, Bro. W. J. and Mrs. Harvey, Bro. E. and Mrs. Lane Campbell, W. Bro. G. C. Bond, Bro. T. and Mrs. Watt, Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Gastrell, Bro. J. R. and Mrs. Cleave, Bro. W. and Mrs. Dennis, Bro. F. W., Mrs. and Miss Buxton, Bro. Brooke, J.W., Berry, Sec., and many other visitors and brethren, including the majority of the members of the lodge.

### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Lion and Lamb Lodge** (No. 192).—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. James Smith, W.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; T. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; A. Holmes, S.D.; C. Garton, J.D.; J. M. Mower, P.M., D.C.; William Baker, I.G.; Chatterton, Org.; C. Couchinan, Tyler; F. Hughes, I.P.M.; G. F. J. Goddes, P.M.; Martyn, Bevan, Stokes, Welch, Clarke, Houlder, Very, Johnson, and Ferguson. Visitors: Bros. H. Calton, 2000; D. Farlow, 65; and Brooks, 65.

The lodge was called for the purpose of pushing on the work of the lodge so as to leave the regular meeting night, Feb. 7th, free (after the necessary routine business) for the reception of ladies. Bros. Welch and Houlder were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Ferguson and Vergo passed to the Second Degree.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to light refreshments.

**Burgoyne Lodge** (No. 902).—This successful lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Bro. S. Rashleigh, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. R. Larter, I.P.M.; C. Cowland, S.W.; E. W. Pillinger, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; C. Butcher, S.D.; F. Reeves, J.D.; W. Bean, I.G.; E. S. White, P.M., D.C.; C. Horton, A.D.C.; J. J. Fifield and G. J. Brown, Stwd.; W. Wilkins, P.M.; J. Beddoes, P.M.; H. Norrington, P.M.; Bonhey, J. Oscroft, J. Knights, A. C. Jenkins, Buchanan, Ward, Bishop, Snow, Ponsford, Abrahams, Pratt, Lewry, Merrett, Richmond, F. Butcher, A. Holbrook, L. Anson, F. Tolhurst, H. R. H. Haycraft, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; T. V. Turner, P.M. 1216; E. W. Ellis, P.M. 1314; W. J. Juby, 975; G. Smith, J.W. 554; A. E. W. MacCamley, 1585 (R.C.); H. Daury, J. S. Tavener, P.M. 1044; S. Jamieson, S. A. Hardiman, F. A. F. Daily, 2417; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the W.M. raised Bros. Oscroft, Knights, and Jenkins, and afterwards passed Bro. Buchanan, and initiated Messrs. A. Holbrook, F. Tolhurst, H. R. H. Haycraft, and L. Anson. The working of the W.M. was excellent. The Secretary reported the death of Bro. W. Batty, P.M., an old and respected member of the lodge. After a long discussion as to the desirability of having a ladies' night, and a gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The dinner that followed was supplied by Bro. A. Clemow in his best style, and ably served.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. W. R. Larter, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that Bro. Rashleigh was one of the best Masters that had ever occupied the chair in the lodge. He had never seen the working of the Three Degrees done better than that witnessed that evening. Looking at the great number who flocked round his banner, it went without saying that he was very much respected both in and out of Masonry, and when he left the chair it would be with renown, accompanied by their heartiest thanks, for the great things he had done for the lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. Rashleigh, W.M., on rising to respond. He stated that words failed him to express what he felt after the kind remarks of the I.P.M., and the manner he had been received. His heart was thoroughly in Masonry, and particularly in the lodge, and if his working was satisfactory to the brethren he was delighted, and nothing would be wanting on his part to do his utmost for its prosperity and the happiness of the members, and, in concluding an earnest speech, he remarked that he was going up as Steward for the Girls' School, and he hoped they would honour him by making up a big list in amount for that deserving Charity.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. observed that it was his great wish to keep the lodge firm, true, and good, and great care should be taken that those who were introduced should be in every way eligible. The four he had the honour to initiate that night were of good quality, and certainly up to the standard.

In response, Bro. Holbrook said that he was pleased he had become a Mason, and that many of his friends were members of the Craft.

Bro. Tolhurst stated that after the splendid ceremony he had witnessed, he was proud to be a brother, and hoped to uphold the Burgoyne Lodge, and that at some future date to be its Master.

Bro. Haycroft also aspired to be W.M.

Bro. Anson said that he came that evening thoroughly prepared, as he thought to be made a member, but what followed had been a great surprise to him.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors." He said that those who had honoured the lodge with their presence were good and true and were very welcome.

Bro. Baldwin stated that the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and he congratulated the W.M. on his splendid working of the Three Degrees. He was glad that all the initiates aspired to go through the chair of their mother lodge, which was well known as one of the best in London.

Suitable responses were also made by Bros. Hardman, Smith, Jamieson, Turner, Davey, McCamley, Tavener, Daily, and Juby, the latter stating that he knew the vast pains the W.M. had taken to qualify himself for the great work he had done that night, and he was pleased with the success he was achieving.

"The Masonic Press" having been toasted,

The W.M., in eloquent terms proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Larter, Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary," coupled with the name of Bro. Larter who responded. He stated that he was proud to belong to so noble a band, and his Masonic career was due entirely to the Past Masters. He hoped the lodge would have a ladies' night, and in a humorous strain he explained what he would suffer if the fair sex were not to be entertained by the members.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. stating that they were his ardent supporters, and had rendered him and the lodge every assistance. They were all able to take higher office, which showed them to be good workers and were making themselves perfect.

Bro. C. Cowland, S.W., responded. He and his colleagues were only too pleased to render any service, and he urged the members who were aspiring for office to attend the lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought the very successful meeting to an end.

During the evening some good songs were well rendered by Bros. Juby, G. Brown, and Jamieson, but special mention should be made of the latter.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge** (No. 1524).—This flourishing lodge, which was originally established at "The Sisters Tavern," Pownall-road, Dalston, and now finds a home at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., celebrated the completion of its 22nd year on the 31st ultimo. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, who were rewarded with an exhibition of excellent working, the installation of Bro. Esmond J. Turnbull as W.M. by Bro. P. W. Rogers, I.P.M., being especially well rendered. The lodge was opened by Bro. P. W. Rogers, W.M., supported by Bros. E. J. Turnbull, S.W.; W. T. Oakley, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; H. Pearce, S.D.; A. M. Archer, J.D.; E. Dignam, P.M.; J. H. Rich, P.M.; W. Simpson, P.M.; A. Ferrar, P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Sydney Brown, S.W. 1915; A. Rusby, 1917; J. A. Locke, 395; H. Maycock, P.M. 567, P.P.A.G. D. of C.; Warwick Silverstone; G. W. Reed, P.M. 13; D. Belinfante, P.M. 435; G. Edwards, 1287; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; W. H. Toye, P.M. 1278; C. Thompson, P.M., Sec. 1297; F. Small, A.D.C. 2242; A. Baxter, 1847; A. Brown, 1024; A. Love, P.M. 1719; J. R. Knox, 79; D. E. Shingles, 79; A. Hood, 781; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, P.M. 2381; and several others.

The confirmation of the minutes was followed by the adoption of the Audit Report showing a very substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. A candidate having been passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Esmond J. Turnbull, was duly installed as

W.M. by Bro. Rogers. The following officers were invested: Bros. Philip W. Rogers, I.P.M.; William T. Oakley, S.W.; Harry Pearse, J.W.; William H. Brand, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Lorkin, P.M., Secretary; A. M. Archer, S.D.; E. Frisby, J.D.; H. J. Allardyce, I.G.; W. H. Burr, Director of Ceremonies; P. Felsenthal, Org.; W. G. Russell and H. B. Burgess, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. then had an opportunity of evincing his knowledge of the ritual, which he did by initiating three gentlemen in a masterly manner. Other business was transacted prior to the closing of the lodge.

A well-served banquet having been enjoyed, the customary toasts followed. Bro. P. W. Rogers, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said he had known Bro. Turnbull for many years, both in and out of Masonry, and had always found him one of those friends willing to assist in every possible way. They were initiated together, and had gone on through the various offices, and the brethren knew that Bro. Turnbull had carried out his duties with credit to himself and the lodge and Masonry generally. It must have given the W.M. very great pleasure to attain the summit of his ambition, and must give the members the liveliest satisfaction in knowing they had elected a brother who could carry out the duties in such an excellent way. As a business man, the W.M. would carry out the affairs of the lodge in a creditable style, combined with that kindness of manner of which he was so capable of exhibiting. The W.M. had given an earnest of his working, which was worthy of all praise. They trusted the coming year would be a happy one, and that their respected W.M. would have health and strength to carry out his duties.

Bro. Esmond J. Turnbull, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been given and received. He could assure them it was with every possible feeling of pride and satisfaction that he rose for the first time in his life to reply to the toast of the Worshipful Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He was sure they would one and all agree that it was a pardonable pride to rejoice in the fact that one had at last reached the summit of his Masonic ambition, and had been installed into the chair of K.S. in his mother lodge. No brother could ever hope to occupy that position with any feelings of satisfaction to himself and the brethren without first having undergone a vast amount of arduous work and labour. He would do his level best to uphold the honour of the lodge, and maintain its dignity as long as he had health and strength to do so. Eleven years ago he was an initiate in that lodge. He remembered very well upon that occasion sitting in the identical spot where the initiates sat on the present occasion, and remarking to his brother initiate that he very much doubted if they should live to occupy the Master's chair. They had both lived to fill the chair, one with the greatest possible amount of dignity and satisfaction, and the other was about to have a good try to do the same. He would not trouble them with any details of his ascent of the Masonic ladder, but would only return them his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honour conferred upon him. There was only one thing he would ask in conclusion, and that was that when the time arrived for him to vacate the chair, whether he had succeeded to their satisfaction or had failed, they would at least do him the credit of believing he had done his very best.

"The Initiates" having been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors" in cordial terms, and several visiting brethren appropriately acknowledged the kind hospitality they had received.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. said it afforded him the greatest possible satisfaction to affix to the breast of Bro. Rogers a Past Master's jewel, which, he ventured to say, had been well and thoroughly earned. It would be useless to enlarge upon the I.P.M.'s qualifications, for they were so well known. He hoped Bro. Rogers would be spared many years to wear the jewel, and that the gift would be handed down as a memento of a conscientious, valued and energetic Freemason.

Bro. P. W. Rogers, I.P.M., said the long programme would be his excuse for the brevity of his remarks. He thanked them most heartily for the jewel, and for the reception of the toast. With reference to the kind remarks of the W.M. he would only say his motto had been, "Anything that is worth doing, is worth doing well," and although he had not reached his own ideal, they could not say he had not tried.

Other toasts were given, including "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. Brand, P.M., Treas., and Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; and "The Officers" acknowledged by Bro. W. T. Oakley, S.W.

Under the direction of Bro. G. E. Bullock a long programme of music was successfully carried out, with the assistance of Madame Millage Westall, Miss Ethel Grigs, Miss Winton, and Messrs. Woolf, Morris, Selcock, Beckett, Yeldham, and others.

**Kilburn Lodge** (No. 1608).—The installation meeting of this well known and highly respected Lodge was held on the 24th ultimo at Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, W. The members in attendance included Bros. W. R. Plaford, W.M.; A. S. Ginger, S.W.; G. A. Duke, J.W.; G. V. Woods, P.M.; Haswell Turner, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. Morrison, D.C.; E. R. Terry, Org.; T. E. Forster, I.G.; J. B. Fletcher, P.M.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. George Read, G. Std. Br.; R. Ginger, S.W. 2361; Rymer Rennie, 1871; W. Radromacher, 1496; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753; A. Bennett, P.M. 44; H. Tayler, 2420; J. G. H. Bartle, 858; T. M. Vaughan, 1623; C. A. Sanger, 1642; H. Trask, I.P.M. 2322; G. Penny, W.M. 1637; Lewis Lake, 81; S. Ball, D.C. 2361; F. Whitlock; C. B. Pritchard, P.M. 1732; E. Phillips, P.M. 171; W. C. Tebbit, W.M. 2048; A. P. Lowthian, 1900; W. Jones, 1471; W. Wall, 172; J. C. Bennett; H. Monson, S.W. 2353; T. S. Priest, J.W. 1637; A. Jones, S.D. 1637; A. W. Wilson, P.M. 1708; F. G. Deaton, P.M. 25; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, P.M. 2381; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. A. J. Cannon was very impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. A. S. Ginger was next presented as W.M. elect by Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., acting D.C., and was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Plaford, I.P.M., in an admirable manner, that reflected the highest credit both on the I.P.M. and the lodge of instruction with which he is so intimately associated. In addition to holding the office of Secretary of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 167, Bro. Plaford is also J.W. of the Sir Chas. Bright Lodge, No. 1793, and J. of the chapter bearing the same name. The following officers were invested by the W.M., who also rendered his work in excellent style: Bros. W. Roche Plaford, I.P.M.; Dr. G. A. Duke, S.W.; T. E. Foster, J.W.; G. Barclay, P.M., Treas.; S. Brooks, P.M., Sec.; C. Morrison, S.D.; R. Shepherd, J.D.; F. A. Smith, I.G.; J. Stephens, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tucker, P.M.; G. A. Edge, and Hilder, Stewds.; E. Terry, P.P.G. Org., Middx., Org., and Shepherd, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Barclay, P.M., Treas., was unfortunately unable to be present. Lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet, served in first-class style, the brethren enjoyed the fragrant weed and honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.D. Bucks, by request of the W.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that recently he had the honour of being present at the consecration of the Lancastrian Lodge, a lodge emanating from Lancashire brethren, where Lord Lathom was installed as W. Master, showing the devotion he took in the interests of the Order. Next they had the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Deputy Grand Master, who presided recently at the Benevolent Festival, and raised the magnificent sum of nearly £70,000, and who would take the chair at the next Girls' School Festival, at which the W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge would serve as Steward. A short time ago at the consecration of the Fellowship Lodge they found Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., who took the greatest interest in Freemasonry and particularly in the Girls' School, assisting in the ceremony. The Grand Secretary they remembered on account of the grand selection made by His Royal Highness the M.W. G.M. to that post, for Bro. Letchworth was endearing himself to every brother, and discharged his duties in a kind and affable manner. The name of Bro. G. O. Read, who was present, was a household word in Masonry, and was especially dear to him (Bro. Stephens) as the Secretary of his mother lodge.

Bro. G. O. Read, G. Std. Br., in reply, said the executive officers of Grand Lodge were always pleased to know their services were acknowledged so kindly. It had been his privilege and honour to be somewhat associated with the executive for the last six years, and he knew they devoted a great deal of time and attention to the Craft. He felt it a great honour to be ranked amongst the Grand Officers, and it had been a great satisfaction to his friends, and they were not few he was happy to say. He esteemed the welcome given him that night, for he saw again the faces he had met in the lodge of instruction. Bro. W. R. Plaford, I.P.M., in asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the toast. He had known Bro. Ginger for some nine years as a friend, a Mason, and an officer, and had always found him, not only a gentleman and a brother, but always willing to take any office and do anything to assist the lodge. He (the I.P.M.) took a little battering on his soul that he was instrumental in getting the W.M. to occupy the chair. Bro. Ginger was not ambitious, but he (the I.P.M.) knew his qualities and knew he would

do credit to the position, and the brethren had given an exhibition of wisdom in electing him as their Worshipful Master. He was also instrumental in inducing Bro. Ginger to join the lodge of instruction at Harlesden, of which he was Secretary, and he wished to place before the young members the great benefit of attending lodges of instruction. The W.M. would not only prove he could work, but would also show his interest as a Mason in the Charities, to which he was a most liberal subscriber, and the brethren would, doubtless, support him in his Stewardship for the Girls' School.

