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WEST LANCASHIRE.

It was not without good reason that Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in his capacity of Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, spoke in terms of high commendation of what the lodges and brethren under his charge had accomplished during the past year. To use his lordship's own familiar expression, he could not do otherwise than "pat them on the back" for what they had done. True, his remark was intended to apply only to the generous support they had given to their local Charities. But the reports which had just before been presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge, had been declared by his lordship to be very favourable, and we take upon ourselves to assume that the praise for past services and the encouragement to repeat those services from year to year which the pleasant process of patting on the back is intended to express, apply with equal force to the manner in which the general duties of Masonry had been fulfilled as to the specific duties they had rendered towards their local Institutions. Be this as it may, there can be no doubt the Province of West Lancashire has acquitted itself satisfactorily in respect of all its manifold duties. The Prov. Grand Treasurer was able to report an aggregate balance in respect of the Charities and Provincial Grand Lodge Funds and the Fund of Benevolence amounting in round figures to £770. The West Lancashire Educational Fund have spent over £1500 out of an income of £1850 on the education and advancement in life of 206 children. The Alpass Institution spent £520 in aiding 42 widows of brethren, its income being returned at £924, while the Hamer Fund, out of an income of £564, devoted £357 towards helping 20 aged and necessitous brethren. If to these several expenditures we add the grants amounting to £290 made by Provincial Grand Lodge out of its Fund of Benevolence, we find the Province has disbursed in respect of its poor brethren, their widows, and their children, not very far short of £2700, irrespective of its contributions to the Central Masonic Charities. As regards the lodges and members, the Provincial Grand Secretary reported the consecration of one new lodge, and that the total number of subscribing members was 7256. In respect of these latter, however, his lordship appears to be of the opinion that the Province is strong enough both as regards the number of lodges on its roll and its array of subscribing members, and though he expressed his readiness to accede to any application for a new lodge where the number of those already existing has proved to be below the absolute requirements of the locality, his lordship made it very clear that he did not wish the number of lodges to be increased without real necessity. So, too, as regards subscribing members, he thought they already had a sufficient number on the books, and hence he laid great stress on the absolute "necessity there was for most careful supervision as to the candidates who were proposed for Freemasonry." This necessity he had been careful to impress upon the brethren generally both in London and throughout the country during the past year whenever a favourable opportunity for so doing had presented itself. He had been careful to point out that it was not a benevolent—in the sense of a benefit—Society. The men they were anxious to enrol as members of the Craft were not those who sought to join it "with the simple object of getting out of it what they could," but "men of means who were able to keep up the best traditions of the Craft." This is sound advice to tender, and coming from one who occupies so distinguished a position in Freemasonry and has been connected with it for so

many years, cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence not only on the brethren of West Lancashire to whom it was more particularly addressed, but likewise on the general body of Masons who must ere this have become acquainted with his lordship's views either through the medium of this journal or in the course of conversation with those who at different times have been privileged to hear him when he has tendered this or similar counsel. It remains for us to congratulate his lordship and the lodges and brethren he presides over on the successful manner in which the duties of Freemasonry have been discharged in West Lancashire during the past 12 months.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

VOL. VIII.—PART II.

There are four principal contributions contained in the second Part of Volume VIII. of Transactions for the current year, namely, Nos. II. and III. of Bro. Dr. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S "Notes on Irish Freemasonry;" the "Notes on some Masonic Symbols," by Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, A.G.D.C.; and "Masonic Celebrities, No. VI.—the Duke of WHARTON, G.M.," by Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D. The earlier of Bro. CRAWLEY'S Papers treats of "Three Lost Lodges." The lodges in question were warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and were located one at Norwich, one in London, and the third at the unimportant town of Beziers in Languedoc. The Norwich lodge was numbered 148, and was constituted on the 24th July, 1745; the London lodge was No. 247, and was constituted at the King's Head, corner of Chancery-lane, on the 8th May, 1754; and the French lodge, was No. 503, and was constituted on the 5th August, 1773. None of these lodges ever made any communication to its mother Grand Lodge; the two English lodges, after inquiry had been made by Bro. W. F. GRAHAM, Deputy Secretary of Ireland, and Bro. EDWARDS HARPER, Assistant Grand Secretary of England ("Ancients") in 1809, being omitted from the Irish list at the next opportunity, while the warrant of the lodge at Beziers was "cancelled by Order of the Grand Lodge 7th Oct., 1813." As regards the first of these lodges, Bro. CRAWLEY suggests as a reason why the application for a warrant was addressed by the Norwich brethren to the Grand Lodge of Ireland rather than to either of the English Grand Lodges, the inter-communication of the silk weavers of Norwich and Dublin, the staple manufacture of the former city being bombazine, a fabric closely resembling the well-known poplins of Dublin. A photographic facsimile of the original entry in the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland accompanies the brief account of the lodge, and is valuable as showing the "earliest method of Registry" in use in that Grand Lodge. As to the Lodge in London, the founders of which, as shown by the transcript of the original entry, were men of good social standing, Bro. CRAWLEY finds what appears to be an excellent reason why these gentlemen, the majority of whom, it seems, were "eating their terms at the Middle Temple in 1754," should have applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland rather than to our "Ancient" Grand Lodge in the fact that the majority of the adherents of the latter, though worthy enough brethren, belonged to the lower middle classes, with whom the Templars would hardly desire to associate, and this is strengthened by the fact that eight of the 14 petitioners for the warrant have been traced as "members of the Irish Bar, regularly entered at King's Inns, Dublin." As for the Lodge at Beziers, which is the only one

ever warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the Continent of Europe, the staple manufactures of the little French town, which were wool and silk, suggest a reason, while an additional link between Dublin and Beziers is furnished by the fact that the Senior Warden, "FRAS. P. BURTON, Esq.," became "in process of time better known as the Rt. Hon. FRANCIS PIERPONT (BURTON) CONYNGHAM, who succeeded his uncle, EARL CONYNGHAM, in 1781, as second Baron CONYNGHAM, from whom is descended the Marquess CONYNGHAM of the present Peerage." The particulars respecting these lodges are extremely meagre, but it is something to have discovered any particulars at all. What, however, adds greatly to the value of the Article is the reference to that dreadful invention of modern American Freemasonry, to wit—the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, or perhaps we should say their exaltation of the doctrine into an Ancient Landmark. In respect of this, Bro. CRAWLEY quotes, in the first place, a paragraph from a pamphlet dated "London, 1765," and entitled "A Defence of Free-Masonry as Practised in the Regular Lodges, both Foreign and Domestic, under the Constitution of the English Grand Master," in which occurs the remark, "it would be highly absurd for one Grand Master to constitute Lodges in the Territories of another." He next quotes a Regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 3rd November, 1768, from which it appears that that Grand Lodge was the first, so far as his knowledge goes, "to embody in its Regulations an implicit recognition of the principle," and he cites a case which occurred in 1796, when certain brethren of the "Loyal Inverness Fencibles" applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a warrant of constitution, and were referred by it to the Grand Lodge of Edinburgh. In commenting upon this part of Bro. CRAWLEY'S "Notes," Bro. G. W. SPETH enters more fully into the subject of exclusive jurisdiction, and gives at some length the views relating to it held in America, not only as to the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge over private lodges within its territory, but likewise as to the monstrous claim by lodges over candidates they have rejected. Bro. SPETH mentions also the acceptance of the principle as far back as 1770 by the Grand Lodge of England, but with the limitation it has always in all subsequent cases stipulated for, that, in acknowledging a new Grand Lodge, the right of its own lodges to adhere to their English Constitution should remain undisturbed. At the same time, it has refrained from warranting new lodges in the territorial jurisdiction of the newly-recognised Grand Lodge. With this position Bro. CRAWLEY, in a footnote to Bro. SPETH'S comments, tells us the Grand Lodge of Ireland "has always heartily concurred," and he adds very pointedly and very justly—"In any discussion on the subject, it must be accepted as a fundamental proposition that the doctrine is, in the first instance, due to the action of the two oldest Grand Lodges in the world. It seems impossible to resist the conclusion that when the Law is to be interpreted, the limitations laid down by the authorities that enacted it must be accepted as part of the Law." For ourselves, we have so often discussed the question in these columns, that had it not been for the very pointed references to it in this paper, we should gladly have left it unnoticed, but it is a satisfaction to find that the opinions we have so often expressed are thus strengthened and confirmed by the arguments of two such competent judges as Bros. CRAWLEY and SPETH. As for the other paper by Bro. CRAWLEY, it will suffice, perhaps, if we mention that it treats of certain Irish Masonic Medals, namely (1), a "Craft Medal, 1763;" (2) a "Craft and Royal Arch Medal, circa 1800;" and (3) a "Craft, R.A., and H.K.T. Medal, circa 1805." The paper is highly interesting, and is supplemented by some Notes furnished by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, who is an authority on Masonic Medals.

The "Notes on some Masonic Symbols," by Bro. RYLANDS, is a most able contribution, which cannot be too carefully studied, and which has the advantage of being very well illustrated. Symbolism, as the writer very justly remarks, is a difficult subject to cope with. There is always the danger that in treating of it you may allow your fancy to run away with you. Bro. RYLANDS, however, has dealt with it very ably, notwithstanding that he has contented himself with bringing together just a few facts which, in his opinion, were likely to prove interesting and supply food for thought to some of his

brother members. At the outset he expresses it as his belief that "very little of the complicated symbolism now in use could be proved, even with a fair amount of probability, to have existed beyond modern times." He then goes on to furnish instances within his own knowledge of "early examples of the representation of the working tools of the Craft of Masonry," prominent among those to which he draws attention being the square, compasses, level, and plumb rule. Other symbols he mentions are the Pentalfa or Pentagon and the double Triangle or Solomon's Seal, as regards the former of which there are several highly interesting particulars which Bro. RYLANDS has quoted from certain papers by Mr. EDWARD W. COX. The 47th Proposition of the first Book of Euclid also has its share of attention, but as to that, and, indeed, as regards the whole of the symbols which he has introduced, we should only spoil the effect of his elaborate article if we quoted just a passage here and there for purposes of illustration. It is enough, that in the comments that followed the reading of the paper, it was eulogised by every brother who took part in the discussion as well as by those who gave their remarks in the form of notes or annotations. Bro. SPETH spoke of it as "the first serious attempt to account for the presence of some of our symbols in a rational and natural manner, showing how they derive immediately from the very exigencies of the Masons' handicraft." The Rev. Bro. HORSLEY, in seconding the vote of thanks to Bro. RYLANDS for his paper, said that "Papers such as this, and the existence of the lodge, made Masonry possible, or a hearty and continuous interest in it probable, to those who had no desire to be what had been called mere knife and fork Masons." Bro. CRAWLEY is even more eulogistic in his Note. Says he, "The publication of Bro. W. H. RYLANDS' article seems to me to rank among the greatest services that our Lodge has rendered to the Craft. Lucid in its method, convincing in its argument, and accurate in its erudition, the paper leaves nothing to be added in the way of direct proof." To such praise as this it is unnecessary to add any commendation of our own and all we need do is to impress upon those of our readers who delight in the study of Masonic symbolism, the importance of studying this most learned paper by Bro. RYLANDS.

Bro. GOULD'S paper on "The Duke of Wharton, G.M.," contains an able sketch of the career of that most eccentric nobleman, though naturally he directs his chief attention to his Grace's connection with the Craft, and the services, such as they were, which he may be presumed to have rendered it in his capacity of Grand Master. In his elucidation of this part of his career, the Society or Order of the Gormogons plays an important part, and having carefully read the paper, we are of opinion that Bro. GOULD is about right in his conclusion that WHARTON was a prominent member of that Order. "It was," writes Bro. GOULD, "in thorough harmony with the character of PHILIP WHARTON to have first of all cast in his lot with the Masons, and afterwards—if he did not directly originate—to have become an active supporter of their opponents the Gormogons. That he was a prominent member of the so-called 'Order' there can be no doubt whatever, and it is quite within the limits of possibility that it sprang into existence as the creation of his lively fancy. But without crossing the boundary of reasonable presumption, we may fairly conclude that he became the ruling spirit of the mysterious organisation whose periods of activity corresponded so closely with his own in certain stages of his career on which I have sought to fix your particular attention while reading the paper of this evening." Bro. GOULD has succeeded in accumulating a mass of information which, even if it fall short of proving all his theories, will be found most interesting. Our only fear is that there may be those who will consider he has over-elaborated his sketch, and that his article would have been improved by a little less attention to minuteness of detail. It is certain it would have been far better if Bro. GOULD had altogether refrained from mixing up the question of Masonic Degrees with the career of WHARTON. The former does not seem to have been necessary in forming a just and perfect estimate of the latter, while its introduction was certain to provoke discussion on a matter which in such an article is necessarily of inferior importance. Had he omitted this reference, our whole interest in the paper

would have been concentrated about the Duke of WHARTON and his doings; now there is a divided interest—to the detriment of the central figure or subject.