Bro. A. S. Ginger, W.M., returned hearty thanks for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast. Since he joined Freemasonry, eight years ago, it was his ambition to reach the chair, and he intended to carry out Freemasonry in its proper sense. It was his intention to serve as Steward for the Girls' School, and he knew this lodge would well support him. He hardly knew how to answer the kind remarks of the I.P.M. Bro. Plaford was right in saying that every young member should join a lodge of instruction, for he had learnt a great deal there. There were 18 brethren present that night belonging to the St. John's Lodge of Instruction. He once more thanked the I.P.M. and brethren or their hearty reception of the toast.

"The Initiate" was acknowledged by Bro. Cannon, and "The Visitors" by Bros. Tebbit, W.M.; Penny, W.M.; Lee, W.M.; Trask, Prov. G. Steward Herts; and others.

In giving "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said they all agreed as to the qualities of the I.P.M. as a worker. His rendering of the installation ceremony had made a very great impression upon all. It was customary at the expiration of a Master's year to present him with a jewel, and he trusted Bro. Plaford would be spared many years to remember his year of office whenever he saw the Past Master's jewel which it was then his (the W.M.'s) pleasure to present to him.

Bro. W. R. Plaford, I.P.M., said he never dreamt 12 months ago that he should have so many friends gathered together round the table where he held so high an office. When he joined the lodge he found honourable men and dear brethren, and he saw his one great friend—whom he hoped the Great Architect would spare for many years—Bro. Wood, P.M.—who introduced him to the lodge. He joined the lodge three years ago, and was now I.P.M., and he attributed that to his attention to the ritual, and having so many good friends round him. It only showed what a man could do if he made up his mind and attended lodges of instruction. He urged all the officers to go on and attain the Master's chair, and the Past Master's jewel which he then wore with pleasure as a mark of appreciation of his services. He heartily thanked the Past Masters, and especially the Secretary, for their support, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, and assured them of his intention of doing all he could for the lodge in the future.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was responded to by Bros. Turner, P.M., Stwd. (who was indefatigable in his exertions for the comfort of the brethren), and Wood, P.M., and other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings were closed.

Bro. Terry, P.P.G. Org., superintended the musical arrangements, and was ably assisted by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. Horscroft and Reginald Groome.

**Henry Muggeridge Lodge** (No. 1679).—The usual meeting of this well-known lodge was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present: Bros. John W. Woodthorpe, W.M.; T. Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; A. Sack, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; J. Gomm, J.D.; T. C. W. Elstob, I.G.; W. Boyes, I.P.M.; J. Stampfer, P.M.; A. Street, P.M.; J. T. Penney, P.M.; T. F. Strutt, T. R. Russell, C. E. Blogg, J. T. Wingrove, M. Henry, C. Austin, C. W. Hiscocks, T. P. Baragwanth, A. Patman, H. Laws, and J. Rawles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Chadderton, 1922; A. Yates, 948; W. Bland, J.D. 1716; F. Patch, 1558; W. Graham, and R. Crutch, 2203; and R. T. West, 1741.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. C. W. Hiscocks, T. P. Baragwanth, and T. Patman, and afterwards gave the Antient Charge. Bro. Woodthorpe's working of the ritual was excellent, and deserves special mention. A letter was read from Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., calling attention to the case of the daughter of Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., deceased, late Tyler of the lodge, and asking for support at the Girls' election in April next. The W.M. and many of the members signified their intention of doing their utmost to assist the case. Two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed.

A substantial dinner followed, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Evans.

After full justice had been done to this part of the proceedings, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in an adequate manner.

Bro. Boyes, I.P.M., said that it was his privilege and pleasure to propose the toast of "The Health of the W.M." When Bro. Woodthorpe was installed he (Bro. Boyes) asserted that he would be a credit to the lodge, and his excellent working was evidence that no Master who had gone before him could have improved upon it, and his rendering that evening of the Antient Charge had gained universal admiration.

In responding, Bro. Woodthorpe, W.M., stated that he was glad to have their kind appreciation of his small efforts; Bro. Boyes had, however, said too much in his favour, which he did not deserve, but he hoped to do his duty.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates." He said he was exceptionally pleased in having three that evening, which was good, though once before, some years ago, they had four at one time. He could assure their newly-made brothers that the members always made the initiates welcome, and he felt sure they would never regret becoming members of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge. He would repeat to each of them the same words that Bro. Muggeridge uttered when he initiated him (Bro. Woodthorpe), which were, "that he would never be able to occupy the Initiate's chair at that festive board, but on some future occasion he (Bro. Muggeridge) might find himself in the next chair—that of the W.M."

Bro. Hiscocks said that it was with some hesitation that he rose to respond, not that he felt strange, as he already knew he was among friends. He was somewhat scared at the ceremony, which he should never forget. He had joined many societies, but the ordeal he had gone through that evening was the most impressive he had ever met with. He could not express what he then felt, and in concluding a good speech he stated that no zeal would be wanting on his part to go forward and learn all he could.

Bro. Baragwanth also responded, remarking that his best thanks were due to them for the welcome way he had been received into Masonry, and if it ever came in his power to promote the interests of the lodge and the Craft it would be a pleasure to him.

Bro. Patman said that from the ceremony he was convinced that the more he got into Masonry, the better he would like it, and he quite appreciated the very kind treatment he had received on his initiation.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," observing that Bro. Sack, Treas., had also acted that night for the Secretary, Bro. G. Clarke, P.M., who had been called away to Belgium. No one could find fault with Bro. Sack, who entered heartily into Masonry generally, and was an ardent supporter and a good fellow.

In response, Bro. Sack, P.M., was sorry that the Secretary, who was an enthusiast in Masonry, was not present, but it was not his fault, and although absent he was there in spirit. He hoped the lodge would do more for the Charities and as they got stronger they should give freely. He was highly pleased with the working of the W.M., and his rendering of the antient charge must have impressed everyone present, including the initiates, and they would all go away that night with the knowledge that they had a Master who could do everything in the ritual and they were proud of him.

The next toast was "The Visitors," given in genial terms by the W.M., and he coupled the names of Bros. Bland, Graham, and Chadderton.

Bro. Bland, in reply, said that the Henry Muggeridge was the first lodge where he had seen the Stability working, and he was very much impressed with it.

Bros. Graham and Chadderton, in very eloquent terms, also responded.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said they were the backbone of the lodge and they were ever willing to do anything to promote the interests of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

Suitable responses were then made by Bros. Stampfer, Street, Penney, and Boyes. The toast of "The Officers" elicited cordial responses from Bros. Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; Gomm, J.D.; and Elstob, I.G.; and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy termination.

Bros. Strutt, Henry, Blogg ("Carl Brandt"), Laws, Sibley, Elstob, and Bland, vocally and otherwise, entertained the brethren, the latter giving a recitation—"The Freemason's Alphabet"—his own composition, and his efforts and those of Bro. Blogg were much appreciated.

**St. Botolph's Lodge** (No. 2020).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 4th instant. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the initiation of Mr. Richards, Principal of the Commercial Travellers' Schools at Pinner, took place, the ceremony being very impressively rendered by Bro. B. G. Elliott, W.M. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. William Lake, P.M. 131. P.P.G. Registrar of Cornwall, being installed in the chair of the lodge in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. After presenting, in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M. (Bro. B. G. Elliott), the W.M. took occasion to express his personal thanks to Bro. Elliott for the very perfect manner in which that ceremony had been performed. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. D. Myers, S.W.; S. F. Staples, J.W.; P. Saillard, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Cubitt, P.M., Sec.; L. F. Hodge, S.D.; F. C. Pigott, J.D.; G. Walker, I.G.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., D.C.; F. B. Stafford and A. W. Hazell, Stewards; and R. Goddard, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. About 50 were present, including many visitors.

The loyal and other toasts having been disposed of,

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Lake, he said, had occupied the position of Secretary of the lodge since it was first constituted, and he in common with all the brethren were delighted to see him in the proud position of W.M. of the lodge, to whose success he had so largely contributed. He wished him a pleasant year of office, and took occasion also to offer him, in the name of the lodge, hearty congratulations on the responsible position to which he had been appointed in the office of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lake, in responding, referred to his many years of pleasurable and harmonious intercourse with the members in his capacity as Secretary, to the truly Masonic feeling that had always existed in St. Botolph's Lodge, and his hope that his year of office would be marked with the same unanimity and prosperity as his predecessors in the chair had enjoyed.

The toast of "The Candidate" followed, and Bro. Richards responded in a genial speech, expressing his great satisfaction at becoming a member of the Craft under the auspices of St. Botolph's Lodge.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," and again referred to the excellent manner in which Bro. Elliott had performed his duty, as indeed had been the case with all he had undertaken during his year of office.

Bro. Elliott, in reply, tendered his thanks for the loyal support and kindly feeling that had characterised his official year, and, in wishing the new W.M. a successful term of office, expressed his desire to continue his efforts for the welfare of the lodge.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the Tyler's toast ended an exceptionally enjoyable evening.

An excellent programme of music was gone through, in which Miss Gertrude Hughes, Miss Blanche Sawgwin, and Bros. Franklin Clive, Templar Saxe, J. D. Myers, J. Kift, and others took part.

**Scots Lodge** (No. 2319).—Thursday, the 24th ultimo, was the regular meeting of this lodge, and the meeting at which the members celebrate the Burns' Festival, and have as a rule a Burns' oration delivered; but ordinary lodge work is also conducted, and the Burns' night is an incident in the proceedings which adds an extra zest to the always pleasant assemblies of the Scottish brethren. On this occasion the W.M., Bro. Thomas Grant, P.M., presided over a strong gathering of the brethren, the absence from among whom of the genial Peter Greig, on account of illness, was much regretted. The meeting included, among others, the following names: Bros. D. F. Gellion, P.M., I.P.M.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; J. Page, P.M.; Jas. Gray, P.M., Trustee; Joseph Whitehead, S.W.; James Thomson, J.W.; David A. Ross, Sec.; D. M. Forbes, S.D.; D. R. Duncan, J.D.; W. Craig, D.C.; E. Johnson Gordon, I.G.; Ashley Gordon, Organist; and W. Robertson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Muirhead, P.M. 1 (S.C.); W. Cooke, 1987; G. Chumley, 1656; T. Jones, 1650; J. Featherstone, 1656; J. J. Parrott, J.D. 1381; W. J. R. McLean, Mus. Bac., Org. 853; W. Vincer Minter, 20; H. W. Parker, J.W. 2048; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 610, 1928; J. T. Osterstock, I.P.M. 1185; T. Jones, 733; E. A. G. H. Grant, 834; and H. Bond, P.M. 1656.

The W.M. first initiated Mr. Alexander McGregor, and then passed to the Second Degree Bro. John Nicol. Bro. Thomas McClure, 499 (S.C.), was elected a joining member. Bro. Page, P.M., announced that he would be Steward for the Boys' Festival, and Bro. Thomson, J.W., said he would be Steward for the Girls. After the transaction of other business, when "Hearty good wishes" were communicated to the W.M., Bro. J. J. Muirhead, P.M. 1 (S.C.), reiterated the statement he made at Grand Master's Lodge on the previous Monday that Mary's Chapel was the oldest lodge in Scotland, and that it held the oldest Masonic document in the world.

Following the closing of the lodge came one of the famous Scots' Lodge banquets, which was, as is usual at this lodge, heartily enjoyed, and Peter Maclean was piper. The customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. D. F. Gellion, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," on whose qualities as a Mason he said he need not comment. Neither was it necessary that he should remark upon his working of the ceremonies, as they were performed in a most effective manner and to the satisfaction of all the brethren.

Bro. Thomas Grant, W.M., responded, simply thanking the brethren most heartily for the way they had expressed their opinions of his working of the lodge, and of the manner in which the business had been conducted generally.

Bro. Thomas Grant, W.M., next gave "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Burns," whose fame spread far and wide. He said that in giving the toast he would quote words of the poet which he used to the mystic brethren of the St. James's Lodge, Tarbolton, which had been quoted many times before,—

"Then fill up a bumper, and let it o'erflow,  
And honours Masonic prepare for to show,  
May every true brother of the compass and square,  
Have a big-belly'd bottle when harassed with care."

Burns must have been a true Mason and a true man to say that spontaneously. It had been expected that they would have an oration that evening upon Burns, but, unfortunately Bro. Alex. Ritchie, the Treasurer, had had so many public duties to attend to that he had not been able to get it off, and the brethren would have to do without it on that occasion.

The toast was heartily drunk.

Bro. D. F. Gellion, I.P.M., who was first to respond to the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," said it had always afforded him a great amount of pleasure to be a member of that lodge. He had spent very many happy evenings among the brethren of the Scots Lodge, and he hoped he should spend a great many more.

Bro. Whitehead, P.M., also replied, and wished all the good he possibly could for the lodge. He regretted he was absent from the last meeting, but he was in bed at the time, and it was no slight to the W.M. He was always anxious for the welfare of the lodge. He was pleased to say he had received Grand Lodge honours in Scotland, and he thought the Scots Lodge must take credit to itself for that, as it was shortly after the visit of the Earl of Haddington and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Scots Lodge. The honour conferred on him was that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen City, and the present was his third year of office. This year he had been made representative officer in Grand Lodge of Scotland of India and South America. That he took not as a mark of respect and esteem to himself, but as a mark of respect and esteem for the Scots Lodge.

Bro. John Page, P.M., in the course of his response to the toast, said it was while he was acting in the chair of the Scots Lodge that the entertainment was given to the Grand Officers of Scotland, and he must say that the whole of the time he had been connected with the lodge, whether as a founder or as Master, he had met with the greatest cordiality and sympathy. He should always be at the service of the lodge for anything it might want.

Bro. Nicol, F.C., who did not reply as Initiate at the previous meeting, and Bro. McGregor, responded to the toast of "The Initiates," and Bros. J. J. Muirhead, Osterstock, and Parker to that of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Officers" produced the following replies.

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, P.M., S.D., responded to the toast of "The Officers." He said it was quite true that without good officers a Freemasons' lodge could not be successful or prosperous. The officers of the Scots' Lodge had tried to do their duty

to the W.M. and the lodge. The duty of manhood had been instilled into them by Burns—"A man's a man for a' that." London Scotsmen were often twitted by their British friends that "they never go back." Napoleon, on the morning of the battle of Waterloo, said to Soult: "At last I have them, there are nine chances to one in my favour." The Marshal replied: "Sire, I know these men. They will die on the ground on which they stand before they lose it." In that sense the officers of the lodge accepted it; they never went back from the post of duty. They were always loyal to their W.M. "Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled" would summon them to the front at any time. In the sense that Scotsmen never went back to their own country, it was untrue; they as often as they could revisited their native land. They loved their mountains, glens, and rivers, the music of their cataracts, as well as that of their rippling streams. They loved them dearer than those of the south.

"Their groves of sweet myrtle let foreign lands reckon  
Far dearer to me yon lone glen and green bracken;  
Wi' the burn stealing under the lang yellow broom."

They loved to visit the scenes of their childhood and the graves of their sires, so as to re-invigorate in their hearts the flame of piety and patriotism, and to drop a tear on the grave of their ancestors. Believe this, in the words of Dr. Samuel Johnson, with some little alteration: "I would think little of the man whose patriotism would not gain force on the fields of Bannockburn, or whose piety would not grow warmer among the ruins of Iona." No patriot loved his country and kind more warmly than Robert Burns, and reciprocally he was admired, adored, and loved better than any poet that ever lived. Tonight his spirit, ariel-like, encircled the earth with a girdle. In every hamlet, hut, or habitation of Scotsmen that spirit was present, and his genius glorified. He was the noblest of Scotland's sons; the faithful representative of the genius of Scotland—

"He'll ha' misfortune great and sma',  
But aye a heart aboon them a',  
He'll be a credit to us a',  
We'll a' be proud o' Robin."

Bro. James Gray, in responding to the toast of his health, as Trustee, said he thought the W.M. was not far wrong in saying that he (Bro. Gray) seemed rather lazy to-night. He felt as if it were quite impossible for him to get up the steam to speech-making point. This being their Burns' anniversary meeting, he very much regretted that the W.M. had been disappointed in not getting one of the brethren to-night to propose the toast of "Burns' Immortal Memory," and he was certain that no one felt it more than the Master himself. Bro. Gray explained that his only reason for declining the honour on this occasion was, because it was his privilege and pleasure to have to do it last year, and to have undertaken it again so soon would have implied a poverty of oratorical enthusiasm for their great national poet, which would have belied the members of the Scots Lodge. He had suggested to the W.M. that their Bro. Dr. Forbes should be asked to propose the toast to-night, and from the evidence they had just had of his eloquence and soul-enkindling Scottish fervour, they must all regret deeply that his uncertainty of being present to-night prevented him from acceding to the M.M.'s request to fill the gap. Had he been able to do so, he would have performed the duty with that humour and brilliancy which was all his own and so delightful to the lodge. Of this the coming W.M. for next year should make special note, and endeavour to make their "Burns' Anniversary" a national characteristic of their Scots Lodge. As Scotsmen, they had every season to be proud of their great national poet, whose genius had breathed into the lyric literature of their country the breadth of a true human life, and made it a living soul of intense love, of tenderest pity, of noblest patriotism, and universal Brotherhood. Burns, in his immortal songs, had climbed to the highest rung of the ladder of Scottish poetry, and so long as their tongue was known, or the English language spoken, his name would continue to be honoured, and his memory revered. As a brother Mason, Burns' genius had shed such a halo of poetic beauty and fraternal force around the symbolic gospel of the Craft as to draw many good and true Scotsmen unto it in all parts of the earth, and to hasten that glorious time "When man to man the world o'er shall brothers be and a' that." Following up the remarks of their Worshipful Brothers, Osterstock and Dr. Forbes, on the union of Englishmen and Scotsmen and their unity as Masons, Bro. Gray referred to the position that Scotsmen (although it might look like blowing their own horn) had taken alongside Englishmen in the progress of the nation. In the administration of its affairs Scotsmen had taken no mean part, and as to the present Cabinet they had no reason to be ashamed of either the number or the ability of the statesmen in it of Scottish birth. In art, whether in painting or music, the names of Scotsmen were neither few nor unknown to English fame. In the church, also, their countrymen had won and filled with distinction its highest seats, and even the Scots Lodge was honoured with a high dignitary of St. Paul's as its Honorary Chaplain (Archdeacon Sinclair, Q.C.). Then as to literature. Every one of the brethren must have been struck with the great wave of genius from the north that had been recently, and was still, flowing over the lands. At that moment there must spring to every lip the name of Robert Louis Stevenson, that second wizard of the north, who had just passed away on his island home in the south, leaving behind him a fame of which they all felt proud. Then to that honoured name there were to be added the names of Barrie, Crockett, and others, whose genius was now rekindling the literature of our time with a brilliancy and charm that was delighting the reading world. While seeking, therefore, with all heartiness and fraternal affection to cement the bond of unity with their English brethren, the members of the Scots Lodge by always being true and loyal to their nationality would strengthen the connection and prove themselves worthier of it. He then apologised for having quite unintentionally detained them, and thanked the Worshipful Master for having so kindly proposed, and the brethren for so heartily responding to, the toast of his health.

The Tyler's toast was followed by the time-honoured custom of singing "Auld Lang Syne."

**Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge** (No. 2432).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when there were present: Bros. George Embleton, W.M.; G. Ransford, I.P.M.; D. Phillips, S.W.; T. W. Lightfoot, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; A. F. Scholting, Sec.; W. H. Lowry, S.D.; W. F. Bates, J.D.; T. Rayner, acting I.G.; J. F. Pink, Org.; T. M. Bell, Stwd.; J. Woods, H. O. Winter, A. S. Benjamin, O. C. Moore, Alex. Jones, W. C. Lightfoot, E. Grahnert, R. Ambler, and H. Evenden, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Saunders, S.W. 1507; M. Beedle, 1287; J. Flemming, 1937; H. Bird, 231; W. F. Imbrey, 2372; F. Whicher, 1512; and C. H. Knuth, 1839.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ceremony of raising Bros. William C. Lightfoot, and H. O. Winter, was ably performed by the W.M. Bro. J. J. Woods proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said: I am quite sure the important toast which it is my privilege to submit to you will be received with all the enthusiasm it deserves, because we all appreciate the excellent Worshipful Master we have got to preside over us, it is impossible to say more in his favour than he deserves. We all know his excellent working in the lodge, and what he has done as Steward for the Charities. Bro. Embleton not only does his work well, but is conducting the general business connected with the chair in an admirable manner.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had received the toast. One thing he very much regretted that evening, was the absence amongst the visitors of his dear old friend Bro. William Mason Styles. Bro. Styles was one of his oldest Masonic friends, a thorough good Mason who had worked hard for Masonry, and had taken up a very large sum of money to the Three Institutions, and thoroughly deserved the honour of election as Grand Treasurer, for which office he is a candidate at the forthcoming election. For the rest of the visitors, whose health he would ask them to drink, he could only say they were pleased to welcome them. Some had been there before, and both those and the others who had not, he hoped would come again.

The visitors all briefly replied, Bro. Whicher remarking that he very much regretted that after being the first joining member of the lodge he had felt obliged to resign through not being able to attend the meetings, but since resigning he had been a constant visitor, and most likely always should. He wished the lodge continued success.

In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. thanked them for the attention they all paid to their duties, and the support he received from them. He was sorry, and knew they would all be very sorry to hear the cause of the I.G.'s (Bro. C. Ranford) absence, was a severe accident from a cab.

The responses of the officers and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

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**To Correspondents.**

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



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

**Masonic Notes.**

The flourishing town of Middlesborough was the scene of a very interesting function on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when the ceremony of opening a Seamen's Institute was performed by Lady Dixon, in the unavoidable absence of the Dowager Duchess of Northumberland. The Institute has been established mainly through the persistent efforts of the Rev. Fred. Griffiths. The building, which was originally a Congregational Chapel, was purchased for £2000, and having been since adapted for its present purposes, is now capable of accommodating some 500 persons. The ceremony of declaring the building open was gracefully performed by Lady Dixon, to whom a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation for her kindness in attending.

What, however, added exceptional *éclat* to the inauguration was the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, under the presidency of Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren, who mustered in goodly numbers, marched in procession to the Institute, where the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by his principal officers, laid the cornerstone at the northern buttress of the building with Masonic ceremonial. The proceedings were followed by a luncheon at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Sir Rayton Dixon, and in the evening by a reception in the Mayor's Parlour, a public tea in the Crypt of the Town Hall, and a musical entertainment in the Hall itself. We hope to be able to find space for a detailed account of the ceremony in our next issue.

The Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, Amersham, has recently been doing some good service among the poor in its neighbourhood, for which it merits the highest praise. A Committee of the lodge, consisting of Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M., and Bros. R. Ferguson, H. G. Clarke, and George Darlington, having first taken counsel with the ministers of the district, Miss Drake, and the Relieving Officer, have been distributing coal, the number of recipients being 60, and the quantity delivered to each being two cwt. A second distribution has since been made among the same recipients, the same quantity being delivered to each. It may easily be imagined how great a boon is such a gift as this in such severe weather, and we congratulate the Carrington Lodge on having added another to the already numerous evidences that Masonic Charity is by no means limited to members of the Order.

The annual meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, when Bro. Edmund Rosenthal was installed in the chair of K.S. There was a large muster of members and visitors, good work in lodge, a capital dinner afterwards, and the customary entertainment, on the merits of which at previous installation meetings we have spoken so often in terms of well-merited praise. Our report of the proceedings will appear next issue.

We congratulate Bro. W. Lake, who has been recently appointed to the office of Chief Clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, on his installation on Monday, the 4th inst., as W.M. of the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020. Bro. Lake was one of the principal founders of this flourishing lodge, and from the beginning of its career had held the important office of Secretary. The brethren, however, were anxious, in recognition of his services in that capacity, to have him for their W.M., and he was accordingly elected, at the meeting in December, to fill the chair for the current year, and installed in office, as we have said, on Monday. A full report of the proceedings will be found in another part of our columns.

The Philadelphia Keystone of the 19th ult., contains an interesting account of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of its constitution by the officers and members of Covenant Lodge, No. 456, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This lodge was constituted on the 12th January, 1870, and from the brief historical sketch which was delivered in the course of the proceedings we judge that its career has been a prosperous one. Of the 28 Past Masters of the lodge, 15 were present at this meeting, and five were absent, while eight have died. There was also a strong muster of members and visitors in honour of the event, among the latter being the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Past Grand Masters Conrad B. Day and Michael Arnold of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

It appears from the statement of accounts appended to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at its Quarterly Communication in November last, that the Funds and Estate of Grand Lodge on the 30th November, 1893, amounted to £33,788 1s. 4d.; that the income from all sources during the year ended the 29th November, 1894, was £4564 4s. 3d., and the expenditure £2339 1s. 7d. Deducting from the balance in favour of Grand Lodge for the year 1892-3, the sum of £1142 1s. 4d., being the one half of the Free Income of Grand Lodge for that year, paid over in terms of the Constitution to the Extended Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, the funds and estate, at the close of last year's account, amounted to £34,870 8s. 8d.

The *Voice of Masonry* is of opinion that the constant denunciation of non-affiliates is both unwise and inexpedient. It is unwise, because the only result thus far has been to bring about the adoption in sundry jurisdictions of legislative measures which are the reverse of commendable; and it is inexpedient, because the number of those who, to use the expression current among United States Masons, "dimit," that is, retire from Masonry, or are suspended for non-payment of dues, is very small. According to a table prepared by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, of New York, the percentage of "dimissions" is only 2·39, and of suspensions for non-payment of dues only 1·84, or together 4·23. Against these must be set the percentage of affiliations and restorations which is set down by the same authority as 2·82. Under these circumstances it is very wisely suggested that non-affiliates should be left alone. Here in England the non-affiliate

having elected—in the exercise of his undoubted prerogative to do as he pleases—to go out into the cold, remains there as long as it suits his purpose, and no one takes the slightest notice of him or considers his conduct reprehensible. Why cannot they follow the same course in the United States?

This is indeed just one of those cases in which "force is no remedy," and for the best of all reasons, that you cannot compel a man to remain a Mason any more than you can compel him to become one. A man who offers himself as a candidate for membership of our Order does so of his own free will and accord, and it is nonsense to suggest that having been made a Mason, he thereby loses his freedom of inclination to remain or not to remain a member as it pleases him. Our contemporary is quite right in its belief that constant legislation against non-affiliates is a mistake, and that the right way to conquer the evil—if evil it be—is "the making of constituent lodges so good and attractive that no Mason would willingly be non-affiliated."

Just as we are going to press we have received an urgent letter from a Provincial Brother, pointing out that the revised proposals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to confer ranks of Vice-Patron and Patron on Lodges, etc., *in perpetuity*; do not meet the views of the objectors at Grand Lodge in December last. It was then understood that the amounts to be paid by Lodges should be (as in the case of the Educational Institutions) double those paid by Individuals, whereas they are still proposed to be the same. An objection is also raised by our Brother to the proposal to give extra voting power after a payment of 200 guineas—his contention being that such extra votes should only be given on payment of 400 guineas, as in the case of the other Institutions.

We regret we received the letter too late for insertion, but the above remarks practically cover the objections raised to the proposals which are to be submitted to the Special Meeting of the Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday next, 13th inst., at 4.30 o'clock.

### Correspondence.

#### THE SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I had scarcely closed my letter to you in reply to Bro. Whytehead, when in your issue of 14th September I find two more champions of the cause, both of whom have read with "much pleasure the able and suitable letter referred to," one under the signature of "Justice," and the other "Past Master," E.C. They appear to have both visited New Zealand. By a curious coincidence, too, they employ the same language, and assert "that the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand has justified its existence." It is very suggestive how great minds can run in the same vein of thought, but at the same time it would be very much better were they able to prove their assertions. Bold statements, such as they have given voice to, may do very well as coming from the "man at the corner," or the inspired wish that is father to the thought, but it will not bear analysing. Greater men than "Justice" and "Past Master" have made a mess of it before to-day in writing about New Zealand. Anthony Trollope, Rusden, Froude, and others have essayed to stuff the public, from time to time, with their wondrous knowledge of events Colonial; but, unhappily, for some of them, their veracity has been impeached, and most successfully too. There is certainly a large army of "soft goods," "hard ware," and other useful trading professors annually visiting the Colony, not to mention "Globe trotters," and, of course, all are entitled to their opinions; still at the same time they must not feel offended if their travel-stained and highly coloured ideas are sometimes challenged.

I therefore ask "Past Master E.C."—"How does he know that the Colonial Board of Grand Lodge is—to use his own words—not in touch with *our* brethren at the other side of the world?" As for "Justice's" idea that Grand Lodge should urge upon its lodges to transfer their allegiance, is about as absurd a proposition as adopting the role of Canute the Great with regard to the brethren, loyal and true, who are not of the "jelly fish" type, and know how to respect their obligation. The puerile argument "that Grand Lodge will lose prestige unless they accord recognition," is only what may be summed up in that new-coined phrase—"slapdoodle."

What about the lodge warrants illegally "annexed," to use a mild term! Can "Justice" and "Past Master" justify such wilful contempt of equity and right? Do they argue that "might is right"? Are they aware of the dictatorial conditions upon which it is proposed to approach Grand Lodge on the subject of their restoration? An implied threat, in reality, a command. Why, it would be derogatory to Grand Lodge to entertain such a proposal on such a basis, and an insult to Masonic reasoning and intelligence.

Why, at this very moment dissensions are rife amongst them—even their recently-installed, so-called Grand Master, Bro. Bell, is the subject of animadver-

sion and unfavourable comments in the *New Zealand Craftsman*, their own organ, and why? Because he is not a puppet to be trotted round at the sweet will of the noisy and ambitious organisation.

"Justice" and "Past Master" had better take another trip to New Zealand. They will, no doubt, be received with open arms, canonised and made something "extra Grand" of. In the meantime these over-zealous and self-opinionative brethren had better leave New Zealand Masonic affairs alone. I feel sure Grand Lodge does not require anonymous special pleaders to influence them in their deliberations, enjoying, as it does, the confidence of loyal brethren in the colony.—Yours fraternally,

J. J. WILLIAMS, P.M. and P.Z. 1229.  
Westland, N.Z., Dec. 10th, 1894.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

From time to time, questions regarding procedure and law are asked, which cannot be answered by a reference to the Constitutions, these latter being silent on certain points. In such cases, the point at issue is, as a rule, referred to the Grand Secretary, who gives what we may term an authoritative ruling. But the ruling, except to the person referring the point, is lost to the Masonic world at large, unless, of course, it is a ruling on appeal to Grand Lodge, in which case it is published in the Proceedings.

Would it not be possible to have a book of such rulings published "By Authority"—a book which could be quoted as authoritative?