As regards the minor contributions, they will be found to include the usual "Notes and Queries," "Reviews," and "Chronicle," together with a Menu "in more or less classical Greek," which Bros. SPETH and CRAWLEY have rightly conjectured would prove interesting to some of the readers of these Transactions. The translation of sundry "terrible items" has been accomplished in a scholarly fashion by Bro. CLASSON, to whom Bro. CRAWLEY informs us we are indebted for this learned novelty. Among the "Notes and Queries" will be found a correction furnished by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship of the mistake we noted last week in our Review of Part I. of this Volume, in connection with what was there described as the "Patent of the Duke of YORK." We had not seen this Note at the time we drew attention to the error.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

ANNUAL MEETING AT JARROW.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., the annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow, when there was a large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers and the Masters and officers of lodges. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G.M., occupied the chair, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Victor Williamson, Past G.W., acted as Dep. Prov. G.M. In the absence of Bro. Lord Barnard, Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Joseph Robson Pattison occupied the chair of Prov. S.G.W., and the other Prov. Grand Officers were—Bros. Alderman T. G. Mabane, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. S. M. Thompson, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. E. W. Drage, Prov. G. Chap.; F. Wade, Prov. G. Treas.; R. M. Wilkes, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Lawrence, M.D., Prov. S.G.D.; Henry Palmer, Prov. S.G.D.; George Harland, Prov. J.G.D.; R. Appleton, Prov. J.G.D.; Richard Todd, Prov. G.S. of Works; Thomas Dunn, Prov. G.D.C.; W. J. Jobson, Prov. Dep. G.D.C.; J. H. Johnson, Prov. A.G.D.C.; John Barnett, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Monkman, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Joel, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; Henry Soderberg, Prov. G. Purst.; Francis Toogood, Prov. G. Purst.; Adam Dodds, Robt. Cowey, J. H. Leech, Thos. Gibson, J. M. Chisholm, and G. Murray, Prov. G. Stwds.; and T. Grieve, Prov. G. Tyler.

Among the other brethren who signed the roll were—

Bros. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler Eng.; J. Mason, R.M.B.I.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Luck, P.P.G.R.; Sabington Boulton, P.P.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Bain, P.P.G.R.; B. S. Beckwith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Mitford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; N. K. Brown, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. Renton, P.P. S.G.D.; J. W. Chater, P.P.G.D.; John Robinson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; M. A. Lax, P.P.G.P.; John C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; John Armstrong, P.P.D.G.D.C.; George Davies, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. H. Bennett, P.P. G.D.; Wm. T. Tate, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Hartley Jennings, P.P.G.C.; Ald. T. Richardson, M.P., W.M. 531; Geo. Rutherford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Hiller, P.P.G.D.; James Shaw, P.P.J.G.D.; H. W. Emerson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; John Holt, P.P.S.G.D.; G. F. Allan, P.P.G.S.B.; Y. Walton, P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; J. J. Athey, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Banks, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. G. Smith, P.P.S.G.D.; D. Cameron, P.P.G.D.; Rev. F. L. Cope, P.P.G.C.; G. N. Patterson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. R. Short, P.P.G. Stwd.; M. Corbitt, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Barlow, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Gray, P.P. G. Std. Br.; John Todd, P.P.G.P.; G. C. Watson, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Elwen, P.P.G.P.; Robert Hauxwell, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Robson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Spain, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland; G. S. Shaw, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. Biggam, P.M. 80; W. Scott, W.M. 2039; N. Lee, W.M. elect 2039; J. E. W. Walker, W.M. 80; J. W. H. Swan, P.M. 94; Wm. Watson, W.M. 94; Ed. Lautebach, W.M. 949; James Wright, W.M. 1418; Robt. Stewart, I.P.M. 424; C. W. Anderson, I.P.M. 1418; W. Hodgson, W.M. 940; W. Woolley, W.M. 1862; W. J. Malcolm, P.M. 661; J. Sedcole, P.M. 1119; James Hudson, P.M. 80; J. Robertson, S.W. 80; R. Madgshon, W.M. 1119; E. J. Prince, P.M. 1119; J. Rigby, P.M. 1119; J. S. Roy, W.M. 1643; J. Readhead, P.M. 1892; G. P. Robson, P.M. 240; T. E. Campbell, Sec. 2039; R. Farmer, I.P.M. 1970; H. Potts, P.M. 424; C. R. Toomer, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Henderson, P.M. 1970; Dr. Dalziel, P.M. 2418; L. Winstone, Org. 2418; S. W. Linsley, jun., I.P.M. 240; L. M. Snowdon, S.W. 1970; R. W. Graham, S.W. 2418; J. J. Runcieman, J.W. 1970; R. Purvis, jun., P.M. 240; John T. Ross, P.M. 1970; Thos. Gibbons, P.M. 80; Alfred Grundy, P.M. 97; W. C. Readhead, P.M. 97; and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers.

After formal business, the Prov. G. Treasurer's statement was read by Bro. F. WADE, and was adopted.

Bro. VICTOR WILLIAMSON, P.G.W., presented the report of the Fund Committee, which, after recommending certain individual grants to widows of deceased brethren in distress, and of the orphan of a deceased brother, proposed that 60 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and 70 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It also recommended that the fees of honour be voted to the Durham Masonic Education Fund.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Charities Committee, presented by the Chairman, Bro. THOMAS COULSON, was seconded by Bro. C. S. LANE, and supported by Bro. R. LUCK, who referred to the excellent results of the efforts of the past year. The amount contributed was the largest sum since the Durham Masonic Education Fund was founded.

The report was adopted.

The roll of lodges was then called, when reports were presented by the respective Masters.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in his address, complimented the Jarrow brethren on the arrangements they had made for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and proceeded to allude to the losses by death which they had sustained during the year, among others those of Bros. John Wood, P.P.J. G.W.; J. A. Witter, 1119; and Alfred Gray, 949. He was happy to be able to inform them that Bro. Lord Barnard was sufficiently recovered to be able to leave Raby, and they hoped he would shortly be able to return to them in a condition enabling him to discharge all his duties, Masonic and otherwise.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. H. L. Pattison, I.P.M. 375 ... Prov. S.G.W.
John C. Moor, P.M. 97 ... Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. F. H. Webb-Peploe, 1970 ... Prov. G. Chapr.
Rev. L. J. Wilkinson, 1121 ...
R. S. Benson, P.M. 1379 ... Prov. G. Treas.
Robert Parvis, jun., P.M. 240 ... Prov. G. Reg.
R. Hudson, P.M. 2039 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
Edward Jepson, M.D., P.M. 1334...
C. W. Anderson, I.P.M. 1418 ...
T. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424...
William Hodgson, W.M. 940 ...
James Robinson, P.M. 1119 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
Thos. Dunn, P.M. 124 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.D. of C.
W. F. Sanderson, P.M. 1932 ... Prov. D.G.D. of C.
Alfred Grundy, P.M. 97 ... Prov. A.G.D. of C.
H. C. Marston, P.M. 531 ... Prov. G.S.B.
L. R. Davies, P.M. 949 ...
W. R. Legg, P.M. 1274 ...
L. Winstone, 1970 ...
John Joel, P.M. (re-appointed) ...
John Munro, I.P.M. 1643 ...
T. G. Garrick, P.M. 94 ...
William Watson, W.M. 94 ...
Thomas Prudames, P.M. 940 ...
M. Bradley, P.M. 1650...
J. J. Clegg, J.D. 1643 ...
J. J. Runcieman, J.W. 1970 ...
Thomas McCarthy, S.W. 2462 ...
Thos. Grieve (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. T. M. Thompson, P.M. of the Restoration Lodge, and Edward Esnor, P.M. of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, were elected Auditors.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow.

Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., presided at the banquet, and was supported by—

Bros. Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; H. Lee Pattinson, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.J.G.W.; J. R. Pattinson, P.P.S.G.W.; Ald. T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; T. Dunn, P.G.D.C.; J. Joel, P.A.G. Sec.; Rev. Lance J. Wilkinson, 1121, P.G.C.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; C. S. Lane, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Franklin, G. Gordon, P. G. Buddle, J. Welch, P.M., J. B. Hudson, Sec., J. J. Clegg, D. Anderson, J.W., and J. S. Roy, W.M., of 1643; T. Harrison, S.W., C. E. Lautebach, W.M., and R. D. Smith, Sec., of 949; Robert B. Stone, Walter H. Pye, J. Robinson, P.M., P.G.S. of W., J. W. Chater, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., J. Wood, I.G., J. W. Wilkinson, Org., R. Maugshon, W.M., J. Rigby, I.P.M., G. Davies, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. F. Renton, S.W., J. T. Dickinson, P.P.G.P.; Geo. Willmott, H. Dancaster, J.D., and J. Taylor, P.M., D.C., of 1119; L. Winstone, P.G.O., and L. M. Snowdon, S.W., of 1970; W. Eckford, P.P.G.P.; J. Munro, I.P.M., P.G.P.; James Wright, W.M. 1418; C. W. Anderson, P.S.G.D.; Saml. W. Linsley, W.M. 240; W. J. Malcolm, P.M. 661; W. Harris Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; and George Robson, P.P.G. Std. Br.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CARDIFF.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2453.

The interesting ceremonies of opening the new Masonic Hall at Cardiff and the consecration of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453, and installation of Bro. C. E. Dovey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as first W.M., took place on Thursday, the 26th ult., and attracted a large gathering of Masons, hailing from all parts of South Wales and even more remote provinces. The new lodge will make the fourth now meeting at Cardiff, and it is rumoured that a lodge for professional men will be established at an early date. The formation of these new lodges is indicative of the great progress that Freemasonry is making in this division of South Wales, which now contains 21 lodges, there being 10 in the Western Division, and 10 in Monmouthshire. The opening of the new Masonic Hall on this occasion marks a new era in the Freemasonry of the Welsh Metropolis, as the ceremony formed a fitting climax to many years of labour and enterprise on the part of energetic brethren who desired to see the Craft properly and suitably housed. Upwards of 400 Masons attended the ceremonies at the new hall on the 26th ult., and the greatest enthusiasm was evinced by the brethren over the double event.

The proceedings commenced shortly after one o'clock, when the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, opened the entrance door of the lodge room with a chastely-designed silver key, suitably inscribed in commemoration of the event.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock, and letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Walter Whittington, from the Right Hon. Lord Kensington, Prov. G.M. of the Western Division, and other distinguished brethren from neighbouring provinces.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was then read, from which it appeared that a petition for a lodge at Treharris had been presented, and would receive the consideration of the Prov. Grand Master in due course.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed a credit balance of £166. It was recommended that 50 guineas be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a like amount to the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund. During the past year Bro. W. G. Davies, P.M. 364, acted as Prov. Grand Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was further reported that up to August, 1895, the local Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund had a credit balance of £1464. A large number of grants were recommended, and it was announced that during the year ended December 31st, 1894, 106 candidates had been initiated in the province, while there were 28 joining members.

The report was adopted. Bro. W. H. Lewis was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the year, and the Prov. Grand Master then presented Bros. W. G. Davies, 364, P.S.G.W., and F. P. Adey, 1754, P.P.S.G.W., with Charity jewels, in recognition of their efforts in connection with the Benevolent Institutions.

Bro. W. C. Peace, P.M. 960, P.P.S.G.W., then presented Bro. C. Carey Thomas, P.M. 960, P.P.G.S.B., the Chairman of the Committee which had charge of the arrangements in connection with the establishment of the Masonic Temple, with a silver salver on behalf of the Masonic Hall Company, in acknowledgement of the invaluable services rendered by him in that capacity.

The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and the Provincial Grand Officers, then consecrated the Masonic Temple in a solemn and impressive manner.

The appointments and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were as follows:

Bro. Henry Simons, P.M. 237	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Carey Thomas, P.M. 960	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Williams, P.M. 1807	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. D. Phillips, P.M. 1578	...	...
" W. H. Lewis, W.M. 1573	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. C. Ensor, W.M. 960	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Whittington, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. J. Thomas, W.M. 237	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. G. Harrison, W.M. 36	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" John Evans, P.M. 1578	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Sheridan, W.M. 1992	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" D. A. Thomas, W.M. 110	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John Shaw, P.M. 2547	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" M. G. Roberts, P.M. 833	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. L. Edwards, W.M. 2357	...	...
" H. C. Rich, W.M. 651	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" M. Whittington, W.M. 364	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. H. Tutton, P.M. 2382	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Rees Rees, W.M. 679	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" M. P. S. Tozer, P.M. 1752	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Richards, 960	...	...
" E. L. Pontifex, J.W. 1323	...	...
" A. J. Harris, 36	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Carl Frederick Hansen, 1754	...	...
" George Bullerwell, 237	...	...

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed. Bro. G. O. Clarry, P.P.G.D.C., admirably performed the duties of Acting Director of Ceremonies during the day, and was complimented upon the manner in which the work was performed.