Did such a book exist, the letter from "Ex-Secretary, P.M.," in your issue of December 1st, 1894, would probably have never been written, as the question he asked was so admirably answered on pp. 122 and 123 of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of December 4th, 1889, and also in 1874.

One question I should like to ask—At a regular meeting of a lodge, can business be transacted which is not entered on the agenda? The Constitutions say very little about agenda generally, except as regards initiations and joinings. Art. 166—last sentence—says that at a lodge of emergency the business to be transacted "shall be entered on the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon." This is clear enough. But may one imply that at a regular meeting business of all sorts, which is not on the agenda, may be transacted? For instance, may, at a regular meeting, Second or Third Degrees be conferred upon brethren, if not on the agenda? There appears to be nothing illegal in such procedure, though, at the same time, I imagine universal custom would condemn it.

On points of this sort, authoritative rulings of Grand Lodge would be invaluable.—Yours fraternally,

J. H. LESLIE, P.M.  
Rawal Pindi, Punjab, January 6th.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

1002] A SPECIAL JEWEL.

In a very rare work, entitled "Free Masonry in the Province of Durham, Sunderland, 1836," mention is made of a special jewel, which H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., granted permission for the members of the "Lambton Lodge" to wear, which was founded in commemoration of the visit of the Grand Master to Durham in 1822. The lodge is now No. 375, and still assembles at Chester-le-Street, where it was "instituted 10th April, 1823; first number, 789." At page 19 it is stated: "His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master of England, is a member of this lodge at his own particular desire; and His Royal Highness instituted a mark of distinction (in commemoration of his visit to this province in 1822) for *Master Masons*, members of the Lambton Lodge, which can only be conferred by the Master." Bro. J. G. Lambton (afterwards Earl of Durham) was the first W.M., and when (Baron) Lord Durham occupied the chair again in 1828. I wonder if Bro. G. L. Shackles has one of these medals in his wonderful collection, and whether if the lodge still exercises this privilege, which appears to have been of a permanent character.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### Reviews.

"THE MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORK AND YORKSHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1895."—This is an old friend come to visit us once again, and is certain to receive a very hearty welcome. Its last appearance was in 1892, and the present is its 17th year of publication. The Editor and *donor* from the first edition to that of the 17th issue, has been Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.M. 1611 York, &c., &c.; and the handy little publication holds a unique position in consequence. The Calendars for local and general purposes are ably arranged, and will prove useful aids throughout the year, and the various Lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers are indispensable in such a compilation. There are 76 lodges and 3725 subscribing members in West Yorkshire, and 32 lodges with 2292 members in North and East Yorkshire, making in the county 6017 brethren belonging to 108 lodges. Though not so large a number as in Lancashire, the figures are very suggestive of the spread and prosperity of the Craft in these two provinces. In the

West Riding, there are the large number of 40 Royal Arch Chapters, and 1298 companions on the roll of membership, and 16 chapters and 720 members in the North and East Ridings, making a total of over 2000 companions subscribing to chapters in the county. Particulars are also afforded of the other Masonic bodies in Yorkshire, and as the compilation is so useful and much needed, it is hoped that Bro. Whytehead will be good enough to regularly publish it once a year as heretofore. In that spirit we thank him most warmly—for the next!

"THE MASONIC CHRONICLE"—Columbus, Ohio—for December, 1894, is quite up to the average, its principal article being a further instalment of Bro. General John C. Smith's history of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, in which the career of Raymond du Puy, Premier G. Master of the Order H. Arch, 1118-1160, is described, an excellent portrait of the worthy knight accompanying the instalment. It contains also news relating to Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry, and of general interest.

"THE KEYSTONE"—Harris and Son, Sydney, N.S.W., and Brisbane—is a modest monthly of six pages without the cover, and does not, as may be imagined, throw much light upon the proceedings of the Craft in New South Wales and Queensland, especially as one of the pages is occupied with an illustration and the two that follow with the remaining portion of a paper entitled "Why Mrs. Herbert loved Masonry," borrowed from "Our Home Companion." The contents of the remaining half of the number are of no great interest Masonically.

"MASONIC TIDINGS"—Milwaukee, Wisconsin—for last month is in strong contrast with the *Keystone* above-mentioned. It opens with an account of the "Grand Lecturer's Travels," in which he recounts his experiences when visiting the lodges located in various parts of the jurisdiction of Wisconsin. In addition, we have noted Part IV.—"Male Quartettes"—of "Masonic Music" by Bro. William H. Gerrish; an editorial article entitled, "Labour and Refreshment," in which the writer expresses his belief that much good would ensue if the social side of Freemasonry was more thought of. There are also brief biographical sketches of Bro. E. Kittridge, a veteran Mason of 40 years' standing, and Bro. L. Barrett, Grand Tyler, of Wisconsin, together with some interesting particulars relating to the introduction of Freemasonry into Milwaukee.

"THE LIFEBOAT."—Journal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, printed by William Clowes and Sons, Limited, Stamford-street, Charing Cross, and published at the offices of the Institution, John-street, Adelphi. The number for the current issue opens with a continuation of the article on "Lifeboat Crews," which was commenced in the previous number—for November last. This portion of the article lays stress upon the important part played by the fishermen along our coasts in managing our lifeboats, and illustrates the gallant work done by these men by recounting the service rendered by the lifeboat stationed at Staithes, on the Yorkshire coast, on 27th November, 1888. Another article treats of the "Lifeboat Saturday Movement," and there are the usual particulars as to "Additional Stations and new Lifeboats," services rendered by lifeboats during the past year, partly in detail and in tabular form, chronologically arranged, for the whole of 1894. The next quarterly issue—on 1st May—will contain the annual report.

"MOFFATT'S PUPIL TEACHERS' COURSE."—Edited by Thomas Page. Geography and History. Part I. London: Moffatt and Paige, 18, Warwick-lane, Paternoster-row, and 11, Paternoster-square, E.C.—This manual is intended to meet the requirements, under the New Code—Schedule V. in Geography and History for first, second, and third years—this particular "Division I." treating of the "Physical, political, and commercial geography of the British Islands, British North America, and Australia," while the historical portion contains "Outlines of British History to the death of Edward I." The compilation reflects great credit on the editor, who has arranged his matter in such a fashion that the student will have little or no difficulty in acquiring all the most important information relating to the portions of the two subjects dealt with. This information is well classified and precisely set forth, and in addition there are Tables and an Index, and both a Geographical and Historical Paper of Questions selected from former Government Examination Papers, so that the student may test the progress he has made after consulting the manual. The price of the book is only 2s.

"MOFFATT'S REPRINT OF QUEEN'S SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS," July, 1894, with answers to Arithmetic, Algebra, and Mensuration. London, same publishers.—This will be found of great use by those who contemplate offering themselves as candidates for future Queen's Scholarship and similar examinations. The price of the Reprint is sixpence.

"MOFFATT'S HANDBOOK AND GUIDE, FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION) AND CRICKET, 1894. 1895. Same Publishers.—This is a useful little pocket guide, containing the laws of the two games, those of football as adopted by the Association, and those of cricket as revised by the Marylebone Cricket Club, 1889. There are also Registers for the two games, and particulars as to the chief results of the play during the football season 1893-4, and the cricket season, 1894.

"PUBLIC LEDGER ALMANAC, 1895," printed by the Ledger Job Office, Philadelphia. This is the 26th annual issue of this excellent almanac. It is not published for sale, and is "presented to the subscribers to the *Ledger* as an every-day companion for the year 1895," free of cost. It is most useful book of reference, replete with every kind of information such as business and public men in Philadelphia stand in need of. Especial value must attach to this issue, as it contains a full biographical sketch of the late Bro. Geo. W. Childs, who commenced the publication of the almanac in 1870, and who was one of the greatest of the many benefactors whom the City of Philadelphia has had the honour of enrolling among her citizens. The sketch is accompanied by a well-executed portrait of Bro. Childs.

## The Freemason.

"THE RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST," London, Bemrose and Sons, Limited, 23, Old Bailey, E.C., and Derby. This is the opening number of a publication representing a brace of old and valued friends joined into one—"THE RELIQUARY," which was founded in 1860 by the late Llewellynn Jewitt, F.S.A., and the "ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST," which was started a year and a half ago, and of which only six quarterly parts had been issued. The two have been amalgamated because they possessed so many features in common, and because also it has appeared to the proprietors that by combining all the excellent points of both, the present publication will appeal more strongly to the general public, to whom matters of special interest, and requiring special knowledge to appreciate them, will be presented in a popular form. The publishers hope that their purpose may be achieved by the pains and enterprise they intend devoting to the new serial, and the present number augurs well for the fulfilment of their hopes. The most noteworthy of its contents are a paper on the "Monumental Effigy at Llanermon-in-Yale, Denbighshire," by Stephen W. Williams, F.S.A., with coloured illustration; "Wall Paintings, at Kirby Hall," by H. Swainson Cowper, F.S.A., with illustrations; and "A Survey of the Existing Remains of the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York," by Walter Brook, with illustrations. The whole is under the editorship of J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A., Scot., and as the journal is beautifully printed on good paper, as well as numerously and ably illustrated, we have every hope that it will prove a great success. It will be issued quarterly at the modest price of half-a-crown per number.



## Craft Masonry.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Lodge** (No. 48).—Another successful and well-attended meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Wm. Stafford, presided, and was supported by the following brethren, amongst others: Bros. W. J. Jobson, I.P.M.; M. R. Wright, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; A. Dodds, S.W.; T. W. Bagnall, J.W.; Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; H. Jackson, Sec.; Wm. Douglas, S.D.; T. Chegwidden, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Holzapfel and Jos. Pragnell, Stwd.; Jos. Curry, Tyler; W. Blythe, R. W. Blacklock, H. H. Pitt, J. T. Corking, W. T. Brown, T. L. Hall, T. Douglass, Robt. Brason, C. G. Nichol, J. Charlton, R. Kelly, R. C. Tate, R. Laverick, W. E. Peacock, and R. Dobson. The visitors were numerous, and comprised Bros. L. F. Allan, P.M. 991; O. Jackson, S.D. 991; W. F. Hall, S.D. 406; R. Renwick, S.D. 541; W. Phillipson, Sec. 2497; J. B. McKenzie, Sec. 659; G. L. Wooley, W.M. 1862; W. Wallace, J.D. 1862; C. W. Hodson, I.G. 659; H. S. Bird, P.M. 1664; T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1664; C. P. Laidler, S.W. 1664; G. Donkin, J.W. 1676; R. Stewart, W.M. 424; T. R. Short, S.W. 424; G. U. Patterson, P.M. 424; J. Burrell, S.D. 424; G. J. Wilson, W.M. 1676; A. Scott, P.M. 1676; H. Forster, S.D. 1676; J. T. Stark, 1676; J. G. Cole, P.M. 1676; T. Beynon, W.M. 1427; J. L. Owen, J.W. 1427; C. J. Ashdown, S.D. 1427; R. W. Johnson, 1427; Geo. Donkin, jun., S.D. 406; T. M. Warden, 424; and others.

After the preliminary business, Bro. C. W. Burns, 223, was elected as a joining member, and the ballot was taken successfully for Messrs. Geo. Gilhespy and J. A. Morris for initiation. Mr. Geo. Gilhespy being ready, was duly initiated by the W.M., and the working tools and charge of the First Degree were explained by the J.W. The tracing board was also explained by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C. Nominations for Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Tyler were then made. Two petitions to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund were adopted and signed.

Proposals for joining member and initiations followed, and the proceedings closed in good time, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment board, and a pleasant and instructive night was concluded.

## HAMPTON COURT

**Hemming Lodge** (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Thursday, the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; E. H. Trotter, J.W., W.M. elect; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Hopkins, S.D.; G. J. Togg, J.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; C. Wheatley, A.D.C.; A. F. Scholding, P.M., H. Gale, C. F. Davis, H. Webster, and W. Hill, Stwd.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.G.A.P.; and W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and J. Smith, P.M. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Tucker, P.P.G.A.D.C.; M. I. Tuck, P.M. 1343, P.P.G. Std. Br., Essex; H. Trask, P.M. 2372, P.G.S. Herts.; H. Wood, W.M. 101; W. F. Calthrow, W.M. 1733; A. Oliver, P.M. 820; H. E. Gomme, P.M. 946; W. Ramsey, P.M. 1508; Lieut.-Col. J. J. Lane, P.M. 1871; W. C. Podger, 1310; J. Hill, 1572; J. Crundell, 1599; J. J. Coming, 1705; F. Bridge, 1733; C. Strong, 2182; F. E. Lyne, 2400; and A. H. Bowers, 2540.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. F. A. Balls, was passed to the Second Degree, Bros. G. Ridgwell and W. G. Carrington raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Arthur Austin initiated, the three arduous ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Pratti as a joining member. The W.M. then proceeded to install Bro. E. H. Trotter as W.M., and notwithstanding his previous exertions, the ceremony was ably carried out. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. Hopkins, S.W.; G. J. Tagg, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls,

P.M., Sec.; P. Cronin, S.D. (by deputy); C. Wheatley, J.D.; H. Gale, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; G. C. Brooke Org.; F. Davis, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., H. Webster, W. Hill, C. H. H. Boyce, and A. Macchi, Stwd.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Instal Master, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel and collar. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Scott. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx. (hon. member); T. W. O. Menden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; P. Cronin, S.D.; R. F. Ruff and others.

The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Pratti, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

The proceedings were not marred by long speeches. The W.M. was commendably brief but very pertinent in his remarks. He had most liberally provided an excellent programme of music, in which Bros. C. Shong, G. J. Coming, F. E. Lyne, G. Ridgwell, and G. C. Brooke particularly distinguished themselves.

The [proceedings were admirably carried out and reflect great credit to Bros. J. W. Clarke, E. H. Trotter, and J. C. Jessett.

## HAZEL GROVE.

**Grove Lodge** (No. 1957).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Inn, Bro. A. F. Grundy, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Lomas, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks., assumed the chair as *Installing Master*, and appointed as the *Installing Officers* Bros. Herbert Foster, P.M., P.P.G.P., as S.W.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; and J. W. Higginbotham, P.M., as I.G. Bro. H. Powell Jones, P.G. Std. Br., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Charles Higginbotham, P.M., who was duly installed by Bro. Lomas, and was proclaimed and saluted. The working tools were presented by Bro. A. F. Grundy, I.P.M. The W.M., Wardens, and brethren were addressed by Bro. Chas. Higginbotham.

After the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were given for the visitors present, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and responded to, and Bro. Powell Jones proved himself very highly fitted for the high position in which the members of the lodge had placed him.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. F. Grundy, I.P.M.

A capital programme of music had been provided, under the direction of Bro. Megson, who presided at the piano. Bros. Herbert Owles, E. Heywood, W. Harrison, W. N. Siebel, and E. M. Megson, contributed capital songs, &c.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Arthur F. Grundy, W.M.; Charles Higginbotham, I.P.M.; J. Powell Jones, J.W., P.G. Std. Br.; J. D. Penney, Treas.; J. W. Higginbotham, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Bickerton, S.D.; Fred Salter, J.D.; Jas. Jackson, I.G.; J. Herbert Foster, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Henry Lomas, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John P. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Lomas, W. H. Jenkinson, Thomas Rowbotham, Wm. N. Siebel, Thomas Hulme, Geo. Fairbarn, and John Clarke, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Cookson, P.M. 287, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. Fielding, P.M. 336; Jervis T. Hudson, W.M. 287, P.P.G.S.; John F. Lomas, W.M. 104; W. H. Hughes, 1730; Ed. M. Megson, Org. 999; Ernest Heywood, 999; Herbert Owles, J.W. 103, D.C. 1588; W. Harrison, Org. 1588; J. Winkley, W.M. 322; E. M. Clough, W.M. 1126; D. Newall, I.P.M., 481; J. A. Cookson, S.W. 287; and Jos. Wood, P.M. 104.