The Provincial Grand Master and Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., subsequently proceeded with the consecration of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453 and the installation of Bro. Charles E. Dovey, as W.M., and were assisted in the ceremony by the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. After his installation, Bro. C. E. Dovey, who was most cordially received, opened the new lodge in due form, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Brs. W. C. Peace, P.M. 960, P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; James Radley, P.M. 960, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; C. Carey Thomas, P.M. 960, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. Best Ferrier, P.M. 960, P.P.G.R., Sec.; W. T. Hogg, P.M. 1992, P.P.G.T., Treas.; John Munday, P.M. 960, P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; Harry Samuel, P.M. 960, P.P.J.G.D., S.D.; F. W. K. Hybart, P.M. 960, P.P.J.G.D., J.D.; George W. Cole (F.C.O.), 1992, Org.; D. S. Varzopollo, P.M. 1992 and 960, P.P.J.G.W., I.G.; Dr. De Vere Hunt and Richard Richards, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

The proceedings concluded with an enjoyable banquet at the assembly-rooms in the Town Hall, the repast being served by Mr. W. G. Hunt, of the Queen's Hotel. The company numbered upwards of 250, and the proceedings were of the most harmonious character. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and among those present were:

Bros. M. Tennant, Deputy Prov. G.M.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. Williams, P.G. Chap.; T. B. Nichols, P.G. Chap.; W. Whittington, P.G. Sec.; W. G. Davies, P.P.S.G.W.; Samuel Cooper, P.P.S.G.W.; W. S. Simons, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Watkins, P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Peace, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Matthews, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Carey Thomas, P.J.G.W.; Harry Cousins, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Thomas Wallace, P.G.S. of Wks.; George Clarry, P.P.G.D.C.; D. R. Roberts, P.P.J.G.D.; F. G. Harrison, W.M. 36, P.J.G.D.; John Monday, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. L. Yorath, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. F. G. Hodger, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. C. Ensor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Sheridan, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. W. Shackell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; George Thomas, 36; J. G. Taylor, 36; R. S. Fisher, 36; W. B. Ferrier, 960; James Radley, 960; H. Samuel, 960; F. W. K. Hybart, 960; C. E. Dovey, W.M. 2453; J. T. Hogg, P.M., W.M. 1992; F. J. F. Bailey, 1992, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Ridley, P.M.; D. Williams, P.M.; Forsythe, P.M.; Allan, P.M.; Garrett, P.M.; R. C. Roper, P.M.; H. Morgan Rees, P.M.; B. Treharne, P.M.; T. R. Hunt, P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; W. Bunning, P.M.; S. L. Lewis, P.M.; H. C. Gibbons, Edward Fletcher, F. P. Kerman, Alfred Phillips, F. T. Gibson, F. C. Bonnyman, J. O'Neill, S. Jones, Charles Jones, C. P. Priestly, F. W. Ensor, W. J. Collings, H. Batten, C. H. D. Moorland, P. Thomas, W. H. Morgan, Joseph Thomas, Lewis Morgan, P. P. Culley, C. D. Churchill, G. H. Bedford, R. Richards, H. C. Hanson, H. de Vere Hunt, and W. D. Grant.

After dinner the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was honoured with loyal enthusiasm.

Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK next proposed "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand

Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were also cordially received.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master" was submitted in eloquent terms by Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who spoke in high praise of the active interest which Bro. Lord Llangattock evinced in the duties of his high Masonic office.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, in responding, referred with pleasure to the vitality of Freemasonry in Cardiff, and to the progress which the Order was making throughout the Eastern Division.

Bro. RADLEY next proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., responded.

"The Health of the Deputy P.G.M. and Officers of Prov. G. Lodge" was enthusiastically drunk.

Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT having responded, Bro. THOMAS MATTHEWS proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Duke of York Lodge, Bro. C. E. Dovey."

Bro. DOVEY, who received a most flattering reception, made a very felicitous response.

Other toasts followed. During the evening Bro. Arthur Johnson's band played a selection of music, and a musical programme was gone through under the direction of Bro. G. H. Cole, F.C.O.

A word of praise should be accorded Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey, upon whom the responsibilities of the arrangements for the banquet devolved. These responsibilities were discharged with great administrative skill.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

The annual convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held recently at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. The Grand Superintendent, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and among those present were—

Comps. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.H.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.H.; Thos. Henderson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E., P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Robinson, P.G.S.B.; M. A. Lax, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Pattison, P.P.G.H., P.A.G.S.E.; J. Todd, P.P.A.G.S.E.; R. Whitfield, P.P.G.P.S.; John C. Moor, P.P.G.R.; W. Thorman, P.G.P.S.; G. F. Allan, P.P.G.P.S.; T. G. Garrick, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Hudson, 1611; J. F. Hiller, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; L. R. Davies, H. 949; Dr. L. Booth, M.E.Z. 124; J. E. Nelson, P.P.G.T.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P. A.G.S.; E. Lautebach, P.S. 949; John Metcalfe, P.Z. 531; G. B. Hall, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Lamb, P.P.A.G.S.; C. T. Watson, H. 531; John Robinson, S.E. 111; I. Hart, S.E. 509; C. Cox, P.S. 97; D. Cameron, H. 240; J. Hudson, P.P.G.O.; A. W. Smith; R. E. Beveridge; R. H. Holme; S. Peacock, S.E. 80; George Harland, M.E.Z. 240; W. Biggam, 80; R. Robertson, Stwd. 80; F. S. Cowper, P.G.S.N.; Thomas Robinson, A.S. 97; F. W. Ingram, 949; John Taylor, M.E.Z. 1119; F. H. Bennett, P.G.H.; Edward Hudson, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Hudson, Mus. Doc. Oxon; N. Lee, P.S. 80; J. J. Wilson, P.P.A.G.S.; Thos. Lawrence; Fred. Wade, H. 97; T. Purvis, P.G.S.E. Northumberland; J. Mitchinson, P.P.G.P.S.; the Rev. J. J. Brown, M.E.Z. 80; Thomas Gibbon, H. 80; W. G. Hetherington; George Craven, M.E.Z. 94; J. Sedcole, P.Z. 240; J. Atkinson; M. J. Todd, J. 80; Joseph Robson Cutter, M.E.Z. 97; R. Todd, P.G.R.; J. M. Wilson; J. M. Malcolm, S.N. 97; the Rev. R. Coulton, M.E.Z. 111; and J. Lee, J. 97.

An excellent Reception Committee, with Comp. Thomas Robinson as Secretary, made splendid arrangements.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was duly opened by Comps. H. J. Turnbull, Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, and F. H. Bennett, after which the Prov. Grand Chapter received standing the Grand Superintendent.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement was duly received, and certain sums were voted to the Masonic Charities, on the motion of Comp. Dr. HILL DRURY, seconded by Comp. F. H. BENNETT.

The roll of chapters was called, when the chief officers of each chapter present read their statements, which were generally very satisfactory.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then briefly addressed the Prov. Grand Chapter, and congratulated it upon its steady progress. He was sure all mourned the loss of Comp. J. A. Witter, and condoled with the St. Bede's Chapter on their loss.

Comp. John Robson Cutter was elected Prov. G. Treas., on the motion of Comp. J. R. PATTISON, seconded by Comp. J. C. MOOR.

Comps. Dr. Biggam and F. W. Ingram were elected as Auditors.

The following were then appointed the Prov. Grand Officers for the year:

Comp. Rev. J. J. Brown, 80	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Rev. R. Coulton, 111	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Hudson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Lionel Boothe, 124	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Robson Cutter, 97	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Metcalfe, 531	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Abbey, 704	...	...	Prov. G.P. Sofj.
" Jas. Sedcole, 240	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. Richardson, 48	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" L. R. Davies, 949	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Taylor, 1119	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Dunn, 124	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. H. Swan, 94	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. H. Hart, 509	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Pattison (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Grieve (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After further business, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed, Comp. J. C. Moor officiating as Prov. G.D.C. in the absence of Comp. T. Dunn.

In the evening the companions sat down to a banquet at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street, Sunderland.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Inverness Town Council was held on Monday evening when it was unanimously resolved to present the Duke of York with an address of congratulation on the occasion of his passing through Inverness on his way to Duncollin Castle to visit the Duke of Sutherland. His Royal Highness has intimated his willingness to meet the Council and receive the address.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Grimsby, on Thursday, the 26th ult., Comp. William Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., Grand Superintendent, presiding over a large assemblage of companions.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he alluded to the excellent work done by the late Comp. Kirk, as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR reported an increase in the number of companions, and the ACTING PROV. GRAND TREASURER a balance in hand.

Comps. F. J. Sowby and Wormald were nominated for the Prov. Grand Treasurership, and Comp. Sowby was elected, being seconded by Comp. Sissons.

Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Prov. Grand Officers were invested as follows:

Comp. Jas. B. Morton	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. H. Moore	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" B. Vickers	...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" W. Hirst	...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" B. Beeson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Prin. Soj.
" F. Barrett	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. W. Sowby	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" F. J. Sowby	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Reyner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. J. Atkinson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. G. Pearson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Gane	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. H. Gregory	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bath, under the banners of the Royal Cumberland and the Royal Sussex Lodges. Bro. R. C. Else, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and among those present were Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master of England; Baron De Ferrieres; and C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Col. W. Long was re-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the following were appointed and invested as the Prov. Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Col. A. T. Perkins	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. J. Baldwin	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" G. M. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. Bendle	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. R. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. T. E. Thomas	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. W. Radway (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Bevir	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" F. T. Elworthy	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. E. Baker	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. W. Loveless	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. Davis	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" F. W. Bishop	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Bamfield	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Cogan	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. G. Milborne (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Colenutt	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. J. Salter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A very successful entertainment was given at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., by Bro. Horace G. Banks, W.M. 1897, and friends. The room was well filled with old folks and visitors, the brethren having been courteously received and heartily welcomed by Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Institution, and Miss Norris, the Matron.

The proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo, after which Professor Bernard gave a clever exhibition of sleight of hand, which completely mystified the audience. Bro. Horace Banks then gave his well-known lecture, entitled, "From England to America," in which he was assisted by a powerful triple lantern—one of the finest in the kingdom—through which over 100 views of the principal sights were shown. Starting from Southampton, the lecturer proceeded in a lucid manner to give interesting details of the ocean trip, and thence onwards through New York, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Niagara, (including some exceptionally fine views of the Falls), the Hudson River, and then back to New York.

The lecture, which was interspersed with amusing anecdotes, contained a mass of information, carefully compiled and condensed with remarkable brevity, and proved Bro. Banks to have been a careful and accurate observer during his travels, whilst the excellent views he has succeeded in obtaining, and which are probably unsurpassed, made it clear that he is as much at home with the camera as he is on the platform as a public lecturer. A novel feature, which will doubtless ere long attract attention and approval, was the introduction of illustrations to well known songs. Thus the old ballad, "Sally in our Alley," effectively rendered by Bro. R. Evans (who also gave "The Holy City" with great effect), and "The Naval Brigade," by Bro. Frank Swinford, were amply illustrated with excellent pictures. Mrs. Banks kindly contributed "The Three Beggars," and Miss Agnes Walker and Bro. Lee also assisted in the musical items.

Bro. JOHN NEWTON, at the conclusion of the programme, said he did not think it would be proper to let the evening pass without passing a vote of thanks for the splendid lecture and entertainment. As a member of the House Committee, he was sure all present would give Bro. Banks their warmest thanks in the manner usual on such occasions—by clapping the hands. He would in their name also tender their best thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who had rallied round to help Bro. Banks.

Bro. HORACE BANKS, who met with a hearty reception, returned thanks on behalf of himself and those who had assisted him. He sincerely thanked the two ladies who had given their services, also Professor Bernard, Bro. Swinford (always to the front in Masonic work), Bro. Richard Evans, and Bro. Lee, the I.P.M. of his mother lodge. It had been a pleasant evening to them all, for they considered it a privilege to be allowed to give their services, and they would be all willing to come down again on some future occasion. Whilst he had been at work on the platform there had been an assistant silently at work at the other end of the room manipulating the lantern—Mr. Leonard Greaves—to whom their sincere thanks were due for arduous duties exceedingly well performed.

A telegram having been read from Bro. John Mason who had been away on duty at Durham, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Terry for his ready assistance in the evening's enjoyment.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, in reply, said he had very little to say. He happened to be present at the installation of Bro. Banks as W.M. of the Citadel Lodge when he received the promise of a Steward (Bro. Davison, P.M.) for the festival in 1896, and the conversation turned on the entertainment with the result they had seen. The Citadel Lodge started their Steward's list with 100 guineas and if any brother in the room that evening had any guineas to spare, Bro. Banks would be delighted to receive it to add to the list, which he hoped would be one of the largest it would be his privilege to announce.

The proceedings then terminated, the visitors leaving well pleased with an enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were considerably enhanced by the kindly welcome received from the officers of the Institution.

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TEETH.

In infancy, of pain afraid,
We cut our teeth by coral's aid,
Or loving mother's thumbs;
But hastening to life's closing day,
Our teeth cut us, and, sad to say,
We've nothing left but gums.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

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MASONIC SERVICE AT BIRKENHEAD.

On the afternoon of the 29th ult., a special Masonic service was held at St. James's Church, Laird-street, North Birkenhead, where a collection was made on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Fund, founded for the purpose of giving education and maintenance to children of deceased Freemasons in the Cheshire division. The service was choral, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Millward Hughes, 2496, P.P.G. Org., assisted by the choir of St. Anne's Church, Birkenhead, and brethren from various lodges, and during the collection the solo "Crown ye with palms" (Faure) was impressively sung by Bro. Walter Baker. The brethren, numbering about 200, assembled in St. James's Schools, Miriam-place, Laird-street, from whence they marched in procession to the church, wearing the clothing and insignia of the various Craft offices which they held.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. JOHNSON, P.M. 1289, P.P.G. Chaplain, who took his text from Exodus ii., v. 9—"And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, take this child away and nurse for me, and I will give thee thy wages." In the course of his sermon the preacher referred to the many benevolent and charitable schemes which existed in the nineteenth century for the care and education of children, speaking in high terms of the great good which had been accomplished by the Cheshire Masonic Educational Fund. Its special object was to give education and maintenance, as well as afford means for advancement in life, of the children placed on the foundation of the institution, and especially commended the plan pursued of not removing the little ones from their mothers' care, in order that they might still enjoy home influences which were so beneficial to them. After alluding to the benefits of education, Bro. Johnson said that the income of the fund during the past year had been £341, and that 49 children had been cared for at a cost of £363. He concluded by making an appeal to the brethren for liberal contributions on that occasion.