## HULL

**Installed Masters' Lodge** (No. 2494).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec., W.M.; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., J.W.; Col. H. Fawcett-Pudsey, P.P.G.D., Chap.; E. Corris, P.P.G.R., Treas.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G. Sec., Sec.; J. Bilson, S.D.; Thomson Foley, P.P.G.S. of W., J.D.; A. King, P.P.G.D., I.G.; R. Beevers, P.P.G.S. of W., Stwd.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler; J. L. Seaton, P.P.G.W.; J. Todd, P.P.G.W., P.G. Treas.; J. Henderson, P.P.G.W.; Herbert Woodhouse, L.L.D., P.G.R.; F. Fullerton, P.P.G.R.; Wm. C. Bradley, P.S.G.D.; W. A. Hutchence, P.J.G.D.; J. Mackail, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Leigh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; M. J. Martensen, W.M. 57; J. Wildbore, I.P.M. 57; J. G. Wallis, P.M. 1511; J. T. Belt, W.M. 2134; T. Heaton Haller, P.M. 2134; J. R. Stringer, P.P.G.O.; Geo. J. Richardson, W. C. Thornton, Harry Doughty, and D. Swallow.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read, and a ballot ensued, when two brethren were admitted as joining members. The Treasurer then presented his balance-sheet, which was of a highly satisfactory character, and was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of W., was then installed by the P.G. Treasurer, the obligation being administered by the P.G. Secretary. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. L. Shackles, S.W.; J. Bilson, J.W.; H. Woodhouse, L.L.D., Chap.; E. Corris, Treas.; F. B. Redfearn, Sec.; Colonel H. F. Pudsey, S.D.; A. King, J.D.; T. Foley, D.C.; W. C. Whiteside, Org.; R. Beevers, Stwd.; J. Henderson, I.G.; and H. Preston, Tyler. A vote of thanks to the *Installing Officer* was carried by acclamation. Four Installed Masters were proposed as joining members, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the dining room, where an excellent dinner was served, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening several good speeches were delivered, interspersed by musical performances.

At the end of its first year of existence, this lodge numbers about 50 members, and has fully maintained the objects of its institution, viz., to promote the study of Freemasonry in its literary, archaeological, and philosophical character, to provide a special lodge as a bond of union for Worshipful brethren who have passed the chair, to undertake public lectures and discussions for the instruction and improvement of the brethren, and generally to endeavour to raise the standard of Freemasonry, and to support the principles of the Craft in their highest sense.

## LINCOLN.

**Witham Lodge** (No. 297).—The first meeting in the recently erected Freemasons' Rooms was held on Monday, the 14th ult., and was attended by a large number of Lincoln brethren and visitors from lodges in the province. Bro. W. H. Moore, W.M., was in the chair, and was supported by all his officers and many of the Past Masters. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. W. H. Sissons, was present, and assisted the W.M. in initiating two gentlemen into the Craft. A very pleasing presentation was made to the lodge by Bro. R. Whitton of a very unique illuminated roll of the names of the Installed Masters since 1793, and was the work of Mr. E. Vickers, son of the respected Prov. Grand Secretary, the elaborate detail being very much admired. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. R. A. W. Brass. Bro. J. Dawson was elected Treasurer. The Mayor of the city, Bro. A. W. Hall; the Sheriff of the city, Bro. J. H. White; together with Bros. Elmont and Dunn, were elected Auditors. The D.P.G.M. warmly congratulated the brethren of the Witham and St. Hugh Lodges upon the appearance of the lodge room, and the convenient rooms attached, which had been so carefully arranged by Bro. Mortimer, to whom he paid a high compliment, as also to the builder, Bro. Close. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Building Committee and the Secretary, who had done so much to ensure the comfort and convenience of the brethren.

After lodge, the brethren spent the evening in conviviality.

## MANCHESTER.

**Townley Parker Lodge** (No. 1083).—The installation of Bro. Robert Lingard by Bro. Geo. Parker, P.M., assisted by other Past Masters, took place on Wednesday, the 30th ultimo, at the Grand Hotel. There were over 90 brethren present, but want of space prevents us giving a list of them. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Lingard, W.M.; W. Birkbeck, I.P.M.; James Simster, S.W.; J. N. Taylor, J.W.; John Taylor, Treas.; G. Parker, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Fitzsimmon, S.D.; C. Shorrock, J.D.; E. Edmundson, Org.; F. E. Hughes, I.G.; A. Longworth, H. Barber, and H. Wooler, Stewards; and N. Jones, Tyler.

## MARGATE.

**Union Lodge** (No. 127).—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the King's Head Hotel, this lodge celebrated the installation of its W.M., Bro. E. Crosoer, who had occupied the chair during the past year, having been unanimously elected to the office. The reasons for this departure from the ordinary procedure was, that Bro. Crosoer had, with the assistance of Bros. Willet and Stanley, the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge, promoted and carried out a scheme for providing for the erection of a Masonic Temple for the Craft in Margate. Owing to delays, the building could not be completed during his year of office, and the Wardens generously stood aside in order that Bro. Crosoer might be re-elected, and thus enjoy the honour and pleasure of being the W.M. at the opening ceremony. The installation was ably performed by Bro. H. N. Price, F.M., Domestic Lodge, and there was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren, among others being Bros. A. Joynes Emmeron, P.M. 1204, P.S.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. G. Harvey, W.M. 2448; E. G. Talbot, P.M. 65; E. H. White, I.P.M. 2448; C. J. Elliott, I.P.M. 429; J. T. May, P.M. 429; G. Chapman, W.M. 1209; S. R. Wilson, P.M. 1209; G. Godbourn, P.M. 429; W. H. Harris, P.M. 1076; E. L. Dixon, P.M. 429; A. H. Hall, P.M. 2448; H. Wootton, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Brighurst, P.M. 127; J. Healing, P.M. 127; Jas. Hosking, P.M. 1347; J. G. Henning, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Wootton, P.M. 127, 1200, P.P.J.G.W.; Hugh Bamber, I.P.M. 127; G. H. Cheefield, P.M. 127, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Stanley, P.M. 127; F. W. Willett, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; J. L. Hume, P.M. 144, and about 40 other brethren. The W.M. appointed the following his officers for the year: Bros. J. Moore, S.W.; J. L. Hume, P.M. 144, J.W.; the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; F. W. Willett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. Stanley, P.M., Sec.; T. Russe F.C.O., Org.; W. F. Franklin, S.D.; H. Woodward, J.D.; Leonard Hull, I.G.; G. B. Foster, D.C.; T. Jephcott, A.D.C.; J. Hosking, P.M. 1347, and J. J. Hermitage, Stwd.; and G. Lawrence, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of 57, afterwards banqueted at the King's Head Hotel, supplied in first-class style by Bro. Rouard, the host.

The usual toasts, interspersed with songs by Bros. Harding, Hosking, Stanley, Heming, and Wootton.

## OLD TRAFFORD.

**Talbot Lodge** (No. 2231).—The annual Festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. Edwin Faulker, J.W., took place at the Local Board Offices on Friday, the 18th ultimo. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Robinson, W.M.; Edwin Faulker, J.W.; the Rev. G. Cranston, Chap.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.I., Treas.; W. Lowsey, Sec.; Harold Nickson, S.D.; F. Green, J.D.; F. Batty, P.M., D. of C.; Geo. Unsworth, I.G.; W. Cheshyre, P.M.; R. E. Stringleman, I.P.M.; C. Martyne, P.M.; A. H. Bradley, E. W. Jackson, A. Dawson, F. J. Warburton, J. Chadderton, H. P. K. Peacock, J. B. Rawson, J. McConnell, W. Grant, C. F. Baybut, J. J. Kent Fairclough, J. Bradburn, J. E. Boden, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and E. Levy. Visitors: Bros. R. Goddacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Thomas Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Harris, P.A.G.D. of C.; Wolseley, 1993; P. J. Walsh, 1147; J. H. Carter, P.M. 1064; T. J. Rowland, 633; John Slyman, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Clegg, 633; John Travers, W.M. 1387; W. H. Fultord, P.M. 852; Eli Morgan, P.M. 2144; George S. Smith, P.P.G.O. E. Lancs., P.P.G.O. W. Lancs., 2359; Alfred Ingham, P.M. and Sec. 2144, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Noar, 42; John W. Byrom, W.M. 1045; John S. Derbyshire, Org. 1565; C. Heywood, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Toomos, S.W. 1588; Rev. Chas. E. Little, Chap. 277; John Heap, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Andrew C. Sparkes, P.M. 1505; C. E. Hindley, P.M. 148, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Leathley, P.M. 1126, Charity Representative; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Fred. C. Morgan, F. Hilton, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Wilson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Greenwood, 2019; Harry H. Martyne, P.M. 1387;

Sam Locke, P.M. 1387; Wm. F. Farrington, P.M. 1633; J. Bowers, P.M. 1730; and Hiram Wakefield, P.P.G.D. It is gratifying to be able to announce that the retiring W.M., Bro. Roberts, has endowed the Worshipful Master's chair for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Martyn, P.M., for the R.M.I. for Girls, and Bro. Faulkner, the newly-installed W.M., for the R.M.I. for Boys.

Bro. Roberts opened the lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Grand and Provincial Grand Officers were admitted. Bro. Faulkner was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Batty, P.M., and he was installed by Bro. Roberts in a most impressive manner. The address to the newly-installed Master was delivered by Bro. Striggleman, to the Wardens by Bro. J. Boden, to the Officers by Bros. Slyman and Lloyd, and to the brethren by Bro. Boden, and the working tools in the Three Degrees by Bro. Batty. The newly-installed Master invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. John Roberts, I.P.M.; Wm. Lowsby, S.W.; Harold Nickson, J.W.; Rev. George Cranston, Chap.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; Frank Green, Sec.; George Unsworth, S.D.; T. K. Peacock, J.D.; Evans Jackson, I.G.; C. Martyn, P.M., D.C.; John Allin, Org.; Wm. Grant, E. E. Levy, F. G. Bennett, C. F. Baybut, Alfred Dawson, and R. McConnel, Stwds.; and W. Chesshyre, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a splendidly served banquet. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Faulkner, presided, supported by a large array of brethren.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly received and drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Slyman responded to the toast of "Bro. Robert Wylie, D.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

In proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Faulkner," Bro. Roberts said he was sure they would all be proud to be told they had a true, hardworking honest W.M. in the chair that evening. He was one of those people who was fluent in speech and firm and strong in principle. Those were qualities which were absolutely necessary in his position. It was no light task he had undertaken to perform, but he had no doubt, judging from the manner Bro. Faulkner had done his work in the past, that there could be no more worthy Master for the Talbot Lodge than he would prove himself. He had no doubt that the brethren of the Talbot Lodge would rally round him and give him their support in the future as they had done to his predecessors in the past.

The toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality, "Here's to his Health" being sung by Bro. John Allin.

Bro. Alderman Gibson, in supporting the toast, said that one peculiar characteristic of their W.M. was that he desired to do to others as he would like others to do to him. He felt they had done honour to themselves in appointing such a man to the high position which he had attained that day, and he was sure that at the expiration of the year they would find that they had appointed the right man to the right place. He tendered his sincere congratulations to Bro. Faulkner on the position he had attained. It was one he had deserved, and he trusted at the expiration of his term he would feel that it had been a most active and happy year to him and his.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, expressed to Bros. Roberts and Gibson his sincere thanks for the more than kind and generous terms in which they had submitted the toast, and to the brethren, one and all, for the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. He had often noticed that one of the most important qualifications of a man following the profession he followed was that his powers of observation should be cultivated to the utmost. He had often noticed that at banquets of that kind and ceremonies of an allied character, that when a W.M. was called upon to respond to the toast of his health, he frequently took a retrospective view of his Masonic career. He did not propose to follow that custom on the present occasion, for the simple reason that in his Masonic life there was nothing that was romantic, ancient, or interesting. His Masonic history was the history of the Talbot Lodge. He had been cradled and brought up, Masonically, in that lodge, which, as they knew, had only been established a few years. Therefore, the history of the Talbot Lodge and his history were interwoven, and were essentially modern. They had had a past in Talbot Lodge which was familiar to most of them. They saw what the Talbot Lodge was that day, and he must say they had endeavoured to practice those truly Masonic principles of unity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, and for the moment he was given to take a mental picture of what he hoped the future would be. He hoped that in that future, which he approached with feelings of great hopefulness and buoyancy, they would see these grand Masonic principles become stronger and more robust, and further intensified and developed, so that in the future, no matter how high and bright that ideal might be to which they might aspire, they would make an honest and earnest endeavour to attain to it that day. He could not resume his seat without thanking the Provincial Grand Officers, and every one of the brethren for their presence that day. He was particularly indebted to the first W.M. of that lodge, Bro. Boden. He took it as a very great honour to the Talbot Lodge, but more as a personal honour, that he was present that day, for it was under Bro. Boden's auspices he received his Masonic education, which was a fact he could not forget.

After a song from Bro. Levy,

The W.M. rose, and said, that so well had Bro. Roberts deserved of them again and so well was he appreciated for his labours in the chair, that he had been deputed to ask him to accept at their hands a Past Master's jewel. The inscription was: "Presented to Bro. John Roberts, Past Master, in recognition of his services as W.M. during 1894." He (Bro. Faulkner) asked him to wear it always with feelings of pleasure, and hoped he would always look upon it as an outward and visible symbol of the esteem and regard, nay, he would add a stronger word, and say affection, in which he was held by the brethren of that lodge. He hoped he might be long spared to labour for the good of that lodge, and also for the good of Masonry in general. He then pinned the jewel on Bro. Roberts' breast amid hearty cheers.

Bro. Roberts responded in feeling and appropriate terms. Other toasts were given including "The Visitors," who responded.

Under the care of Bro. Charles Martyn, P.M., D.C., the arrangements generally were well carried out. Bro. J.

Allin presided at the piano, and songs were given by himself, Bros. J. H. Greenwood, Bradley, J. S. Derbyshire, Levy, and others, and a novel feature was introduced in the feasts of legerdemain by Bro. Carter, and, for an amateur, was very good.

The list closed with the Tyler's toast, and "To our next Merry Meeting."

The excellent organ for the occasion of the ceremony was kindly lent by Bro. Fred. Batty, P.M.

#### SOUTHAMPTON.

**Royal Gloucester Lodge** (No. 130).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Thursday evening, the 10th ult., when Bro. J. Harrison Hogge, the retiring J.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The Past Masters in attendance were Bros. Ward, Economy Lodge; Bernard Harfield, W.M., P.J.G.W., T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg., J. B. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D., R. W. Lees, P.P.S.G.D., E. Osborne, C. T. Perny, Boughton Smith, and H. Vincent, all of the lodge; E. Kingman, W.M., J. Adams, P.P. A.G.D.C., H. Arthurs P.P.D.G.D.C., A. J. Blackman, P.P.G.S., and L. Steele, all of Peace and Harmony Lodge; W. Bates, W.M., H. W. Bull, and H. Lashmore, P.P. S.G.D., all of Southampton Lodge; S. P. Crook, W.M., Ritchie, I.P.M., and J. Methven, P.P.S.G.D., all of Clausentum Lodge; J. G. Jordan, W.M. Albert Edward Lodge; and Dicks, W.M. William of Wykeham Lodge.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. Cole, who was heartily thanked for his services. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Bernard Harfield, I.P.M.; E. T. Westlake, S.W.; A. J. Leach, J.W.; R. W. Lees, P.M., Treas.; J. Cole, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Sharp, S.D.; Sir Barrington Simeon, Bart., J.D.; R. Boughton Smith, P.M., D.C.; T. A. A. Cleveland, I.G.; J. T. Wells, Org.; F. B. Wride and A. C. Whitstone, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. The retiring Master, Bro. Harfield, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office, and it was resolved that the Lodge present him with a Past Master's jewel.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, laid by Mr. Sharp, of Above Bar, under the superintendence of the D.C. The newly-installed W.M. presided.

The usual round of toasts was gone through, "The Masonic Charities" being entrusted to Bro. R. W. Lees.

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially drunk, and there was an all-round expression that he would have a year of office pleasant to himself and prosperous to the lodge.

#### SPALDING.

**Hundred of Elloe Lodge** (No. 469).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. J. E. West, W.M.; W. Fletcher, I.P.M.; E. W. Gooch, S.W.; J. F. Symes, acting J.W.; W. M. Benson, Chap.; Benj. Fountain, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. C. Bemrose, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; Charles W. Bonner, S.D.; W. Newton, J.D.; G. F. Barrell, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; T. P. Holland, Org.; T. J. H. Brogden, I.G.; G. H. Emerson, Stwd.; J. Benner, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. H. Harvey, P.M.; W. W. Copeland, P.M. 792, P.P.S.G.D.; G. P. Kingston, P.M., P.G.S.; W. J. Price, George Jarvis, Edgar A. Bonner, R. C. Shearman, Richard Pick, Reg. Cartwright, C. Lacey Barratt, George E. Church; E. T. Waring, W. S. Byham, A. Ford, F. Samming, J. H. Bridges, E. Button, T. Bloodworth, George England, and J. Samming. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Smith, 272; W. H. Hopkins, S.W. 838; Wm. Porter, P.M., Samuel Copeland, P.M., and Herbert Garthwaite, all of 98s; J. F. Archer, 1977; W. Nugent, M. Nugent, and E. Davis, all of 1475; and D. W. Graves, 2041.

The Treasurer's and Audit Committee's report having been presented and confirmed, Bro. Barrell, as D.C., presented Bro. E. W. Gooch, the W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive at his hand the benefit of installation. Bro. West having duly constituted the Board of Installed Masters, very impressively installed Bro. E. W. Gooch into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. R. G. Ash, P.P.G.C., S.W.; Chas. E. Bonner, J.W.; Rev. W. Benson, Chap.; Benjamin Fountain, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas. and Almoner; George E. Church, Sec.; W. Newton, S.D.; T. J. H. Brogden, J.D.; G. F. Barrell, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; T. P. Holland, Org.; G. L. Barratt, I.G.; E. H. Emerson and T. Bloodworth, Stwds.; and C. H. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. Barrell conducted them to their respective chairs and suitably addressed each as to his duties. After some further business it was unanimously agreed that the lodge present Bro. Geo. C. Bemrose, P.M., P.P.G.P., with a Master's jewel in gold as an expression of its appreciation of the efficient services rendered as officer in this lodge during the last 13 years, and especially the highly satisfactory manner in which he has for years performed the arduous duties of Secretary.

The W.M. having closed the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, prepared in the room underneath the lodge. Here a most pleasant evening was spent. The visitors spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which the work of the lodge was conducted. The songs and recitations especially of Bros. Davis and Symes were immensely enjoyed. And the festival gave happy augury of a pleasant and prosperous year for the lodge.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge** (No. 2259).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Room, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when the following were present: Bros. A. L. Peace, I.P.M., acting W.M.; J. Constable, Sec., acting S.W.; T. Barber, J.D.; B. Maskill, Treas.; G. Eland, S.D.; H. A. Fenton, J.D.; W. Chambers, I.G.; T. Marsdin; W. P. Robotham, Org.; and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. R. Brew, 51 (I.C.).

Bro. T. R. R. Marsdin was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the I.P.M. Bro. Constable presented to the lodge his illuminated Steward's certificate as received from the Secretary of the R.M.I.B. One joining brother and one candidate were proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

#### URMSTON.

**Urmston Lodge** (No. 1730).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 14th ult. There were present Bros. W. H. Jolliffe, W.M.; John Walton, jun., J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; George R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Sec.; Walter Bowers, S.D.; G. G. R. Mends, J.D.; John Bowers, P.M., Org.; Gen. Al'rel Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. as D.C.; Jas. Ormrod, I.G.; F. French, J. Plowman, and J. Fowler, Stwds.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, I.P.M.; John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Peter Heaton, P.M.; R. Swindells, P.M.; John Walton, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M., Tyler; W. Ashworth, J. R. Mends, and J. W. Barrett. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1387, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Bowden, P.M. 1814, P.P.G.S.B.; H. G. Small, P.M. 368, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. R. Meanock, I.P.M. 2279; Thos. Threlfall, P.M. 1773; Henry Nall, P.M., Sec. 1375; John R. R. Jeffery, W.M. 1140; Alfred Pickford, W.H. 1375; W. Pearson, W.M. 1345; J. Travers, 1387; George A. Batley, W.M. 1814; John Knight, W.M. 2216; John Roberts, W.M. 2231; H. J. McBurney, 266; Rev. C. Little, M.A., 277; James Clegg, 467; John Farrow, 467; and J. W. Bent, 2279.

The Installing Master was Bro. John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D., and he appointed Bro. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P. as Installing S.W., Bro. P. Heaton, P.M., as installing J.W., and Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh as installing I.G. Bro. John Walton, jun., W.M. elect, was then presented by the W.M. and was duly installed. The working tools were given in the Third Degree by Bro. Littler, P.M., in the Second Degree by Bro. John Bowers, P.M., and in the First Degree by Bro. John Walton, P.M. Bros. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.T., and Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.M., invested the officers and explained the emblems and the duties of their respective offices. Bro. Swindells, P.M., addressed the W.M., Bro. Jolliffe, I.P.M., addressed the Wardens, and Bro. John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D., addressed the brethren generally. The officers for the ensuing 12 months are Bros. Walter Bowers, S.W.; G. G. R. Mends, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., Treas.; George R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; James Ormrod, S.D.; Walter Hallard, J.D.; George Alfred Myers, P.M., D.C.; John Bowers, P.M., Org.; John Plowman, I.G.; John Fowler, Thos. French, James Shaw, Whitley, Herbert Hedley Jones, Arthur Hawkins, and Wm. Kirk, Stwds.; and Roberts, P.M., Tyler. Bro. John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously elected Charity Representative.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in excellent style by Bro. John Walton, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations by the following: Bros. H. Nall, W. H. Jolliffe, J. Plowman, John Bowers, Peter Heaton, J. Hardwicke Marsh, Walter Bowers, and E. Roberts.

The brethren dispersed at 10.30 p.m., after spending a most enjoyable evening.

#### Royal Arch.

**Star Chapter** (No. 1275).—The installation meeting of this very popular chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. There were present Comps. C. Meierhoff, M.E.Z.; C. H. Stone, J.; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; T. Grumman, P.Z., Treas.; Wm. Eckersall, S.N.; Dr. H. Makeham, P.S.N.; J. Edwards, 2nd A.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C.; C. N. Mc. N. I. North, P.Z.; Wm. Cowley, P.Z.; C. Fleck, P.Z.; G. G. Benedetti, P.Z.; J. Addington, P.Z.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; H. Lindsey, W. R. Barr, G. Wyatt, and Kipps, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. Edwin Gauntlett, I.P.Z. 1901; T. R. Cass, 1622; B. Morgan, S.E. 1901; J. Hooper, Treas. 1622; S. J. Derham, P.S. 1622; J. W. Clarke, 192; C. E. Tinney, and T. H. Salmon, 1622.

The minutes of previous convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, and showed a balance in hand of Treasurer which was very satisfactory indeed. Two dispensations were read from the G.S.E., granting permission to install Comp. C. H. Stone into the M.E.Z. chair from the J., and Comp. Dr. Makeham into the H. The installation ceremonies were next proceeded with, Comp. C. Meierhoff installing Comp. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; the M.E.Z. installing Comp. Dr. Makeham into the chair of H., after his having been installed J. by Comp. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C.; and Comp. W. Eckersall installed into the J. chair by Comp. Grumman, which installations were carried out most efficiently. The M.E.Z. invested the officers as follows: Comps. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; T. Grumman, P.Z., S.E.; W. H. Smith, S.N.; J. Edwards, P.S.; J. Targett, 1st A.S.; W. R. Barr, 2nd A.S.; F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was next presented to Comp. C. Meierhoff by the M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter, for his able services rendered during the past year; also the best thanks of the chapter were tendered to Comp. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., for carrying out the duties of S.E. for 17 years so ably.

The business of the chapter ended it was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts in appropriate terms, which were received right royally.

In proposing the toast of "Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said we appreciate the good work done by them, and feel pleased that his Royal Highness has thought fit to honour the Star Chapter in selecting one of its members for Grand Officer. We know from personal experience that it was thorough merit which had earned for Comp. F. Hilton those laurels. I am sure there is no companion who has stimulated Royal Arch Masonry in South London more than he has, and we shall always esteem him for the benefits he has bestowed upon Royal Arch Masonry.

The toast was received enthusiastically.

Comp. Hilton, in responding, said I have to thank you very much for the manner in which you have proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, and coupling my name with it, and the companions of the Star Chapter and visitors for the manner in which they have received it. As a Grand Officer, it has given me a great deal of pleasure to see you installed into the chair after the many years you have had to wait through the exigencies of your position in the Craft, and although you were on the shelf for some time, you have at

last gained the award of patience and merit, and have now arrived at the height of your profession in Royal Arch Masonry, and I heartily congratulate you. To me it is a pleasure to perform any duty in this chapter, however small, because I can't forget that when I had resigned my mother chapter I was a stranger in Royal Arch Masonry, and the Star Chapter took me in. I am very proud to be a P.Z. of the chapter, and I take it from the ground-work in the Star Chapter dates the position I now hold in Grand Chapter. I need hardly tell you how much the position of D.C. is to my taste, for apart from my official position in Grand Chapter, I am D.C. in two other chapters to which I belong. Anything I can do to enhance the happiness of the companions, you may depend upon it I shall be only too pleased to do.

Comp. Meierhoff, on rising, said: *It is my pleasure to-night to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z."* It is eight years this evening since I was exalted in this chapter; on that occasion our M.E.Z. was P.S., and I was very much impressed with the manner in which he did his work. Through no fault of his own, however, I have got ahead of him, and have to-night received from his hands the P.Z.'s jewel of the Star Chapter. I am sure we shall have an exhibition of much fervent zeal on his part for the welfare of the chapter, and I will ask you, companions, to wish him a good year of office, good health, and success.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said: I rise with a great deal of diffidence to respond to the excellent manner in which this toast has been proposed and received. I cannot proceed further without paying a tribute of respect to the memory of our late Comp. H. Martin. Through the wise dispensation of Divine Providence he has been called to his eternal rest, or he would have occupied the position I have assumed to-night. I am proud to have the position of M.E.Z. in my mother chapter, and will do all in my power to emulate the brilliant efforts which have characterised the Past Principals of the chapter. In giving the toast of "The H. and J." the M.E.Z. said I do not stand alone, for the two companions installed with me this evening have a colleague quality. Our ex-H. is, as you know, a zealous Freemason, being at the present time W.M. of his mother lodge. Our ex-J. I have known for many years as an earnest Mason, and a more noble-hearted brother never lived. He has already acquitted himself in an exemplary manner in the Star Chapter of Instruction, and has shown himself thoroughly acquainted with his duties.

Comp. Eckersall, in reply, said he was afraid the M.E.Z. had spoken of him in too flattering terms. He was glad to learn that his efforts in the Star Chapter of Instruction had given satisfaction, and hoped those efforts were only a foreshadowing of what he might be able to do in the future.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and, in doing so, extended to them a most cordial welcome.

Comp. Cass, in responding, said: M.E.Z., It has given me great pleasure to be here to-night to know that you have been exalted to the high position which has been the desire of your heart for many years past. I know you better in the Craft than in Royal Arch Masonry, and can testify to your zeal and devotion to everything which appertains to Freemasonry. I only hope that you will have a splendid year of office, and be enabled to secure success.

Comps. E. Gauntlett, Hooper, and Morgan, responded in very complimentary terms.

The M.E.Z. said: I have now to propose the toast of "The Past Principals," and am justly proud in having so large a number present, and I hope I and those who are to follow will attain their high standard of perfection. It will be my aim to carry out my duties in the excellent manner in which Comp. Meierhoff has performed his during the past year. Comp. Woolmer Williams, the only founder present, has served the chapter for a number of years, and I am more than pleased that he has to-night been elected to follow in the steps of his revered father as Treasurer. In our Scribe E., Comp. T. Grumman, we have a companion who has been familiar with the duties for a number of years. It was he who exalted me into Royal Arch Masonry, and I have ever since tried to be his apt pupil, and emulate him to the utmost.

Comp. Meierhoff said: I have to thank you for the cordial remarks which have been made in proposing our health. I can assure you that if I have conducted the affairs of the chapter to your satisfaction and to any credit to myself, I am indeed very pleased. I have now to thank you for your kindness in presenting me with a P.Z.'s jewel. I can assure you I shall esteem it very much indeed, and its being from my mother chapter will still more enhance the value of it.

The Treasurer said: Most Excellent and Companions, I am not insensible of the many kindnesses I have received at the hands of the companions of the Star Chapter, and more particularly to-night in electing me as successor to my father. I regarded him as being one of the best of men, one of the best of Masons, and one of the best of Treasurers, and I will strive to follow him faithfully. Whatever the Star Chapter may want of me, I will endeavour to do it at any moment.

Comp. Grumman, S.E., also thanked the companions for the honour done him, and pledged to perform his duties faithfully.

The toast of "The Officers" was next presented by the M.E.Z. in congratulatory terms, and replied to by Comps. Smith and Edwards, who promised to carry out their duties to the utmost. The Janitor's toast closed a most successful and enjoyable evening.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Comp. Henry Lindsey, the musical director, most efficiently assisted by Comps. Chas. E. Tinney, C. N. Mc. I. North, and S. J. Derham (flautist). Comp. C. E. Tinney ably presided at the piano.

**Warrant Officers Chapter (No. 2346).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 1st ult. Present: Comps. McInerny, I.P.Z. (acting as M.E.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. H. Gardiner, M.E.Z.); Molony, H.; Pugh, J.; Richard Jennings, P.Z., Treas.; J. P. Newsham, acting S.E.; C. W. Benstead, acting S.N.; W. A. Greene, P.S.; C. K. Pearce, 1st A.S.; J. Betts, 2nd A.S.; A. Meier, H. A. Howe, and Field, 907.

Bros. J. A. Dent, 2346, and J. Parry, 2157, were unanimously accepted as candidates for exaltation, and, both brethren being present, were duly exalted by Comp. McInerny, the acting M.E.Z., assisted by the H. and J. There being no other business, the chapter was closed.

#### DONCASTER.

**St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).**—The meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present Comps. Pegler, M.E.Z.; Webb, Goldthorpe, Woohouse, Foster, Constable, and others.