The collection amounted to the sum of £15 12s. 2d. Amongst those present in the church, where there was a large congregation, were the following representatives of the Order: Bros. Thomas Shaw, P.J.G.W. (Mayor of Birkenhead); T. Vernon, P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; L. Ellis, P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, acting D.C.; R. Powell, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. C. Gibson Wallace, P.P.G.S.; J. Gamlin, P.G.D.; W. S. Cromar, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Fothergill, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire; R. Olive, P.P.G. Stwd.; O. Jones, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Clarke, P.P.G.D.; G. Bird, P.P.A.G. Sec.; P. Duff, P.P.S.G.D.; G. H. Brown, P.P.G.W.; J. R. Simm, P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. Wild, P.P.S.G.D.; J. S. Jolly, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. A. Jackson, P.G.S.; J. W. Evans, P.M. 1576; D. Lowthian, W.M. 1182; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire; along with a large number of W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens, subordinate officers, and members of about 20 lodges in the province.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the LARGE HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1895, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider the recommendation of the General Committee as under, and to elect 17 Girls (or in the event of the above-named recommendation being adopted, 18) into the School from a list of 34 approved candidates.

Recommendation of the General Committee—

"That one further vacancy (making 18 in all) be declared for the October Election in consequence of the withdrawal of Mabel Margaret Vale from the Institution."

The election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over, and close at Three o'clock precisely.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

No. 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
3rd October, 1895.

The 108th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place in MAY, 1896, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. THE EARL OF YARBOROUGH, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being very greatly needed.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of OCTOBER, 1895, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Resolution of the Council of Friday, 27th September:

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the Election on Friday, 11th October, to fill the place of the boy Roland George Francke, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term."

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The Ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or as soon as the general business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall,
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The Board of Management of the R.M.I. for Boys
has resolved to perpetuate the memory of its late
member, Bro. William Masters, by founding a prize to
be named after him. It is estimated that a sum of
£100 will be sufficient for the purpose and the list
(already well started by the members of the Board) is
open to be added to by any of the friends of our
lamented brother whose zeal for the Institution merits
this lasting recognition. Bro. McLeod will be glad to
receive any donation for the fund.

We take leave to remind our readers that the School
Elections will be held in the great hall of Freemasons'
Tavern next week, that for the Girls' School taking
place at the Quarterly General Court on Thursday,
the 10th inst., and that for the Boys' School on the day
following. On both occasions the chair will be taken
at the hour of noon, and in both cases the poll will be
opened at 1 p.m., or as soon as the ordinary business
of the day has been transacted. In both cases also the
poll will close precisely at 3 p.m.

For the Girls' School the number of candidates is
34, of whom 19 remain over from the April election,
while the remaining 15 have had their names placed on
the list in the interval that has since elapsed. The
number of vacancies to be competed for is 17, or 18,
if the Committee's recommendation is carried. For the
Boys' School Election there are 46 candidates, of whom
21 remain from April last and 25 have been added
since. Here, however, there is a far greater propor-
tion between the competitors and the vacancies they

will compete for, the number of the latter having been
originally declared as 16, now, however, increased to
17 by the withdrawal of a boy from the School by his
parents before the expiration of his full term. For
particulars of the several cases we must refer our
readers to the lists attached to the voting papers.

There are, however, certain of them to which we
consider it our duty to call particular attention. We
allude to the "last cases," that is to say, to the
children who will have their names struck off the list
in the event of their failing to win places among the
successful candidates. There are three such in the
Girls' List, namely: No. 1 (Warwickshire), No. 11
(East Lancashire), and No. 17 (Cheshire); and five
on the Boys' List, namely: Nos. 3, 7, 9, and 19
(London), and No. 26 (Gloucestershire). In behalf
of these children we make our accustomed earnest appeal
to all Governors and Subscribers who are not com-
mitted to the support of any particular case or cases
to give them the benefit of their votes and of such
influence as they may be able to command, and we do
this on the usual ground that the claims of these
children to be admitted into the Institutions for which
they are severally candidates have been approved, and
that being so, that they ought not to be sent away
disappointed while there is the slightest chance of
securing their election. The rest of the candidates
can wait, these cannot.

We heartily congratulate Concordia Lodge, No. 67
on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on
the completion of the first century of its existence, and
the celebration of that auspicious event in the Masonic
Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday, the 13th ultimo. The
warrant for this lodge was granted on the 26th August,
1795, and the brethren therein named were constituted
a Lodge of Freemasons on the 12th September follow-
ing. At the present time there are 182 members, the
full number of those who have joined the lodge, either
as initiates or from other lodges, during the period
of its existence being 976. Of these two have been
brethren of exceptional merit, each in his day having
the great honour to be elected to the chair of the
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The elder was Bro.
James Hutchinson, who was Grand Master during the
years 1854-55, and the other Bro. C. P. McCalla, whose
name must be familiar to many of our readers, and
who was Grand Master in 1889 and 1890. A full
account of the celebration will be found in the columns
of the Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 21st ult., to which
we are indebted for the foregoing brief particulars of
the career of this Concordia Lodge. We trust the same
measure of prosperity may be meted out to it in the
future as in the past.

We gather from one of the organs of the Birming-
ham press that Bro. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand
Master of Warwickshire, in the exercise of his un-
doubted discretion, has seen fit to instruct the Grand
Secretary of his Province to decline to furnish to the
press any account of the proceedings that took place
at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge
on the 24th instant, or the names of those who were
present on the occasion. We regret that his lordship
should have thought it incumbent upon him to adopt
this course, but he is justified in what he has done by
the Book of Constitutions, and our duty is to show
respect for his wishes by remaining silent as to what
passed at the meeting in question.

The news of the death of Bro. the Rev. Charles W.
Spencer-Stanhope, Past Grand Chaplain of England
and Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, will be received
with general regret. The services which Bro. Spencer-
Stanhope had rendered in the various branches of
Masonry with which he was connected were fully
recognised, while he himself was as highly respected
as he was universally popular. We publish elsewhere
a sketch of his Masonic career, but we should be
wanting in our duty if we did not take this opportunity
of expressing our sorrow at the death of so estimable
a Mason, and our sincere sympathy with his family and
the large circle of friends, both Masonic and extra-
Masonic, who mourn his loss.

We beg to announce that the Empress Lodge, No.
2581, will be consecrated at the Empire of India
Exhibition, Earl's Court, on Monday, the 14th inst.
The ceremony will be performed by the V.W. Grand
Secretary, who will be assisted in his task by sundry
Grand Officers. The hour appointed for the proceed-
ings to commence is 5 p.m., while the banquet which
follows is timed for 7 p.m.

The Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales of the Ancient and Accepted Rite will hold a convocation at their Grand East, 33, Golden-square, W., on Tuesday next, the 8th instant, at 5.45 p.m. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren will adjourn to the banquet, which will be held at the Café Royal, at 7.30 p.m.

The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin, is a P.M. of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and we congratulate both our distinguished brother on his election to the chief magistracy of the City of London, as well as the lodge, of which he is a respected member, on its good fortune on being again in a position to number the Chief Magistrate of London among its Conscript Fathers.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having been some days out of town, I have only just now seen your editorial on the above subject, in which you speak of the "claim advanced on behalf of Grand Lodge, as to its absolute and indefeasible right to determine what is, and what is not, irregular in the conduct of a certain ceremony, and to rule accordingly." This statement I at once challenge. The Grand Lodge of England has never yet determined what is, and what is not, irregular in the direction indicated. When it does so, then will be the time to talk about "absolute and indefeasible rights," and we who differ from those who advance claims "on behalf of Grand Lodge," when that comes to pass, will cheerfully and dutifully fall into line. Until then, however, we claim the same right to go on in our own way as the London Emulationists, however high their rank in [the Order.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 25th.

THE DECORATION OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was unable to attend Grand Lodge when Bro. Woodward's proposal was brought forward, and while I am pleased to note his energetic advocacy, am sorry that I cannot, enthusiastic churchman as I am, agree with him.

The donations of the Craft, as Masons, should be given to objects connected with the Order, except in some special cases, such as earthquakes, great fires, &c., when, in the name of our common Brotherhood, sums are voted to sufferers by such calamities.

Let every man give as he is disposed to the decoration of St. Paul's, but I for one would have nothing to do in any of the many Masonic bodies to which I belong to assist in any Masonic scheme, as I consider as so many very eminent Masons do, that it is contrary to the cosmopolitan character of the Craft.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

LODGE FRIENDSHIP, No. 44.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of Bro. John Chadwick would lead any of your readers to believe that the Lodge of Friendship was warranted on the 23rd of February, 1803, whereas the warrant hanging in the lodge room, signed by the Duke of Sussex and Lord Durham, recites that the lodge was warranted on the 18th day of June, 1755. If Bro. Chadwick is correct in his surmises, the Duke of Sussex and Lord Durham must have been seriously misled, which I think scarcely probable. Bro. Chadwick's objection comes too late in the day to carry much weight in face of such documentary evidence. Referring to the 2nd paragraph in Bro. Chadwick's letter, the W.M. used his discretion in declaring the state of the poll.—Yours fraternally,

NATHAN HEYWOOD.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow one who has devoted much time to this charming Order to make some comments on the letter of Sir Knight Lean.

The able brethren who have drawn up the revised regulations have been actuated by a desire to benefit the Order, and probably very little discussion will follow the acceptance of the draft revisions at the next meeting of Great Priory.

I cannot, myself, see any reason for the abolition of the old name of Great Priory, and "Chapter General" does not strike me as a happy selection.

The question of clothing is a most important one, which I have discussed with many eminent Templars, including the late Great Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell Clerke. The present dress is extremely cumbersome, and I am sure prevents many worthy Masons from joining the Order—cloak, tunic, sash, sword, sword-belt, and jewels. Why not dispense with all these and wear a simple sash—black for knights, as now, and black and white for Grand Officers; a cap, as worn in West Yorkshire, would add to the effect. The sash with sword would look much better than cloak and tunic of various patterns, or, as some now appear, with cloak only.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,
Past Grand Capt. of Guards.

Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1074.]

In "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," Part 2, Volume VIII., Bro. Crowe advises purchasers of my book on Certificates "to bind in Plate II., after page 68, where it properly belongs, for convenience of reference." Of course, I have nothing to do with the manner in which the owner of a book has it bound, and whether this would destroy its uniformity or not, can be no business of mine; but to Bro. Crowe's assertion that Plate II. properly belongs where he would place it I have a

right to object. He might suggest, with no good reason, according to my views, that the frontispiece properly belongs to page 19. In all illustrated books plates may be the subject of suggestions in the first instance by the author, as in this case; but it is quite understood that the distribution of plates is practically decided by other and more competent judges on technical points. Had there been no plate opposite page 65 I might certainly have suggested Plate II. being inserted there, but inasmuch as each division of the book, as arranged in the Illustrations Index, has a plate preceding it, and Plate II. must necessarily be a reference plate wherever it is placed, from page 33 as well as pages 65 to 79, it can be no convenience to remove it from page 7. There it fills up a space which otherwise, by being left vacant, would break the uniformity of arrangement. The trouble is all the same, whether one refers from page 33 to 68, or from page 65 to 7, which, I feel sure, has been overlooked by Bro. Crowe.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

LATIN PROVERB.

"Ne sutor supra crepidam judicaret."

Apelles used, so Classics say,
To show his pictures day by day
In Athens' streets, while he concealed
Could hear the thoughts of those revealed,
Who passing viewed them, and thus know
The praise or censure they'd bestow;
And, by the truth thus plainly shown,
Would, on their judgment, found his own.

A cobbler, stopping, often would,
In fixed amazement, as he stood,
Utter his thoughts; and of his trade
For ever mindful, often made
Objections to the sandals drawn,
And would observe such were not worn.
Apelles, thinking he was right,
The picture altered in his sight.

The cobbler, now puffed up with pride,
On his own judgment so relied,
That where he saw no faults before,
Looking again, he found a score.
This leg ill-drawn, that hand awry,
The hair too long, too blue the sky—
"Hold," cried Apelles, "not so fast;
You cannot judge beyond your last!"

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

MASONIC FAREWELL.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Poole, who is leaving Adelaide for Ballarat early next week, was made the recipient of an address at the ordinary meeting of the Commercial Lodge, on Saturday evening, the 17th August.

The W.M., Bro. D. G. Wilson, presented Bro. Canon Poole with the address, which was as follows:

"V.W. Sir, and Brother,—On the eve of your departure to Victoria your fellow-members of Commercial Lodge heartily congratulate you on the preference to which you have been deservedly advanced, and your new congregation on their good fortune in securing the services of so talented and zealous a pastor. Your translation to Ballarat will withdraw from the Grand Lodge of South Australia one of her most distinguished officers. Prudent in council, eloquent in debate, loyal in action, your absence will be deeply regretted by all in this province who wish well to our noble Craft. We of Commercial Lodge will especially miss from our assemblies a Chaplain who has added reverence to our devotions, to whose disposition the prime Masonic virtue of benevolence is native, and whose services to our lodge since the moment of her consecration have been as gracefully rendered as they will long be held in grateful recollection. With kindest farewell we mingle most fraternal wishes for your future prosperity. The sterling independence of your character, the lofty motives which inspire you, and the pure ideal of duty which you have conceived will soon secure you high place in the affection and esteem of our Victorian brethren, and replace with new friends the old ones whom you leave. We who have enjoyed your friendship and admired your career count ourselves among the latter, and earnestly pray the Great Architect of the Universe to keep you ever in the assiduous practice of the grand principles upon which Freemasonry rests. Signed on behalf of Commercial Lodge, No. 39, S.A.C., DONALD G. WILSON, Master; FRED. JOHNS, Senior Warden; ALFRED O. CRAIGIE, Junior Warden; H. CONIGRAVE, Secretary.

Bro. Canon POOLE, in returning thanks, said he had the opportunity during his 21 years' connection with Freemasonry in Adelaide of seeing what rapid strides it had made in the colony. It was not merely the increase in the numbers of Freemasons to which he referred, but chiefly to the number of effective members who were engaged in carrying out the objects of the Institution. The brethren now seemed to desire to carry out more fully in their lives the high and lofty precepts of which Freemasonry was the shrine. Many took objection to the outward and ritual show of the Institution, but as long as they were affected by outward show and learned through the eye and ear as well as the intellect, so long there would be a necessity for a certain amount of outward show. The establishment of the Grand Lodge had done a great deal towards increasing the interest in Freemasonry in the colony, as it brought the members of the various lodges into closer communication with the heads of the Order. He loved Freemasonry for its principles and for the manner in which it set forth great and important truths. One of its greatest charms to him was that it had brought him into intimacy and great friendship with men of all classes of opinion and of many nationalities.

At the conclusion of the lodge meeting, Bro. Dr. W. BARLOW proposed "The Health of the Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Canon Poole." In doing so he said Bro. Canon Poole had done very excellent service for the Craft, and had greatly contributed to the development of that higher tone in Freemasonry to which he had referred earlier in the evening.

The toast was heartily responded to.

Bro. Canon POOLE, in reply, said he had no idea until his departure for Ballarat was announced that he had so many friends in the colony, and had he done so he might have decided to remain. As it was, a hair's weight would almost have turned that scale one way or another. He arrived in South Australia 27 years ago, and he felt himself as much a South Australian as if he had been born and bred in the colony. He would always feel sure of receiving a hearty welcome in South Australia, and would ever look back upon his connection with Freemasonry in that province with the greatest pleasure.

Craft Masonry.

Gresham Lodge, No. S69.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, on Saturday, the 28th ult., the motive being the initiation of Mr. Cecil Hamilton Armitage, of the South Wales Borderers' Militia, who was about to return to his duties in Africa, being at present on leave of absence. The ballot was duly taken, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Charles E. Everett, in a manner which produced a general expression of admiration; indeed, it would have been a difficult matter for the ceremony to have been more beautifully rendered.

This being ended, and the lodge closed, the brethren retired to the banqueting-hall, and partook of a substantial dinner, provided by the caretaker, Bro. B. Mitchell.

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

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. S. H. T. Armitage, M.D., 2127, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks, who expressed the great satisfaction it gave him to see his son initiated in the grand old hall of Cheshunt Great House—a spot at once so connected with historical associations and replete with every charm that could add *décor* to a Mason's lodge, and in thanking the W.M. expressed the hope that in a short time the brethren would do him the honour of accepting him as a joining member.

This toast was also responded to by the other visitors: Bro. J. A. Lane, of the Aconogua Lodge, No. 187, South America; A. M. Blade, S.W. King Solomon Lodge, No. 260, California; and H. M. Sternberg, S.D. 1441.

Among those present, in addition to the above, were Bros. C. E. Everett, W.M.; W. Haynes, P.M., S.W.; W. R. Bentley, P.M., J.W.; S. M. Banker, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Gross, P.M., J.D.; L. J. Powter, P.M., I.G.; W. A. Dingle, M.D., P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; Douglas S. Gillespie, and J. Williams, Tyler.

We cannot close this report without expressing our admiration of the excellent working in the lodge from the W.M. downwards, and also the admirable way in which the charge was delivered by our visiting Bro. A. M. Blade.

The brethren returned to town at an early hour.

Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. There was a good attendance. The lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Driver, W.M. There were three initiations, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. E. Webb, P.M., and A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D.C., Bro. R. W. Martin J.W., presenting the tools, whilst the charge was delivered by Bro. H. Waterhouse, S.W. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was in favour of Bro. H. Waterhouse, S.W. Bro. John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, was elected Treasurer; Bro. E. H. Flower, P.M., P.G.T., Tyler; Bro. Duffin, Charity Representative; and Bros. W. H. Brown and Samuels, Auditors. The following brethren were present: Bro. C. Driver, W.M.; H. Waterhouse, S.W.; R. W. Martin, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; J. Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Green, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Brown, Stwd.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Barker, P.P.G.T.; E. Webb, P.M.; G. M. Williams, E. H. Flower, P.G.T.; John Holt, J. Ogden, S. O. Samuels, T. Curtis, J. Parkinson, F. Brierley, F. H. Gregory, J. Robinson, W. Flett, R. C. Gray, and W. Hands. Visitors: Bro. John Walter, S.W. 2559; P. Eason, and F. G. Boden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.

Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437.

The installation meeting of this prosperous and well-known Essex lodge was held at the Council Chamber, Romford, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. W. D. Child, W.M.; J. W. Armour, S.W.; J. S. Hammond, J.W.; J. Spencer, S.D.; J. Boreham, J.D.; F. A. White, Treas.; H. R. Heasman, Sec.; R. J. Warren, P.M.; T. Humphreys, P.M.; W. Burroughs, P.M.; T. Davey, P.M.; J. H. Sharp, P.M.; R. Jennings, P.M.; P. Reynolds, F. A. Stratford, W. H. Chalk, T. Bruty, G. Bailey, H. E. Smith, C. H. Woodcock, A. T. Harding, F. W. Smith, R. K. Bull, W. Baker, J. Edwards, E. Goodchild, A. Dowsing, E. Winnell, G. Hobday, J. Wild, and M. Gormley. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec.; P. Downie, J.W. 650; W. H. Butcher, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Cumine, W.M. 1000; W. Staley, P.G.S.B.; C. B. Higgins, 1076; T. S. Wyard, 2182; A. S. Gardiner; E. G. Johnson, 192; F. B. Townend, 214; J. Hill, 606 (S.C.); W. H. Roscoe, J.W. 1580; A. T. G. Woods; J. Taylor, 1602; W. Humphreys, 234; F. Collier, 1314; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, whilst the balance-sheet, which was presented and adopted, showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position. Bro. Thos. Humphreys, P.P.S.G.W., next presented Bro. J. W. Armour, the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. W. D. Child, whose impressive rendering of the ceremony called forth the admiration of all present. Bro. J. W. Armour having been inducted into the chair, proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Hammond, S.W.; J. Spencer, J.W.; F. A. White, Treas.; H. R. Heasman, Sec.; J. Boreham, S.D.; G. Bailey, J.D.; F. Stratford, I.G.; H. E. Smith, D.C.; J. Edwards, Org.; C. H. Woodcock and W. H. Chalk, Stewards; A. T. Harding, A.D.C.; and A. T. Young, Tyler. Bro. R. Jennings having been re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Urban District Council for the use of the Council Chamber, and, as no charge was made for the room, one guinea was voted to the Romford Cottage Hospital, a sum which was considerably augmented by passing the "broken column" round at the banquet table on behalf of the same admirably-managed institution.

After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an elegant banquet was well served and carefully superintended by Bro. P. Reynolds, the proprietor, ably assisted by Mrs. Reynolds, and at which the newly-installed W.M. presided, with his accustomed good feeling, good sense, and good grace.

Ample justice having been done to the sumptuous repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were right royally given and received, and in coupling the name of Bro. Ralling with the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Armour said that in the Province of Essex no face was better known, and no brother was more heartily welcomed in any lodge than Bro. Ralling, for by his courtesy, bearing, goodness of heart, and zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, he had endeared himself to all those with whom he had been brought in contact.

Bro. T. J. Ralling, in reply, said he had valued very highly indeed the honour and privilege of having to respond to so important a toast as that of the Grand Officers, who bear such a high repute for the manner in which they upheld the principles of Freemasonry, and were ever ready to give their time and attention to everything appertaining to the welfare of the Craft. He also congratulated Bro. Child on his excellent work in the lodge, and gave expression to the pleasure it gave him to see such a good Mason as Bro. Armour installed into the chair of K.S.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers of Essex" in very eulogistic terms, coupling with it the names of Bros. Thos. Humphreys and F. A. White, the latter brother, in his response, bearing eloquent testimony to the excellent work done by the Royal Arch chapter in connection with this lodge, and of which he (Bro. White) had just been elected First Principal for the second time.

In presenting the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Child said that the gavel which he once more took into his hand had always been most cheerfully responded to, but on that occasion that would be more particularly the case, as he rose for the purpose of proposing the health of a brother who had most worthily filled every position in the lodge, and by his geniality, *bonhomie*, and correct knowledge of the ritual, had gained the universal affection and unanimous vote of the brethren to succeed him as their W.M. He (Bro. Child) asked the brethren to arise and drink the health of their W.M., Bro. Armour, in a bumper. This was done in a very enthusiastic manner, but no graceful turn of sentences, no heaping together of epithets, could have been equal to that one general burst on the part of the whole body of men singing by common impulse—

"For he's a jolly good fellow
Which nobody can deny."

Bro. J. W. Armour, whose rising was the signal for another spontaneous outburst

of applause, said that he was greatly gratified for such a cordial reception and with the enthusiasm with which they had drunk the toast of his health. The brethren might rest assured that he would not leave a stone unturned to perform his duties in such a manner as to keep up the prestige of the lodge. In the past as in the present, he had always had a great deal of kindness exhibited towards him, and if his officers would assist him, as he had no doubt they would do, he hoped to leave the chair as worthy his successor as he himself had found it, and that his name might be regarded as a worthy addition to the honourable roll of Past Masters of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Armour spoke of Bro. Child as one who by his invariable courtesy, and the conspicuous ability with which he fulfilled the duties of every office in the lodge had won for himself the esteem and respect of every member of the lodge. Personally he had been deeply impressed by the perfect manner in which Bro. Child had conducted the installation ceremony that day, and in fastening on to his breast the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge, he could only say that within his memory it had never been more worthily bestowed. On behalf of himself and the lodge he wished him many happy years to wear it, and the many other honours of the Craft which are sure to fall to the lot of so energetic and so able a brother.

Bro. Child, in reply, said that his memory would ever be brightened by the recollection of the kindness that had been offered him by the members of the lodge, and his obligations were then increased by the beautiful jewel which he would be delighted to wear upon all fit occasions, and because it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent in the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Armour said that on behalf of the lodge he offered a cordial and fraternal welcome to them all. The members were always pleased to receive visitors and happy to interchange ideas with them, they would, therefore, be very glad to hear anything the visitors had to say in general and with regard to the Liberty of Havering Lodge in particular.

All the visitors then present acknowledged the toast of their health, after which the W.M. gave the toast of "The Past Masters" in most becoming terms, dilating upon their many good qualities, and especially mentioning Bro. W. Burroughs, the former Preceptor of the lodge of instruction.

Bro. Burroughs, in a few pertinent remarks, said he was proud of his mother lodge, and glad to find that it was doing such excellent service under such capable officers. It was also very gratifying to him to see such a long array of Past Masters present, and he was sure the W.M. could confidently rely on each and all of them to render him every assistance that was required.

Bro. H. R. Heasman, P.M. and Sec., replied with his customary eloquent but characteristic modesty to the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer," and Bro. Hammond gracefully acknowledged the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

In conclusion, it should be said that the undoubted enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by an excellent programme of music arranged by Bro. John Edwards, Org., who himself contributed in no small measure to the harmony, not only by his own songs and piano solos, but also by the exquisite manner in which he accompanied the other vocalists.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.

Prominent in the long list of the Craft lodges which are included in the extensive Province of West Lancashire, the above lodge has secured its popularity and prosperity by the Masonic enthusiasm of its members, who chiefly include representatives of the musical, literary, and dramatic professions; by the open-handedness and large-heartedness of its charitable donations to all the benevolent institutions of the Order; and by the fine fraternal feeling and spirit which have been displayed since the consecration of the lodge in 1876. The annual installation meeting is always a conspicuous Masonic event of the year, and that which took place on the afternoon of the 24th ultimo at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was marked by the success which has distinguished the yearly festivals in September.