The election took place for the M.E.Z. for next year, when a unanimous ballot fell on Comp. Webb. Resignations were received from Comps. Rand, P.Z., and Brook, Treas. There being such a very small attendance, the election of the other officers was postponed.

After chapter was closed, the companions partook of light refreshment, and spent the remainder of the evening in toast and song.

#### LONGTON.

**Etruscan Chapter (No. 546).**—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter, which should have been held on the 17th ult., was adjourned until the 31st., when the companions were honoured with the presence of the Grand Supt. of the province, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, who was accompanied by the P.G.H., Comp. J. F. Pepper, and as the M.E.Z. acting for the evening, Comp. William Brickel, is this year the P.G.J., the unusual appearance was presented of the Three Principals of the province presiding in a private chapter without prior arrangement.

The chapter having been duly opened by the acting M.E.Z., H., and J., Comp. Bindley took the First Principal's chair, and, after signing the minutes, addressed the companions, and expressed his pleasure at meeting them in chapter. Bro. Edwin Adams, an esteemed member of the Etruscan Lodge, was then exalted by Comp. Brickel, who also gave the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and Comp. Bott was elected M.E.Z.; Comp. Hodson, H.; and Comp. Geo. Bennion, P.Z., as J.

The other offices were also filled, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

#### PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**—A convocation of the above excellent chapter took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, under the presidency of Comp. Campbell-Taylor, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. C. J. Clapham, H.; F. J. Taylor, J.; G. H. Nichols, S.N.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.S., Scribe E.; Josiah Turton, P.S.; S. Horton, 1st A.S.; and J. O. Cook, 2nd A.S.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. R. E. Saunders, of the mother lodge, No. 913, and proving unanimous he was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree, the working, both of the Principals and Principal Sojourner, being faultlessly perfect and regular. The ritual is that of Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., P.G. Chap., Kent, an erudite Hebrew scholar, and is utterly dissimilar in its applications to any of the other chapter workings of the Metropolitan area, and they, the workings of the M.A., are depressingly dissimilar to each other.

The banquet was partaken of at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Comp. Mason's handsome hostelry, opposite the Royal Arsenal gates, Woolwich, and was, as usual, perfect in its elegance. Among the companions present were Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.G. R. g.; Sidney Clarke, P.Z., P.G.S.; E. Morris, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z., and P.Z. 1472; E. Carter; G. Frost; B. Hammond; D. C. Capon; Dr. W. Kettle, P.J. 2277, and 25 (I.C.) and J. W. Wickens, 1331.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed, in bumpers, the toast of "Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Kent," saying that they all knew something of his lordship, both in the Craft and Royal Arch, and those who intended to go to Chatham on the following Wednesday would have an opportunity of seeing their Grand Superintendent consecrate a new chapter, and of observing his splendid knowledge of the Degree in the carrying out of his high office as Consecrating Officer.

The next toast was that of "The Prov. G.H. and J." The M.E.Z., in putting it, said their chapter had been most favoured in its number of Prov. Grand Officers. As Comp. Clarke was a present Grand Officer, he should couple his name with the toast.

Comp. Clarke, in response, said the Prov. Grand Officers present, as much as himself, appreciated the hearty and flattering manner in which the toast had been received. They were favoured as a province in having such a good man and Mason as Earl Amherst to preside and rule over them, and for his lordship to be so ably assisted as he always was by their esteemed Prov. G.H., Comp. Eastes. The rest of the Grand Officers did their several duties to the best of their abilities. Those of that chapter who had not attended Prov. Grand Chapter would be pleased to hear that the name of the Pattison Chapter was there always received with a great deal of applause. He hoped to see that chapter well represented at Chatham next week, and so testify to the interest they took in the success of the Royal Arch in the Province of Kent.

Comp. Butter proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." He said it afforded him an enormous amount of pleasure to propose the toast. They had had a good many most excellent First Principals in their chapter, and he was proud to see the grand manner in which the present M.E.Z. followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, and if every coming First Principal did the same, there would never be any decadence in the prestige and high position the Pattison Chapter held among the chapters of the Province of Kent. He (Comp. Butter) was one of the founders and father of the chapter, and from the first school of First Principal to the present they had always followed and preserved the grand traditions of the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Taylor having briefly responded, proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," who returned thanks, after which the toast of "The Exaltee" followed.

Comp. Penfold, in responding for "The Past Principals," said their esteemed First Principal excused himself by saying he was out of form through not being in the best of health, and he (Comp. Penfold) must follow in his footsteps, and plead the same excuse, if he did not do the toast the justice it deserved. It was a most pleasurable thing to him to be present with Comps. Butter, Mason, and Cook, who, with himself, were the only founders of the chapter present, and to see that their First Principal was following

in the same footsteps as his predecessors. They wanted something like spirit to make the chapter a success, and spirit had been manifested during the many years the chapter had been in existence by the First Principals. No doubt but at the consecration at Chatham next week the Pattison would be nominated as the first chapter in the province, and it was to the Past Principals that they looked up to to maintain its prestige and high position.

The other toasts included "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press," all of which were duly responded to.

Some fine vocal and instrumental music added materially to the pleasure of the evening.

#### Knights Templar.

##### MANCHESTER.

**St. Joseph's Preceptory (No. 9).**—This preceptory held their annual inauguration at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 11th ult. The ballot was taken for Comp. Frederick Handley Booth, and he was declared elected, and was duly installed by Sir Knight Henry Thomas. Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswick-Royds, the Very Eminent Grand Prior, took the chair and inaugurated Sir Knight Clare Edgar Towell as the Eminent Preceptor, who then appointed the following as his officers: Sir Knights J. Hardwicke Marsh, Constable; George A. Myers, Marshal; Joseph T. Richardson, Prelate; Francis W. Lean, Treas.; Edward Pike, Reg.; William Bone, Sub-Marshal; W. Arnott, Capt. of Gd.; S. Searle, Almoner; Silvester, 1st Std. Br.; Bennett, 2nd Std. Br.; and Flowers, Guard.

The preceptory was then closed, and the knights adjourned for refreshment.

The visitors were: Sir Knights Clement Robert Nuttall Beswick-Royds, V.E. Grand Prior; Henry Thomas, P.E.G. Sub-Prior; William Tyre, E.G. Sub-Prior; and Frederick N. Molesworth, Prov. G. Chancellor.

#### THE RED CROSS.

When our Grand Sovereign, Constantine,

The marshalled host surveyed,  
Drawn up Maxentius to oppose,  
Who Freedom's cause betrayed ;  
High beat the Emperor's anxious heart,  
Now hopes, now fears contend,  
Was still the ancient valour left

Rome's empire to defend ?

When thus, abstractedly, to Heaven  
He raised his wondering eyes,  
A vision, marvellous, appeared  
Portentous in the skies !  
Amid the sun's declining rays,  
In glorious splendour shone,  
A blazing Cross, which motto bore,  
"In this shalt thou o'ercome !"

The Christian Legion which beheld

With Constantine the sign  
Was, now, in Faith and Unity,  
Assured of help Divine ;  
Fresh courage nerves their drooping hearts,  
With Zeal their swords they wield,  
Until discomfited, their foes  
Are routed on the field.

Ages have passed, yet still inscribed  
On muster roll of Time,  
We, Christian Knights, the symbol hold  
Of the Red Cross sublime ;  
Though mortal enemies no more  
Our strength and courage gauge,  
A holy warfare against Sin  
Unceasingly we wage !

Weak would our efforts be alone  
To keep the vantage ground,  
But, in our Watchwords, aid Divine  
Most opportune is found ;  
Faith, as our shield, will ward the darts  
Which thus innocuous fall ;  
Whilst strong in Unity, our Zeal  
Confronts and conquers all !

When thus we draw our battle blade,  
'Neath Red Cross Standard undismayed,  
Be this our Motto there displayed  
"In Hoc Signo Vinces!"

F. W. DRIVER, Kt.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. C. SUDLOW, P.G. STD. BR. ENGLAND.

A most interesting event took place in Birmingham on Thursday evening, the 24th ult., when a complimentary dinner was given to Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br. England, Preceptor of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement of London, to mark the appreciation by the members of the General Lodge of Instruction of Birmingham, and other brethren of the great kindness shown by Bro. Sudlow in visiting the General Lodge of Instruction in the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, and assisting in the endeavour which has been made to bring the working into uniformity throughout all the lodges in the Province of Warwickshire.

The dinner was held at the Colonade Hotel, Bro. N. H. Turner, P.M. 2000, presiding (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M.), and among those present were Bros. A. W. Adams, Preceptor; W. H. Rollason, Secretary; J. Attwood, H. J. Collins, W. O. Dingley, J. Friedman, H. Graff, E. Mallard, R. B. Morgan, A. Price, C. Rainsford, F. G. Swinden, W. Turner, and J. A. Turton.

After dinner, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was cordially received, and, rising again, proposed "Our Honoured Guest," and alluded to the great kindness which Bro. Sudlow had

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To the Governors and Subscribers of the  
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 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, 815, and 322, 61, Chrissip-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.

shown in coming down to Birmingham on three different occasions to instruct and advise in the correct working of the Masonic ritual. In eloquent terms, Bro. Turner expressed the appreciation of the brethren of Bro. Sudlow's services, and asked his acceptance of a very chaste dessert service, in silver, consisting of five pieces, the centre one being mounted on an ebony stand, bearing a shield, with an inscription recording the reason and date of the gift. An illuminated address was also presented, bound in royal blue, with the initials R. C. S. on the cover, and containing the names of the 100 brethren who had subscribed.

Bro. SUDLOW was very cordially received on rising to respond, and, after thanking the brethren in feeling terms for their beautiful testimonial, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to visit Birmingham.

Bro. SWINDELL proposed "The Health of the Testimonial Sub-Committee."

Bro. ADAMS, Preceptor, responded, and explained that the greater part of the work in connection with the testimonial, as well as the arrangements for the dinner, had been carried out by Bro. Turner (the Treasurer and Chairman of the evening), whose health he proposed.

Bro. TURNER replied, and thanked the brethren for their support.

Recitations and songs by Bros. Sudlow, Adams, N. H. Turner, W. Turner, and Turton were interspersed with the toasts, and a most successful and enjoyable function was brought to a close.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Ollive, W.M.; A. W. Thompson, S.W.; Marriott Matthews, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Austin, S.D.; Lighfoot, J.D.; H. J. Thompson, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Cottis, Tallin, Badcock, Holten, Sharpin, Ivor Davis, Nicholls, Fayers, Murray, and Winsborrow.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sharpin being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Murray, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing-board. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Badcock and Holten were elected joining members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. A. W. Thompson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. L. W. Stansell, W.M.; T. W. Neech, S.W.; E. Gravwick, J.W.; F. H. Whyman, Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; J. B. Groom, I.G.; and J. Gowen, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Whyman acting as candidate, and Bro. Potvine acting as S.D. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree and also in the Second Degree, when the 2nd Section of the First Lecture

### 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. Besley, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.M. 1460, 2450; 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. 2108; John Adam, 1108 (Madras); G. D. Coleman, 2323, late 150 (Madras).

was worked, Bro. Whyman, Stansell, and Neech taking part. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Neech was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

### Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. M. SIEGENBERG,

W.M. Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.

The above portrait of Bro. M. Siegenberg, the Master of the Lodge of Joppa, was born in 1853, initiated in the Lodge of Joppa in 1885, is P.S. of the Joppa Chapter, and after filling various offices in the lodge was unanimously elected W.M. at the December meeting, and in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft was installed in the chair of K.S. at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 7th ult., in an impressive manner by Bro. Barnet Weigel. Not forgetting the Masonic Charities, Bro. Siegenberg and his wife are Governors of the Masonic Institutions, and Bro. Siegenberg will represent the Joppa Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

### Obituary.

BRO. TOM WOOD, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.  
 CHESHIRE.

It is with sincere regret we record the death of Bro. Tom Wood, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., at the early age of 44 years. Bro. Wood was well known and deservedly respected throughout the Provinces of East and West

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 (1092), O'Tentosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1092), 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.; Jangir 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. 58, Life Governor; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, Life Governor; Arthur A. Moss, P.M., 1375, Life Governor; Rev. H. Lansell, P.G.C.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R.

Lancashire and Cheshire. He was initiated over 20 years since in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, but severed his connection with it, and joined the Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, in which he filled most of the offices and passed through the chairs, occupying that of W.M. in 1891, with conspicuous ability. He was one of the earliest joining members of the De Tatton Lodge, No. 2144, where, from time to time, he did excellent work, in recognition of which he was awarded the provincial honours of A.D.C. in 1893. He was also a member of Avon Lodge, No. 1633, and of Truth Lodge, No. 1458, to these four lodges he was a subscribing member at the time of his death; where, by his sterling qualities as a man and a Mason, he had endeared himself to all his fellow members. He was both a Royal Arch and a Mark Mason, and in the latter Degree held provincial rank. Bro. Wood possessed a most amiable disposition and was of a thoroughly generous nature, never allowing any really deserving appeal to go unrelieved. That he was beloved by his brethren and respected by the general public, with whom, in his sphere, he came into contact, was abundantly testified to by the fact that, in spite of the inclement weather, about 150 uninvited sympathisers assembled at St. Paul's Church, Kersal, on Thursday, the 31st ult., to witness the curtain descend on the last act of the human drama, many of whom had previously sent beautiful floral tributes to his memory. It was a touching, yet gratifying scene, and will live in the minds of many of us who knew him best till we, in our turn, follow him to "that bourn from whence no traveller returns."

### BRO. RICHARD RHODES.

It is with regret we announce the sudden death on Friday, the 25th ult., of Bro. Richard Rhodes, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mountmellick, and Prov. Grand Secretary of the Midland Counties (I.R.). Bro. Rhodes had been attending a concert in the Town Hall. It is assumed that he felt somewhat indisposed, for he left the hall and had hardly gone a few paces from the door when he was seen to fall, and though he was instantly raised, Bro. Dr. Neale, who was in the concert room and was at once summoned, pronounced life to be extinct. Bro. Rhodes, who was only 54 years of age, had been for many years an active member of our Order, having done good service while in India, but more especially during the last few years since he went to reside at Mountmellick. He was a P.M. of Lodge No. 660, P.K., honorary member of No. 398 and other lodges, and had been, since the resignation of Bro. R. Bull, Prov. Grand Secretary of the Midland Counties. His remains were interred in Mountmellick Churchyard on Monday, the 28th ult., and was very numerously attended, among those present being the staff of the 4th Battalion Leinster Regiment, and a large number of brethren from Roscrea, Portarlington, Parsonstown, Maryborough, &c., while among those who sent wreaths were Lodge No. 398, Maryborough, and Lodges Nos. 139 and 660, Mountmellick.

BRO. OSCAR BARRETT was one of the prize winners at the Crystal Palace Art Union on Thursday, the 31st ult.

A ROYAL decree has been published at Athens appointing a commission, under the presidency of the Crown Prince, to organise the Olympian games in 1896.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The centenary fund has now risen to £48,000, and so far it has not interfered with the ordinary income of the society.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 16, 1895.