The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Henry Heard, the retiring W.M., and he was supported by a full complement of officers, a large number of private members, and a representative gathering of Prov. Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and officers of lodges throughout the province. The members of the lodge present included Bros. A. E. Workman, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Fineberg, P.M.; R. Burgess, P.M., P.G.O.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M.; J. Cantor, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Belt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. King, R. W. Evans, P.M.; W. G. Hurst, Iver Iverson, J. Clinton Jones, Eaton Batty, F. Willmot, F. Geary, John Bayliss, J. H. Greenwood, T. Bush, Lewis Peake, P.M.; J. Haynes, P.M.; W. Coates, J. A. Lippincott; Dr. Limrick, P.M.; T. L. Duncan, and R. A. Pullan. The long list of visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; T. W. Rice, P.S.G.W.; Dr. J. D. Crawford, P.P.G. Treas.; John Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. R. Robertson, P.P.G.R.; W. B. Sweetman, P.P.G.D.; Miles J. Walker, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire; W. Platt, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; Eli Brooks, P.P.G.D.; John Utting, P.P.G.D.; Philip Armstrong, P.G.S.; John Milne, P.G.S. of W.; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.P.G.D.; T. Vernon, P.G.D.C.; Capt. Macnab, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Bryan, P.P.G. Org.; J. Clayton, W.M. 1570; J. O. Jones, W.M. 1393; J. G. Morris, 1393; T. Cavanagh, P.M. 1633; W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182; J. Sharples, P.M. 724; S. Haden Jones, P.M. 1299; Herbert Leggatt, P.M. 1713; D. M'Farlane, P.M. 1356; John Scott, I.P.M. 1570; C. Trense, W.M. 594; W. T. Owersby, W.M. 1403; D. Lowthian, W.M. 1182; W. Coulthard, W.M. 1299; and G. Proudman, W.M. 1013.

After preliminary business, which included the ceremony of initiation, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Round, P.M., D.C., who installed Bro. George Douglas Clarence, who was presented by Bros. Mackenzie and Fineberg, in the chair of Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed with an amount of efficiency and impressiveness which elicited the heartiest admiration of all the brethren present, who numbered about 120. The following were subsequently invested officers of the lodge: Bros. Henry Heard, I.P.M.; Harris Fineberg, S.W.; Harry Round, jun., J.W.; Wm. Savage, P.P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); Dr. A. G. Goodwin, Sec. (re-appointed); the Rev. Dr. Hardern, M.A., LL.D., Chaplain (re-appointed); Eustace Baxter, S.D.; F. J. Barford, J.D.; T. W. Armstrong, I.G.; H. Round, sen., P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); W. H. Dutton, T. R. Robertson, W. G. G. T. Hargrave, and Creswick Boydell, Stwds.; J. Jones, O.G.; R. Mounfield, Org.; F. Holliday, Asst. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected for the 20th time). Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D., on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Heard, I.P.M., was re-appointed for the eighth time as Charity Representative of the Dramatic Lodge.

At the close of the business proceedings, a banquet was served by Bro. Capper, and in the course of the evening the various loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In recognition of valuable services, Bro. Henry Heard, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a Brinsmead piano for Mrs. Heard.

A musical programme was given by Bros. Greenwood, Batty, Williams, Shaw, Platt, Heginbotham, T. Fargher, Ben Roberts, and Kirkham's Quartette.

Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

The usual meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, at which a large number of brethren were present to witness the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. F. G. Moore, S.W. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were: Bro. W. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; A. Jefferies, S.W.; T. Turner, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, P.M., P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. T. Shapland, P.M., Sec.; J. W. H. Hall, S.D.; R. O. Coleman, J.D.; E. Tedder, I.G.; J. H. Stafford, D.C.; E. Davey, P.M., Organist; T. Lowther and J. W. Roberts, Stwds.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler.

After lodge business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the customary toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. presided.

Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, No. 2214.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., in the Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, the brethren of the above lodge and a number of brethren from other lodges, assembled for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. G. L. Birch as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were about 60 brethren present. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Louis A. Taylor, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. J. White, P.M.; Richard Tooth, P.P.

G.R.; and E. B. Jackson, P.P.J.G.D. [The following were appointed officers for the year: Bros. S. Fenton, S.W.; W. H. Mitchell, J.W.; R. Tooth, Treas.; H. Lockett, Sec.; M. Nuttall, S.D.; W. H. Jones, J.D.; T. Lockett, Org.; J. White, D.C.; R. Audley, I.G.; and F. W. Goodwin and T. K. Rhodes, Stwds. Bro. Louis Taylor was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as an acknowledgment of the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of W.M. for the past two years.

After the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, Hanley, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mrs. Barlow, of the Victoria Hotel.

After dinner the loyal toasts and those which are intended to honour the rulers of the Craft were proposed by the W.M., Bros. Jackson, White, and Fenton.

Bros. F. Mountford, 450, and W. H. Bamber, 637, P.S.G.D., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Taylor proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was drunk most heartily.

Bro. Birch, in responding, said the time he had been a Mason had been one of the happiest periods of his life. He had not joined the Craft from mercenary motives, nor with the expectation of pecuniary benefit, though he knew, if necessity should arise, brotherly sympathy and help would be rendered. He then spoke of the desirableness of strengthening the Staffordshire Masonic Charities, over which they could have more control than they had in respect of the three central Institutions in London.

Bro. Jackson proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Tooth responded, both of them giving expression to similar views to those of the W.M. as to the desirableness of extending the Staffordshire Charities.

Bro. E. J. Hammersley (Mayor of Hanley), in proposing "The Visitors," touched on the same subject, and made some interesting remarks as to the pains and penalties to which Freemasons were liable under a very old Act of Parliament in the event of the Secretary omitting to send returns of the membership periodically to the Clerk of the Peace.

Bros. J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; Mason, P.M. 98; and E. Harding, 637, responded.

"The Health of the Retiring W.M.," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast followed.

The speeches on the occasion were for the most part brief, in order that full advantage might be taken of the musical arrangements. Bro. F. Mountford presided at the piano, and a glee party consisting of Bros. T. Bearne, W. H. Mitchell, W. Nixon, T. Lockett, M. Nuttall, sang splendidly a number of glees and songs, which they had carefully rehearsed, and their admirable singing was most enjoyable. Bros. Mountford and Warne also sang, and Bro. T. Lockett played with great skill a violin solo. The glee singers are all members of the lodge. The whole musical arrangements were most creditable to all concerned.

Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, Herts, when there were present: Bros. H. Monson, W.M.; H. J. Ahern, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Hunt, J.D.; T. J. Phillips, I.G.; T. J. Patrick, Stwd.; H. Evenden, Tyler; H. G. Holland, P.M.; S. Lichtenfeld, P.M.; Crowther, Mendelssohn, Greening, Long, R. Ridgway, Nicholls, Ramsbottom, C. G. Ridgway, Sillitoe, Willis, Roberts, Cryer, Kobelt, Elvin, Barrett, Beavers, Bennett, Knight, Cooper, and others. Bro. R. Taylor, J.W. 2148, was a visitor.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Crowther, Sillitoe, Elvin, and Greening were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Cryer, Kobelt, and Mendelssohn passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. T. B. Barrett and Mr. T. Beavers, which proving unanimous in each case, these gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry.

All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the dinner table.

St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263.

The annual meeting and installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The proceedings were graced by the presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, and amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. G. Williams, P.P.G.C.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; H. W. Pawson, P.P.G.D.; W. E. Gray, W.M. 296; M. J. Dodworther, W.M. 1239; W. Tyzack, W.M. 1779; J. J. Parker, W.M. 2268; J. Jackman, W.M. 2491; Stokes, W.M. 2558; J. Ellis, P.M. 296; J. Robertshaw, P.M. 1239; J. A. Garley, P.M. 205; and many others.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. H. A. Brook, the retiring W.M., gracefully installed his successor in the chair, Bro. Thomas Abbott. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. A. Brook, I.P.M.; J. Harrison, S.W.; F. W. Johnson, J.W.; J. Grayson Lowood, Treas.; J. Sutton, Sec.; C. A. Mays, Asst. Sec.; A. L. Phillips, S.D.; T. D. Foxon, J.D.; A. Howe, D.C.; R. E. A. Wright, Asst. D.C.; R. C. Honey, Org.; G. H. Abbott, I.G.; J. W. Shipman and G. G. Watts, Stwds.; and C. Birch, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Turner, Steward.

"The Queen" was afterwards proposed by the newly-installed W.M., who also gave, in felicitous terms, the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Brittain suitably responded.

Bro. C. A. Mays, Asst. Sec., gave the toast of "The R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master acknowledged the hearty welcome extended to him, and conveyed to the brethren the regret with which the Prov. G.M. found himself prevented from attending.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. T. Abbott," was given by Bro. H. A. Brook, I.P.M., whose health was in turn proposed by Bro. R. E. Arice Wright, Asst. Dir. of Cer.

Bro. T. Harrison, S.W., in a very happy vein, gave "The Past Masters," and Bro. F. W. Johnson, J.W., "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," suitable responses being given.

Bro. A. Howe gave "The Masonic Charities."

The toast list was brought to a termination by the W.M. proposing "The Officers." The toast list was interspersed by a number of songs and glees, and the proceedings were of the most harmonious and enjoyable character.

Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381.

A successful meeting was held in connection with this lodge at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Herbert Hooper, P.M.—who has for many years rendered valuable assistance to the Masonic Charities as Secretary to the Brixton Benevolent Association—was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. G. Castle, W.M.; H. Hooper, P.M., S.W.; C. Fruen, P.M., J.W.; A. Blenkarn, I.P.M., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. W. Lee, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; H. H. Room, G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; S. H. Latham, S.D.; J. G. Galbraith, jun., J.D.; J. J. Newland, I.G.; C. R. Cutler, A. W. Fawkes, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Bott, P.M.; Ellinger, P.M.; H. Gardiner, Reynolds, Frank Swinford, Dennis, and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a highly satisfactory Audit Report adopted. Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., raised Bro. Swales to the Third Degree, after which Bro. H. Hooper, P.M., was installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. A. Blenkarn, P.M., Treas. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Castle, I.P.M.; C. Fruen, P.M., S.W.; S. H. Latham, J.W.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Newland, J.D.; C. R. Cutler, I.G.; A. W. Fawkes, Stwd.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The W.M. initiated a candidate into Freemasonry, and concluded by an impressive rendering of the ancient charge. Other business was transacted, and lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Pratti, and the usual toasts which followed were proposed and responded to with commendable brevity.

"The Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., in suitable terms.

Bro. H. H. Room, G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., replying for "The Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to do so. The weather was not conducive to speech making, so that his thanks would be brief. In the province they had to look for guidance to those who were honoured by the Prov. G.M., whose selections were made with wisdom and judgment, and as a proof of this, the brethren had only to look round the table that evening. It had already been his duty and pleasure, as Provincial Grand Secretary, to convey to the worthy brethren in that lodge the offer of office from the Provincial Grand Master, and he hoped to do so on many future occasions, because he believed there was not a lodge in the province that had the interest of Masonry better at heart, or that tried harder to keep up its traditions than the Bushey Park Lodge. It was started under good auspices, and was going on well, and it was a pleasure to him to see how it was prospering. That was the second time he had seen Bro. Hooper installed in the chair, for some years ago he had the pleasure of visiting the Unity Lodge and seeing him installed for the first time, when he made a mental note that the newly-installed W.M. would serve the Craft well and worthily. When he heard that Bro. Hooper was to be installed as W.M. of the Bushey Park Lodge, it was an honest pleasure to attend the meeting. He was glad to see the lodge working so well, and trusted it would continue to do so. The duties of the Prov. Grand Master rendered it impossible for him to attend the lodge meetings, and he was now away recruiting his strength while he had the chance. He received a letter from the Prov. Grand Master stating that he would have been present that day had it been possible.

Bro. G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D., Sec., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the I.P.M. had kindly allowed him to do so, as Bro. Hooper introduced him into Freemasonry. They would have an excellent Worshipful Master in Bro. Hooper, who was probably almost the senior member in Freemasonry in the lodge, and one they could look up to with respect. They hoped his year would be a success, and would receive the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. H. Hooper, W.M., who was very cordially received, returned thanks for the toast and the flattering remarks of the Secretary. He could only say he had endeavoured to do his duty in Freemasonry for many years, and trusted that in some cases he had succeeded. He felt very proud that night to be placed in the position of W.M. of that lodge, and hoped the lodge would not suffer in his hands for the next 12 months. If he was spoken of as well at the end of that time, that would be sufficient reward for any duties or work he might undertake. With regard to his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had hoped Bro. Terry would have been present, but he would render an account up to the present. With the aid of brethren he had got together 155 guineas, and he hoped that sum would be considerably increased, so as to do credit to the lodge and the province under their Prov. Grand Master. The idea of the Secretary was to make the lodge a Vice Patron of the Institution, and he hoped the brethren would do their best.

"The I.P.M. and the Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who said the I.P.M. deeply regretted his inability to be present to do the installation ceremony, but, as they knew, business must come first. The I.P.M. was well known and his geniality was proverbial, and it was therefore a great pleasure to present him with the Past Master's jewel unanimously voted by the lodge, hoping he would be with them in Freemasonry for many years. Bro. Blenkarn was kind enough to undertake the ceremony, and they were all pleased with the masterly manner in which it had been carried out.

Bro. G. Castle, I.P.M., expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Blenkarn for undertaking the installation ceremony, and also to the brethren for the handsome jewel.

Bro. A. Blenkarn, P.M., Treas., also replied, and said he considered it the duty of every Mason, and especially every Past Master, to assist when called upon. As Treasurer, he was pleased at the very satisfactory financial condition of the lodge.

"The Visitors," and other toasts were given before the proceedings terminated.

Bros. Frank Swinford and Dennis rendered valuable assistance in the musical arrangements.

Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425.

The third anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated at Duffield, on Monday, the 16th ult. The brethren, to the number of about 40, assembled at the Boys' School, where the ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. Thomas Cox, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., and Dr. H. Skyns, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The W.M. for the year is Bro. Walter Shoobert, and he appointed the following officers: Bros. Alfred Heny, I.P.M.; John Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; W. B. A. Tempest, J.W.; J. M. Walters, Treas.; Chas. A. Holloway, Sec.; Arthur W. Allen, S.D.; Edward J. Chadfield, J.D.; Dr. Hoskyns, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; Samuel Wright, Org.; G. T. Terry, I.G.; E. Crossland, I. N. Woodiwiss, C. Dryden, J. B. Mart, C. G. Armitage, and E. J. R. Hoskyns, Stwds.; and George Moore, Tyler. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read.

After the lodge had been opened and the officers elected, the banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Lodge of Research, No. 2429.

The annual festival of this lodge, which works on similar lines to the famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, the 23rd ult. The following brethren were present, viz.: Bros. E. Holmes, P.M. 279, Prov. G. Sec., W.M.; W. H. Staynes, P.M. 2081, Prov. G. Std. Br., S.W., W.M. elect; R. Pratt, M.D., J.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.M. 1146, Prov. G. Chap., Chaplain; John T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. and Sec.; F. W. Billson, L.L.B., S.D.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, P.P.G. Chap., J.D.; J. J. W. Knowles, W.M. 1007, I.G.; J. Tanser, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; W. Vial, P.M. 1007, P.P.S.G.W.; Geo. Neighbour, P.M. 523, Prov. G. Stwd.; R. B. Starkey, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.P.; H. Howe, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.D.C.; L. Staines, Prov. G. Org.; Jas. Berridge, 1391; J. Platts, 1391; Thos. Coltman, P.M. 1265; E. F. Knight, S.W. 1130; A. Ferguson, P.M. 1391; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; P. Joseph, 960; F. B. Wilmer, P.M. 2028; W. A. Spencer, W.M. 523; E. C. Kilby, S.W. 2081; W. T. Coltman, 523; C. A. John, W.M. 2081; G. Gibbons, 1391; J. Clifton, Sec. 279; and others. Amongst the distinguished visitors present were Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, an Hon. Mem. of the lodge; Jno. Lane, P.A.G.D.C. England, a member of the lodge Correspondence Circle; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.M. 1560, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Waring, P.M. 523; T. Carter, P.M. 1560; H. G. Marriott, W.M. 2028, P.M. 523; and A. Chambers, P.M. 1391.

After the ordinary routine work of the lodge had been dealt with, the W.M., Bro. E. Holmes, installed Bro. W. H. Staynes into the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year, who subsequently appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Dr. Pratt, S.W.; F. W. Billson, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, Chap.; W. D. Grant, Treas.; J. T. Thorp, Sec.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, S.D.; J. J. W. Knowles, J.D.; W. Vial, I.G.; and J. Tanser, Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts were passed, and representatives elected to the various local Masonic Committees. Bro. Hughan then delivered a lecture upon "The Origin and History of the Three Degrees," tracing their gradual development from the earliest records. The lecture was exceedingly interesting and instructive, and the brethren listened with marked attention. A lively discussion followed. The brethren of the lodge are thus once more under deep obligation to Bro. Hughan, whose assistance and help throughout the three years existence of the lodge has been invaluable.

The usual conversation followed, the visitors expressing their gratification at the success of the lodge and their hopes for its continuance. The printed transactions of the lodge for the past year were distributed during the evening.

Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Alexandra-road, Broadstairs, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Walter Cowell, J.W., was installed as W.M. according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Edgar H. White, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. K. A. Fawcett, M.A., S.W. and Chaplain; A. H. Hardy, M.A., J.W.; A. H. Hale, P.M. 1209, Treas.; J. T. May, P.M. 429, Sec.; Frank Brightman, F.R.C.S., S.D.; N. F. Merriman, J.D.; T. Lawrence, I.G.; J. Batten, Org.; W. H. White, D.C.; F. W. White, I.G.; R. Barlow, M.D., and W. Nation, Stewards; and T. Martin, Tyler.

The I.P.M., Bro. A. G. Harvey, was presented by the members of the lodge with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

Notwithstanding the absence of many who had sent letters of regret, there was a large and distinguished company present, we enumerate a few—Bros. James Smith Castes, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; F. Stanley, P.M. 127, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; E. L. Dixon, P.M. 429, P.G. Stwd.; S. R. Wilson, P.M. 1209, P.G. Stwd.; R. Clowser, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng.; R. Morley, P.M. 429, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Bent, P.M. 784, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Goodbourn, P.M. 429; C. Godsmark, P.M. 1209; C. J. Elliott, P.M. 429; W. Salmon, I.P.M. 917; J. S. White, P.M. 2099; C. Pennv, W.M. 1637; J. Neale, W.M. 429; J. J. Baldwin, W.M. 1209; W. V. Applebee, P.M. 13; J. Hoskings, P.M. 127; G. Hiller, P.M. 429; J. Welford, P.M.; T. Harley Jones; E. A. D. Gibbs, 1982; and others.

After the conclusion of the work, the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet, which was held at the Jubilee School Room, about 5 o'clock sitting down.

The usual Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs by Miss Annie Cheal, G.S.M., Miss Annie Robinson, Bro. G. H. Dawson, and Messrs. Fred. C. Everitt and Hook.

A pleasing episode occurred during the evening. Bro. John Welford with his accustomed generosity, headed a subscription list with 12 guineas, being 10 guineas for himself and one guinea each for his wife and daughter, for the purpose of clearing the lodge from debt, and his example so stipulated the brethren present that nearly the whole of the amount required, viz., £50, was at once subscribed, Bro. Welford again coming forward to make up the deficiency in the amount.

The Worshipful Master is to be congratulated upon being able to commence his year of office free from monetary embarrassment.

Thus, in this pleasant and fraternal manner, was terminated the most pleasant and successful meeting the Bradstow Lodge has ever held.

Royal Arch.

Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Comps. Lieut.-Col. F. Tully, P.Z., M.E.Z.; James Boulton, P.Z., H.; Dr. Russell Beardmore, J.; and Capt. F. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D. G.D.C., S.E. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., and R. A. Gowan, P.G. Std. Br.

The chapter was then closed and adjourned till the third Monday in May next.

The only toasts honoured were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The M.E.Z." The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 15th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. W. Davis, P.P.G.O., I.P.M., as W.M., in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. George Everett, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.W.; R. W. Forge, J.W.; J. Hue, M.O.; H. Berghoff, S.O.; J. R. Udsell, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Steward, Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; and C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Everett, P.P.G.M.O., W.M., and W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.S.G.O. A candidate for advancement at the next meeting having been proposed and seconded, and a vote of sympathy passed to Bro. Geo. Everett, W.M., the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, the W.M. in the chair presiding most genially.

Bro. J. T. Briggs responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. C. H. Köhler for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. H. Higgins replied in happy terms on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bro. R. W. Forge for "The Officers."

The proceedings throughout were most successful.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council, T.I.

This old council met for the dispatch of business at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. George Graveley, W.M.; George Powell, S.W. and Treas.; E. L. Shepherd, J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; N. Prover, M.A., J.D.; J. J. Pakes, I.G.; W. H. Toye, D.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; and Andrew McDowall, P.M.; and B. Stewart.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It being election night, Comp. George Powell was unanimously elected W.M. and Treasurer, and Comp. E. J. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; W. Vincent, P.M.; and others. The resignation through ill-health of Bro. Eugene Sweny was received with great regret.

The council was then closed, and the members dined at the Holborn Restaurant, the W.M. giving the customary toasts with commendable brevity.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Beauchamp, W.M.; Marriott-Matthews S.W.; Gooertine, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Austin, S.D.; Nichols, J.D.; Royle, I.G.; Fleming, Winsborrow, Cooke, Olive, A. W. Thompson, Sellick, McKenzie, and Thomas.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomas, who performed the ceremony of the investiture of officers. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Sellick, 865, and Bro. McKenzie, 855, were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, and the dues were collected. Bro. Matthews was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge, after the third rising, was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. F. Nash, W.M.; W. Knights, S.W.; W. Hinds, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; P. Cronin, J.D.; A. J. Clayton, I.G.; J. J. Lewin, Stwd.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865; A. J. Dalton, E. Fox, P.M.; T. W. Biggs, W.M. 1275; W. Atkinson, W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; H. Sellick, W. W. Williams, P.M.; Robert Reid, W. Beattie, P.M., and A. C. S. Mackenzie.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sellick acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Mackenzie, and the 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hinds, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bro. Knights was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Sellick was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; D. C. Ritchie, S.W.; A. Oliver, P.M., J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. T. Ravner, S.D.; A. Oldrey, J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; R. Eddie, J. Berks, G. T. Peall, C. Smith, V. J. R. Longman, W. A. Goring, E. A. Wagstaff, G. Vexley, R. W. Nicole, C. Nicole, F. Rackham, G. Gregory, P.M.; M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; R. P. Upton, and W. Hancock, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. P. all being the candidate. The accounts of the lodge having been audited by Bros. R. W. Nicole and Vexley, the balance-sheet was read and adopted. The following brethren were unanimously re-elected: Bros. Hancock and Clarke, Preceptors; J. Petch, Treas.; and Coxon and Duncan, Secs. The revised by-laws were then submitted to the lodge, and unanimously approved. Bro. Ritchie was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst, at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. Thwaites, W.M.; A. F. Taylor, S.W.; J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767, J.W.; George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Turner, S.D.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c, J.D.; G. V. McLellan, I.G.; A. J. Clayton, Stwd.; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; H. J. Seal, W. B. Neville, P.M.; E. Clare, P.M.; T. E. P. Bell, Maurice Moss, J. W. Heath, P.M.; T. T. Gething, and T. H. Cooke.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moss acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Gething having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; Morgan, H.; Lightfoot, J.; T. Grummant, Preceptor; R. J. Vaisey, Treas.; Stone, S.E.; Beecroft, S.N.; Dr. Thomas, P.S.; Cureton, Telling, Ellinger, Chabot, Barr, Cornford, Willcox, North, and Aggleton.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cornford personating the candidate. The thanks of the companions were given to Comp. Morgan for so ably rehearsing the ceremony of H. for the first time. Comp. Stone, as M.E.Z. elect of Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, thanked the companions for allowing the officers of the Selwyn Chapter to rehearse their respective duties. Comp. Cope was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Monthly Council Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. R. Eve in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Adamson, Fairchild, Cumberland, Kempster, C. W. Hudson, John Strachan, C. Pulman, and H. Imray.

After the usual routine business it was reported that a boy had been discharged before the expiration of his term and at the request of his parent. The Council therefore resolved to recommend the Quarterly Court of the 11th instant to declare a further vacancy, making 17 instead of 16 to be elected.

A letter from the Head Master thanking the Council for his recent increase of salary was read.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. C. W. SPENCER-STANHOPE, P.G.C.

The distinguished brother to whose death we refer in our "Notes," was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1862. Not long afterwards he became a joining member of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, and was elected its W.M. in 1866, having in the interim had the collar of Prov. J.G.D. of Oxfordshire conferred upon him. The same year he was elected a joining member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, while in 1868, having been sometime previously advanced to the Mark Degree he was installed W.M. of the University Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 55, Oxford, and appointed Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge. Having been exalted to the Royal Arch in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, he became one of the founders, later in the same year, of the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, and was installed as its first J., while in 1870 he became its H. He was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Cheshire in 1873, and in 1879 and 1880 he received the collar of the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1888 he was installed Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, while in the Order of the Temple he was Past E.C. of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, and five years later he was honoured with the office of Prov. Prior of Cheshire. He was likewise a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and took the 32° in 1879. As regards our Institutions our deceased brother had qualified as a Life Governor of each of them and had also served sundry Stewardships in their behalf.

Scotland.

MASONIC SERVICE AT NEWBURGH.

A Masonic service, under the auspices of Lindores Lodge, No. 106, was held in the Established Church on Sunday, the 22nd ult., there also being present a contingent from Dundee and the brethren from King Robert the Bruce Lodge, Ladybank. The brethren from Dundee were conveyed in the steamers Argyll and Scotia, and, on account of a mishap to the latter steamer, those on board were half-an-hour late in arriving.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain of Fife and Kinross, Bro. the Rev. G. S. ANDERSON of Kilrenny, preached a most appropriate discourse from Hebrews, xiii. and 1—"Let brotherly love continue," and a collection was taken for Charitable purposes.

After service, the brethren, under the supervision of Sergeant-Instructor Currie, of M Company, 6th V.B.R.H., formed and marched to the Masonic Hall, where refreshments were served.

Before dispersing, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. the Rev. Anderson and the visiting brethren.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 9th instant, at 4 p.m.