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

## CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
20, St. Albion's, Albion Tavern.  
28, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
30, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
32, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
33, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.  
37, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
38, St. Marylebone, Criterion.  
139, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.  
157, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
178, Unique, Criterion.  
202, Chiswick, Criterion.  
204, Elthorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal.  
204, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.  
244, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.  
244, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.  
25, Royal Arch Chapters.  
22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.  
29, Panmure, Horns Tavern.  
802, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.  
MARK LODGES.  
104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.  
224, Menatschim, Criterion.  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
149, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, 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.  
Marquis of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., at 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 Rail-way Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyson-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33<sup>o</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.  
66, Burlington, Albion Tavern.  
180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
188, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.  
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.  
751, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limehouse.  
834, Ranleigh, Criterion.  
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
933, Dorie, Anderton's Hotel.  
1106, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
1206, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1303, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1624, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1644, Covent Garden, Criterion.  
1655, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.  
1668, Sainsbury, Cafe Royal.  
1709, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.  
1801, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.  
1900, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.  
247, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

115, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.  
173, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.  
225, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., 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.  
Clarendon, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dematic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Entell, 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 8.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Ioppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tax., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.  
Prince Frederick, William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaumont House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, New Cross Public Hall, at 8.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, 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 13.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33<sup>o</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

COMMITTEE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
130, Good Report, Albion Tavern.  
548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.  
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.  
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.  
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.  
1766, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1815, Penge, Thickel Hotel.  
1900, Montagu Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
2272, Rye, Public Hall, Rye-lane, Perkhall.  
2374, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
2382, Bloomsbury Rilles, Head Quarters, Chenies-street.  
2410, Esculapius, Cafe Royal.  
2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
2528, Lancastrian, Frascati Restaurant.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

171, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.  
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.

## MARK LODGE.

Old Kent, Mark Masons' Hall.

## ROSE CROIX.

1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion.

## 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.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.

Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.

Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

Panmure, Balaam Hotel, Balaam, 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, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.

United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.

Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.

Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.

Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

## CRAFT LODGES.

10, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

181, Universal, Cafe Royal.

200, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.

263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.

534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

806, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.

879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.

1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.

1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.

1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.

1791, Creton, Freemasons' Hall.

1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.

1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant.

1857, Strand, Criterion.

2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1321, Emblematic, Criterion.

1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.

1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

MARLORD.

331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

117, New Temple, Inns of Court Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.

Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.

Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.

Hightgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.

Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.

Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.

Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.

Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.

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.

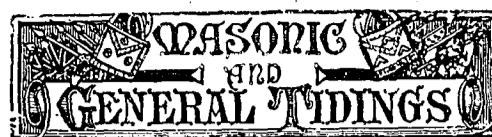
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.

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


**MASONIC  
AND  
GENERAL TIDINGS**

IT IS authoritatively announced that the Prince of Wales will hold a Levee, on behalf of her Majesty, at St. James's Palace, on Friday next, the 15th instant, at two p.m.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 455, Kettering, was held at the Conservative Club in that town on Monday, the 28th ult. Bro. A. Webb was installed W.M., and afterwards presided at the banquet.

COMPS., George Dunsterville, R. H. Rae, and C. F. Dunsterville were installed M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively of the Chapter of Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, at its annual meeting in the Town Hall on Monday, the 28th ultimo.

ON WEDNESDAY, the Duchess of Connaught distributed the certificates gained in a nursing class held under the auspices of the Surrey County Council's Technical Education Scheme, at Bagshot, the vote of thanks, which was passed by acclamation to her Royal Highness, being graciously acknowledged by the Duke of Connaught.

THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL in aid of the funds of the Master Tailors' Benevolent Association was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday evening, when subscriptions were announced, amounting to £1035. The report showed that the association had expended during the past year £1170, while its income was only £82.

THE THIRD annual ball by the lodges at Newport, Monmouthshire, was held at the Westgate Hotel, on Friday evening, the 25th ult. The banqueting hall, in which the dancing took place, was very tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, banners, &c., &c.; the music was excellent, and the arrangements generally gave the utmost satisfaction.

NEW NORTH LONDON PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.—The fourth annual ball in aid of the funds of the above Society will take place on Monday, March 4th, at the Goswell Hall, Goswell-road, E.C. Among the brethren who have kindly given their services are Bros. W. Ofield, G. Ring, A. Underwood, and R. Maskall, and Bro. W. Piper, Hon. Sec. 152, Downham-road, N.

THE ANNUAL BALL AND CONCERT in aid of the City Police Convalescent Home will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 11th instant. The institution is one which requires, as it richly deserves, to be generously supported, and we trust that the forthcoming entertainment in its behalf will be attended with satisfactory results.

THE INSTALLATION MEETING of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1831, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. William Baker was installed W.M. by his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. A. Howell, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the able and impressive manner in which he performed his duty. After the customary banquet, the usual toasts were honoured, that of the new W.M. being very enthusiastically received.

At the annual banquet of the Ebrington Lodge No. 1847, Stonehouse, Bro. J. Mitchell, W.M., who occupied the chair, presented his immediate predecessor, Bro. C. J. F. Williams, in the name of the lodge with a handsome gold watch, on the back of which was inscribed the following legend: "Presented to W. Bro. C. J. F. Williams, by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, No. 1847, in appreciation of services rendered to the lodge during his term of office as W. Master for the year 1894. January 22nd, 1895." The gift was graciously acknowledged in a brief speech by Bro. Williams.

THE ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1005, Gloucester, gave its annual ball at the Bell Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The rooms were very tastefully decorated, and a full programme of dances was successfully carried out to the strains of the City Band, which had been augmented for the occasion. The supper, which was served in the Masonic Room, reflected great credit on Miss Grinstead, the manageress of the hotel, while the general arrangements were carried out by a Committee of the lodge, which included among its members the W.M., Bro. S. Mallard, and the Honorary Secretary, Bro. John Jennings.

THE PRINCE OF WALES had a busy day on Wednesday. In the afternoon his Royal Highness attended a meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society at 13, Hanover-square, at which there were present, among others, Prince Christian, the Dukes of Richmond and Gordon, Sutherland, and Westminister, and Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Sir Massey Lopes, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P. Later in the day he attended a meeting of the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor, and in the evening was present at the second smoking concert of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society at the Queen's Hall, there being also present the Duke of York, Prince Christian and his son, Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, and Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The reports received from all parts of the country show that the weather which has prevailed during the present week has been of exceptional severity. At Birmingham, on Wednesday evening, several tested thermometers pointed to a temperature of only two degrees above zero or 30 degrees of frost. Over 20 degrees of frost were registered at Poole on Tuesday night, and over 16 degrees in Bournemouth. Throughout Cheshire and North Wales 20 degrees of frost, and at Driffield, Yorkshire, 30 degrees were registered on Wednesday, while at Bury St. Edmunds there have been 39 degrees of frost, so low a temperature not having been recorded since 1860. In Chatham and Rochester snow is lying two feet deep, while from all parts of Scotland we hear of snow drifts with trains blocked on the lines of railways. From Lincolnshire we hear of 28 and 30 degrees.

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

WE REGRET to record the death of Bro. James Salmon, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, which took place at Chester, on Thursday, the 7th inst.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK and suite were present at the performance of "The Case of Rebellious Susan" at the Criterion Theatre on Thursday evening.

AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, on Thursday, the Rev. William Moore Ede, M.A., of St. John's College, and of Gateshead-on-Tyne, was elected to the office of Hulsean Lecturer for the ensuing year.

THE TOTAL amount realised by the sale of the Prince of Wales's shire horses was £5492 10s., an average of £109 17s., or a trifle over £1 10s. more than the sale of 1892.

THE DIRECTORS of Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company announce a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, with a bonus of £2 10s. per cent. A sum of £506 will remain to be carried forward.

BRETHREN are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a postcard.

THE PRINCE OF WALES has accepted a copy of Bro. George Augustus Sala's Autobiography, and Bro. Sala, who is at present on the Continent, has received a letter from Sir Knollys, in which he says, "I am desired by the Prince to express his best thanks to you, and to say that he feels sure he shall read the volumes with very great interest."

BRO. HENRY IRVING delivered a lecture to a crowded audience at the Royal Institution on Friday, the 1st inst., on "Acting: an Art." In this, he inquired into the nature and office of art, with the object of establishing that Acting had an undoubted claim to be classed amongst the Fine Arts, with painting, sculpture, poetry, and music.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at four p.m. At this meeting the number of vacancies to be competed for at the election in May next will be declared, and the list of candidates settled.

THE ANNUAL assembly of St. Ninian Lodge, Nairn, was held in the Public Hall, Nairn, on Friday, the 25th ult., there being about 90 couples present. The hall was most tastefully decorated, the music was excellent, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till an early hour the following morning. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by a Committee of the lodge, with Bro. Gordon Tocher as its Hon. Secretary.

AT THE COUNCIL held by her Majesty the Queen, at Osborne, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., and which was attended by the Prime Minister, the Lord President, Bro. Lord Carrington, Lord Chamberlain, and Bro. Lord Kensington, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, Bro. Cecil Rhodes, the Premier of Cape Colony, was sworn in a member of the Privy Council. Our Right Hon. brother afterwards travelled to Southampton, where he joined Dr. Jamieson on board the *Athenian*, and sailed for the Cape.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK gave a grand fancy dress ball at Warwick Castle on Friday, the 1st inst. The guests were requested to appear in costumes of the period of Louis XV. and Louis XVI., and the rooms of the Castle were decorated in harmony with the time represented under the personal direction of the Countess, assisted by Mr. Caryl-Craven. The Cedar Room was reserved for dancing, for which the White Viennese Band played. The other state rooms were used for retiring, and supper was laid for 400 guests in the Great Hall.

GALLERY LODGE.—The annual ladies' night entertainment in connection with the Gallery or Press Lodge of Freemasons took place on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Charles Lock, the Worshipful Master, presiding. After the banquet, which was served in the Masonic Temple, a concert was given in the pillar-hall, the following artistes contributed to the entertainment: Misses Ada Kempton, Sadie Witkowski, and Susette Fenn, Mr. Frederic Russell, the Stavordale Banjo Quartette, Messrs. Percy Sheppard, Alfon Collard, H. Kendal Ward, George Ridgewell, Reginald Groome, William Nicholl, Fred Everill, and Arthur Weston. Mr. Edwin Bending, accompanist.

THE CUSTOMARY FULL DRESS PARLIAMENTARY DINNERS were given on Monday evening by the leaders in the two Houses of the Ministry and the Opposition. Amongst those present at that of the Prime Minister were Bros. Lord Brassey, the Marquis of Bredalbane, the Earl of Cork, Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Lord Kensington, and Lord Leigh; while Bros. the Duke of Portland, the Marquises of Hertford and Zetland, the Earls of Derby, Dartmouth, Jersey, Amherst, Lathom, Dunraven, Limerick, Londesborough, and Wharcliffe, and Lords Halsbury, Ashbourne, Henniker, Wantage, and others dined with the Marquis of Salisbury at his residence in Arlington-street.

MASONIC BALL AT HARROGATE.—The annual ball in connection with the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, took place on Friday, the 1st inst., in the luxurious rooms of the Queen Hotel. The W.M., Bro. W. Davey, had a record attendance. The charming costumes of the ladies and the Arch and Craft clothing of the brethren formed a very pleasing and effective sight. The supper was of a *recherche* character. The music was supplied by Ratcliff's Band, who discoursed an up-to-date programme. The Stewards were Bros. W. Davey, W.M.; R. H. Walters, I.P.M.; W. P. Bell, J.W.; E. J. Seaborne, S.D.; W. H. Turner, J.D.; and T. Linskill, D.C. Bro. A. B. Booty, S.W., acted as M.C. The ball was a most enjoyable one.

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THERE will be a meeting of the Palatine Chapter of Sovereign Princes, Rose Croix, No. 7, held on Wednesday, March 6th, at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester. Ill. Bro. James Maclaren, M.W.S., 30<sup>o</sup>, will preside.

BRO. W. J. MASSEY was installed W.M. of the Audley Lodge, No. 1893, Newport, Shropshire, at its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 29th ult., the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. J. Ashmore, the retiring W.M.

A MASONIC BALL was given at the Town Hall, Newark, on Thursday, the 31st ult., the proceeds of which will be handed over to the Memorial Fund that is being raised in honour of the late Bro. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Nottinghamshire. About 150 guests were present.

A SMOKING CONCERT was given by the W.M. and officers of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, in the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 31st ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Brickwood, W.M. 487, there was a full attendance and an excellent programme which gave general satisfaction.

A NEW LODGE for London, named the Iris Lodge, will be consecrated by the Grand Secretary on Monday, the 25th inst., at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be performed at the Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street. Bro. Lennox Browne, D.G.D.C., will be the first W.M.; Bro. G. Jefford Fowler, J.P., the first S.W.; and Bro. Paul L. Waterlow, the first J.W.

ON THE 5th instant there was a large and representative gathering of brethren at the Masonic Chambers, Wrexham, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Gwilt Catterall, P.M., as W.M. of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Howell Davies, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wales, and T. B. Barton, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.

A MEETING will be held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Wednesday next, the 13th instant, in support of an appeal which is about to be made to the public for funds for opening the present closed wards of St. Thomas's Hospital. The Duke of Connaught, who is President of the institution, will address the meeting in support of the project, and we trust the advocacy of his Royal Highness, seconded, as it no doubt will be, by that of other influential friends of the hospital, will prove successful in obtaining the funds for this desirable object.

THE PRINCE OF WALES and his daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday, attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys and Captain Holtord.

On Tuesday midday their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Duke and

Duchess of York and the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife and the Duke of Fife, met the Princess of Wales at Charing Cross Station on her return from Copenhagen. In

the evening the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York were present in the House of Lords during the debate on the Address in reply to the Queen's Speech.

THE ANNUAL banquet and ball of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1653, took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The lodge first met for the dispatch of business under the presidency of Bro. Stuart F. Bygrave, W.M., when Bro. R. Rowlands was elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Hill, P.M., and H. Thomas were re-elected Treasurer and Fylr respectively. The banquet followed at 8.30 p.m. in the Pillar Hall, after which a full programme of dances was gone through to the strains of Mr. Cartington's band. Bro. Douglas Lisi: acted as M.C.

THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL in aid of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Almuity and Asylum Institution, of which our worthy Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., is the President, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of the Hon. Massey-Mainwaring, LL.D. The institution, which provides for 84 annuitants and has 19 inmates in its asylum, at an annual cost of about £1440, is well deserving of support, and we are glad to see there is an influential Board of Stewards who will support the Chairman.

MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT SCARBOROUGH.—A grand Masonic Charity ball took place at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, on the 30th ult. The brethren, by special dispensation, appeared in Masonic clothing, but the hall was not confined to the Craft, and in all some 150 ladies and gentlemen were present. The Mayor (Alderman Fowler) who was accompanied by the Mayoress and Miss Fowler and party, acted as M.C., and the Stewards included the Masters of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 203; the Denison Lodge, No. 1248; the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760; and the Royal Lodge, No. 643. A band, organised and led by Mr. H. Ward Drake, supplied the music. Bros. C. E. Bradley and C. Seymour Clarke were joint Honorary Secretaries, and the undertaking was a thorough success. The profits are to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

MASONIC BALL AT MANSFIELD.—A very successful ball, organised by the Masonic lodge, of which Bro. D. J. Patterson is W.M., was held in the Town Hall on Friday, the 1st instant. There were 115 present, and the dance proved most enjoyable. The room had been most tastefully decorated by Messrs. Hearn Bros. A covering from the Market-place to the hall of the building had been erected to avert any inconvenience from the weather. In the dancing hall were several beautiful plants, ferns, and evergreens, lent by Messrs. D. J. Patterson, Councillor W. J. Chadburn, E. H. Greenhalgh, and F. Sanderson. The music was supplied by Messrs. L. Winn's band from Nottingham. The Stewards were Bros. the Rev. Eldred Morgan, W. F. Sanders, G. G. Bonser, J. Linney, W. M. Meggitt, C. Scott, Wm. Cooper, W. F. Jolly, A. Parker, and R. F. Valance, Sec.

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