MR. J. E. H. SAWYER, the elder son of Bro. Sir James Sawyer, Prov. S.G.W. of Warwickshire, and Lady Sawyer, attained his majority about the beginning of last month, and the event was celebrated with unusual éclat at Haseley Hall, the residence of his parents. The festivities included a ball and At Home, and in both cases there was a large number of guests, the meetings being in every way successful. Moreover, as Bro. Sir James Sawyer has played a leading part in Warwickshire Freemasonry for some years past, a deputation of his brethren waited upon Sir James, by whom they were entertained at luncheon, and afterwards presented their host's son with a memorial of the day. The deputation included Bro. C. T. Holder, W.M. Lodge of Charity, No. 1551; Bro. J. A. Dexter, P.M. 1551, W.M. Charity Mark Lodge, No. 430; Bro. R. B. Morgan, P.M. 925, W.C.N. Charity Lodge Royal Ark Mariners, No. 115; Bro. F. E. Walter, W.M. elect 1551; Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, P.M. 1551, Prov. J.G.W. Warwickshire; and Bro. E. Mallard, P.P.J.G.W. (Mark) Warwickshire. Bro. Mallard made the presentation, which consisted of massive gold sleeve links in morocco case, and in doing so offered the congratulations of the brethren to Mr. Sawyer, and expressed the hope that one day they might have the opportunity of welcoming him as a member of their Society, while in acknowledging the gift, Mr. Sawyer expressed his desire to be made a Mason at as early a date as possible. Among other gifts that were presented were a handsome silver match box by certain of the parishioners, a pair of hair brushes with silver backs by the rector, from the Haseley parishioners, a silver mounted umbrella from the servants at Haseley Hall, all of which were gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Sir James Sawyer also, on behalf of Lady Sawyer and himself, returned thanks for the kindness shown to his son, and to his wife and himself in connection with this event.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has very kindly consented to preside at a banquet which will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on the 18th November, on behalf of the building fund of the Richmond Royal Hospital.

THE VICTORIOUS, the second of the four new battleships built in Chatham Dockyard will be launched on Saturday, the 19th instant, when the ceremony of christening the ship will be performed by Mrs. Goschen, wife of the First Lord of the Admiralty.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, as Colonel of the Royal Artillery, has awarded a sum of £172 to be distributed in prizes for skill at arms among the non-commissioned officers and men of the corps stationed at Gibraltar, Malta, Ceylon, and Bermuda.

THE ANCIENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL founded at Sandwich by letters patent granted by Queen Elizabeth in 1566, and endowed by Sir Roger Manwood and Thomas Manwood, has been revived, the ceremony in connection with the event being performed by the Mayor.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERY has forwarded a cheque for £100 to the Royal Naval Sailors' Home, near Queensferry, N.B., in celebration of Sir Visto's victory in the St. Leger. His lordship had previously given £50 to the Doncaster Infirmary in celebration of the same victory.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG have returned from Germany, whither they had gone for the purpose of attending the funeral of the Prince's mother, to London. On their arrival they went to Buckingham Palace, and have since rejoined the Queen at Balmoral.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) will receive the Lord Mayor elect (Bro. Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin) at the House of Lords on Thursday, the 24th inst., and will communicate to him her Majesty's approval of his appointment to be the Chief Magistrate of the City of London.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Lord Lamington as Governor of Queensland in succession to General Sir Wylie Norman, whose term of office is on the eve of expiring. His lordship acted as one of the Marquis of Salisbury's Assistant Secretaries during the present Prime Minister's first premiership.

THE 2ND BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT held their annual sports on Rushmoor Green on Monday, there being a large and fashionable company present, who were entertained by Lieut.-Col. W. H. Young and the officers of the battalion. The band of the 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers was in attendance, and played a charming selection of music during the afternoon.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY, Commander-in-Chief, left Kingston on Monday morning, by mail boat for Holyhead. His lordship was accompanied by his private secretary and Col. Dundas, Assistant Adjutant General. On Tuesday Bro. Lord Roberts arrived in Dublin, and took over the command of the Forces in Ireland. His lordship crossed over from Scotland, where he had been taking a holiday.

THE RED DEER intended for sport before the Queen's Buckhounds were captured on Saturday in Windsor Park in anticipation of the opening of the October hunting season. After much horn-blowing and slashing of whips, about 50 stags and hinds were driven into the Cranbourne enclosure, and from thence some of the finest animals were separated and netted, and afterwards conveyed in the Royal van and farm carts to the Swinley paddocks.

THE INFANT DAUGHTER of Captain and Mrs. Dundas was baptised in Dalkeith Palace Chapel on Sunday last. The Duchess of York, as godmother, was represented by the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, the other sponsors being Lady Nina Balfour and Mr. Dundas, of Arncliffe. The child received the name of Victoria May Evelyn. Among the congregation were Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lady Elibank, and the Hon. Evie Murray.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES intended to have returned to England from his recent visit to the King and Queen of Denmark on board the Royal yacht Osborne, and went on board that vessel on the night of Friday, the 27th ultimo, but, owing to the presence of fog, his Royal Highness landed again next morning, and travelled via Korsoer and Vamdrut by special train to Hamburg. He reached Charing Cross on Sunday evening last.

M. PASTEUR, the eminent French savant, whose discoveries of a mode of treating successfully the terrible disease of hydrophobia, died at his house in the environs of Paris early on Sunday morning in the presence of his wife, his daughter and her husband, and the physicians in attendance. His son, who is Secretary to the French Embassy in Madrid, had been summoned by telegraph, but arrived too late to see his father before death. M. Pasteur was born in the little town of Dole on the 27th December, 1822, and was, therefore, not far short of 73 years of age.

THE SHERIFFS ELECT, Mr. Alderman Pound and Bro. John Cooper, were inducted into office at a Common Hall held in the Guildhall on Saturday last, and afterwards celebrated the event with a breakfast in Leathersellers' Hall, at which there were present among the guests Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., Bro. ex-Sheriff George Hand, and the Under Sheriffs. The speeches throughout were brief, that relating to the Sheriffs being enthusiastically received.

BRO. J. L. TOOLE bade farewell to the London public in his character of lessee of the little theatre that bears his name on Saturday night last. His lease expired that day and as he explained in his speech after the performance, having built the theatre 14 years ago at considerable expense, he did not care to incur the further expense which the alterations required of him would entail. He was, therefore, going on tour for a few months and purposed visiting Newcastle, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Manchester, Dublin, Cork, Belfast, and other cities. Bro. Toole was most enthusiastically cheered both before and after his speech.

A GREAT BLESSING TO HUMANITY is without doubt a medicine composed of ingredients that, whilst it eradicates the germs of disease, strengthens the system. Holloway's Pills act in this manner, and in general debility, mental depression and nervous irritability there is no remedy which operates so beneficially. They purify the blood, give tone to the stomach and thoroughly regenerate the system. They are mild in operation, although most powerful in removing disease. Delicate females and young children can take them with safety and benefit. It would be difficult to enumerate all the advantages to be derived by taking these wonderful pills. No household should be without them, for there is no complaint which they cannot cure or relieve.

THE NORTH LONDON CHAPTER of IMPROVEMENT will resume their meetings at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock.

WE BEG TO STATE that the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, will resume its meetings at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday next, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed.

THE ROYAL SAVOY MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will hold their first meeting at their new quarters, the Railway Hotel, Highbury-corner, on the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock. Brethren of the Mark Degree are kindly invited.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for West Lancashire will be held in the Town Hall, Southport, on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 2.30 for 3 p.m. The banquet which follows will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Lord-street, at 4.30 p.m.

WE NOTICE THAT Bro. F. P. Alliston, one of the members of Bread-street Ward on the Court of Common Council has been invited to accept the Aldermanic gown rendered vacant by the translation of Alderman Sir William Lawrence to the Ward of Bride Without, *vice* Sir Andrew Lusk, resigned.

A MEETING OF THE COURT OF GOVERNORS of the West Lancashire Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening, at 7 p.m., for the election of children on the several branches of the Fund as well as of the officers for the ensuing year, &c., &c.

THE WINTER SESSION at the various Medical Schools was inaugurated on Tuesday, the 1st inst., with the customary addresses by eminent members of the medical profession, and on Wednesday Sir Edwin Arnold, K.C.I.E., distributed the prizes to the successful students at St. Thomas's Hospital, and afterwards delivered an address.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, on the 30th instant. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened by the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P. The consecration of three new lodges will take place at the said meeting—The Temperance, the Delaval, and the Holmes.

THE ROYAL SOVEREIGN and Resolution, constituting the Portsmouth division of the Channel Squadron, arrived at Spithead on Sunday last, and went into harbour the next day in order to give the men leave. A little time hence the Squadron will go on a short cruise, returning in December, when the Majestic will relieve the Royal Sovereign as flagship, and the Magnificent take the place of the Empress of India as second flagship.

A FAREWELL DINNER was given on Monday night by his Highness the Khedive to General Sir F. Walker on his retirement from the command of the British troops in Egypt, among the guests present being Lord Cromer, the Ministers, Sir H. H. Kitchener, Sirdar of the Egyptian army, and the principal British and Egyptian officers. Bro. Sir F. Walker, who started for England the day following, will be succeeded in the command by Major-General Knowles.

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY held a soiree in the rooms of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours on Saturday evening last, when there was a large gathering of members and their friends. Bro. Sir H. Trueman Wood, the President of the Society, presided, and with the Vice-Presidents received the guests at the entrance to the main gallery. The exhibition on view was found to be of unusual excellence, and will remain open to the middle of next month.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON "MOP FAIR."—The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that on Saturday, the 12th instant, a cheap half-day excursion for Stratford-on-Avon and Shakespeare's country will leave Euston 12.30 noon, Chalk Farm 12.9 noon, Kilburn 12.15 noon, Chelsea 11.52 a.m., West Brompton 11.56 a.m., Kensington (Addison-road) 12.12 noon, Uxbridge-road 12.14 noon, Willesden Junction 12.40 noon, Clapham Junction 11.46 a.m., and Battersea 11.49 a.m., returning from Stratford-on-Avon at 7.40 p.m. The return fare, third class, is 3s. 6d.

ACCORDING to the reports received from different parts of the country, good sport will be found in abundance for those who devote themselves to pheasant shooting, the season for which commenced on Tuesday. In Yorkshire but few coverts will be disturbed during the present month, but there is good promise of sport generally and over the estates of, among others, Bro. the Marquess of Zetland (Aske Hall), Bro. Lord Barnard (Raby Hall), and the Earl of Yarborough (Brocklesby Hall). In South Bucks, Bedfordshire, and North Hertfordshire there is also said to be an abundance of game.

EAST COAST ROUTE TO SCOTLAND.—The Great Northern, North-Eastern, and North British Railways have arranged to run a new accelerated sleeping saloon express on week-days and Sundays, leaving King's Cross at 11.30 p.m. and arriving in Edinburgh at 7.0 a.m., Perth 8.42 a.m. (Sundays 8.23), Glasgow 9.0, Dundee 8.18, and Aberdeen 10.25 a.m. Passengers for Glasgow will have time to breakfast in Edinburgh. The 10.0 p.m. express from King's Cross has been discontinued. It will thus be seen the East Coast Companies have made excellent arrangements to cater for their numerous passengers to Scotland who may be unable to leave town until the close of the day.

HOUSEBREAKERS—not the nefarious fraternity that act as the bane of respectable citizens who leave their town residences to enjoy the air of the seaside, but the useful workmen who clear away old buildings to make room for new ones—have commenced the demolition of the once famous "Goose and Gridiron," contiguous to St. Paul's Churchyard. The place had been empty for some time. It was a house built shortly after the Great Fire, and possessed an interesting history. While St. Paul's Cathedral was building, Sir Christopher Wren was Master of the Freemasons' Lodge which assembled there. Besides presenting it with three carved mahogany candlesticks, he handed over to its custody the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the foundation-stone of the Cathedral in 1675.—*Daily Telegraph*.

THE FLOURISHING little port of Swanage was the scene of an interesting gathering on Thursday, the 26th ult., when the Bishop of Salisbury opened a Cottage Hospital which has recently been erected by the sons and daughters of the late Bro. George Burt, formerly Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and Past A.G.D.C. of Grand Lodge, to the memory of their father, who was born in Swanage and always took the deepest interest in its welfare, and by the inhabitants of which he in his turn—as well as the late Mrs. Burt—was loved and respected. There was a very large gathering present at the ceremony, the Burt family being numerously represented, and Mr. J. Mowlem Burt, the eldest son of the late Bro. Burt, at the request of the Bishop, delivered a brief address, showing the purpose which the members of the family had had in view in founding the hospital.

A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE was on Tuesday last informally inaugurated in the commodious and recently enlarged premises of the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster. One of the rooms in the building has for many years been devoted to the work of the Craft, but the ambition of the present proprietor, Bro. T. Watt, has prompted him to provide accommodation of a much more elaborate and appropriate character. The new temple is a richly decorated chamber, 47 feet by 20 feet, furnished and appointed with good taste in the orthodox manner. Ante-rooms are close at hand, and the suite is complete in itself, being quite separated from the rest of the building. Electricity is employed for illuminating purposes and the whole of the arrangements have been carefully designed to aid the efficient working of lodges meeting at the Victoria Mansions. Immediately underneath the Masonic rooms is a banquetting hall capable of seating nearly 100 persons.

OLD MASONIANS.—A very interesting function of this Association (composed entirely of boys who have been educated at our School) was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 27th ult. The occasion was a presentation to Messrs. C. H. Uwins and E. A. B. Gough on their marriage, as a small token of the esteem by which they were held by the members. Mr. Uwins' present took the form of a clock, and Mr. Gough's a canteen containing 82 pieces of cutlery, both being suitably inscribed. Bro. R. H. Williams presided over the gathering. After a short programme of music, the Chairman presented the testimonials, drawing the attention of those present to their valuable services, the former being Treasurer for six years, and the latter joint Hon. Secretary to the Association for some time. The recipients then responded in a few chosen words, thanking the members for their handsome presents, and hoping to be able to take as active interest in the Association in the future as in the past. Another short programme of music, and then a vote of thanks to the Chairman, with the singing of "God Save the Queen," brought the first and one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close.