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THE DOCTRINE OF EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

We regret exceedingly that we should have missed the opportunity of seeing the Editor of our respected contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*, on the occasion of his recent visit to the old country and showing him those courtesies which a visiting brother is entitled to, and which it is a pleasure and a privilege as well as a duty on the part of the brother visited to show. We should gladly have discussed with him, so far as time permitted, questions of general interest—all and singular—affecting the welfare of the Fraternity. Especially should we have been prepared to humour him to the top of his bent in considering the vexed question of Exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction, which has formed the subject of more than one article both in his and our columns. We do not imagine we should have got much further than we are now in establishing a common basis of agreement in respect of this doctrine, not because we are less open to correction than other people, but because the doctrine is essentially modern and almost exclusively American. There has always been, so far as we know, some general principle governing the interjurisdictional relations of Grand Lodges with each other, and as Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, in his "Notes on Irish Freemasonry" No. II., in Volume VIII., Part 2, "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," points out, "at the present time almost every Grand Lodge in the world has given its implicit or explicit adherence to some modification of the principle which may thus claim to that extent, and no more, the force of an Established Usage, though it can never be classed as an Ancient Landmark." But the extent to which this principle was, and outside Freemasonry in the United States and British North America still is, limited, is shown in the passage he quotes from an anonymous pamphlet published in London in 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":—"But the *English* Masons should be cautious with whom they converse, as there are many *irregular* Masons, i.e., modern *Lodges* under the title of *Ancient* or *York*, who some time ago pretended to be *constituted* or *authorised* by the Grand Master of *Ireland*, who (bye-the-bye), I am credibly informed, refused to countenance them, as it would be highly absurd for one Grand Master to constitute Lodges in the Territories of another." The same writer in the same article quotes a case noted in the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1796, in which sundry brethren of the "Loyal Inverness Fencibles" applied for a warrant of the said Grand Lodge and were referred by it to their own Grand Lodge in Edinburgh; and though we cannot lay our hands for the moment upon the reference, we have read of a similar case in which certain Scottish brethren, residing in London, applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a warrant, and were referred to the Grand Lodge in London. This

principle of the territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodge was, indeed, as Bro. SPETH points out in a Note on Bro. CRAWLEY'S Article, established, so far as the Grand Lodge of England was concerned, in 1770, when "in acknowledging the new Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, it agreed to refrain in future from establishing any new lodges in that country, but it explicitly insisted upon the right of such lodges of its Constitution in Holland as chose to adhere to their English jurisdiction being allowed to do so undisturbed." The principle thus laid down in 1770 has been consistently followed by the Grand Lodge of England ever since, and as far as we know by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, which have concurrent jurisdiction with it in those parts of the British Empire in which there are not recognised local Grand Lodges. In the United States of North America, each State has its Grand Lodge, whose territorial limits are coincident with those of the State. In British North America—exclusive of Newfoundland, which remains under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom—there are seven separate and independent Grand Lodges, each with its territorial limits clearly enough defined, but in Nova Scotia there is one lodge, and in the Province of Quebec three lodges, which have elected to remain in their old allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Turning our attention to the Craft at the Antipodes, we find one lodge in New South Wales and one in Victoria still remaining in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, and in South Australia one which retains its connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland; while as showing that we adopt towards other Masonic powers the principle we have laid down for ourselves, there is in Cape Colony and adjoining territories a considerable body of Dutch lodges under the administration of a Deputy Grand Master, notwithstanding that Cape Colony has been British territory ever since the early years of the present century.

Up to this point we imagine that the editor of the *Canadian Craftsman* and ourselves would have been in perfect accord; indeed, we do not see that it is possible for exception to be taken to what we have said thus far, seeing that we have confined ourselves wholly to statements of fact which are incontrovertible. The divergence, however, would begin from this point. Our contemporary would lay it down as a principle—or as he has before designated it, a *Landmark*—that the moment a local Grand Lodge is established, all lodges situated within the territorial jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge *must* acknowledge its sovereignty and enrol themselves under its banner under penalty of being declared irregular or clandestine. As we understand it, the American doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction lays it down that when a local Grand Lodge has once been set up by a majority of the lodges located within a certain territory, the lodges constituting the minority, though deriving their warrants from the identical Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges which set up the majority, cease, *ipso facto*, to have any will of their own. They are no longer free agents, nor have they the right to say—We derive our existence from the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, or Scotland, as the case may be, we have flourished under her banner, we desire no change, much less do we wish for a severance of the connection with our parent Grand Lodges. You claim the right to secede and set up your own Grand Lodge, and we trust you may have before you a long and prosperous future; but we claim, with equal right, to remain as we are and as we have been from the very outset of our existence. The laws of the Grand Lodge or Lodges which warranted us sanction our adoption of this course, nor will those bodies accord you recognition as a supreme authority unless you allow us that freedom of action which you are exercising for

yourselves. But we demur emphatically to the claims thus set up in favour of this law of Exclusive Jurisdiction. We say that in the form which it is now sought to give it, no such general law has ever existed in Freemasonry. It may or may not be accepted as such among the Grand Lodges of the United States, but it does not follow that, if or because it is so accepted, all the other Grand Lodges in the world must accept it likewise, and so elevate it to the dignity of a universal law of Masonry. Bro. CRAWLEY has shown that the law of territorial jurisdiction was enacted in the first instance by the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, while the interpretation placed upon the law by the bodies which enacted it has been consistently the same as shown by Bro. SPETH in the case of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands in 1770, and by the course adopted by England and Ireland when recognising the Grand Lodge of Canada and Grand Lodges of later creation. As Bro. CRAWLEY very pertinently remarks: "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." This, however, is just what the supporters of this law of Exclusive Jurisdiction decline to do. They take the law, put their own interpretation upon it—ignoring all other interpretations—and christening it a Landmark call upon all other Grand Lodges to accept or reject it at their peril. This, or something very much to the same effect, is what we have said in former articles on the subject, and this is what it will be our duty to repeat in any further discussion that may arise. There is, however, just one remark which it may be convenient to add. No agreement will ever be possible between the advocates and opponents of this supposed law of Exclusive Jurisdiction until the former are prepared to allow that a Masonic doctrine which is taught almost exclusively in America is not on precisely the same level as a doctrine that is accepted universally by the whole body of Masons. When this point has been conceded, the greatest difficulty in the way of an exact definition of the law will have been overcome.

THE DISTRICT OF NATAL.

A change has recently taken place in the government of the District Grand Lodge of Natal. Bro. R. I. FINNEMORE, who was appointed to his office in December, 1882, when the lodges then located in the Colony were constituted a District Grand Lodge, has recently tendered his resignation, and his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to select Bro. WESLEY FRANCIS, Past G.S.B. England, who has filled the office of Deputy District Grand Master for many years, as his successor. There can be no doubt that the late District Grand Master will carry with him into his retirement the respect and esteem of the brethren in the Colony. Freemasonry has prospered during the 13 years of his administration. When he was installed, the lodges numbered some eight or ten, but in the years that have since elapsed, some seven or eight additional lodges have been consecrated, and the District Grand Lodge now has upon its roll no less than 17, all, or at all events the majority, of which, so far as the advices we receive from time to time from correspondents in the Colony show, are in a very flourishing condition. Moreover, there are local Masonic Charities, which are sufficiently well supported and administered to be in a position to meet the claims which every now and then are made on their resources. It is clear then, so far as the late District Grand Master is concerned, that the important duties pertaining to that office have been both ably and conscientiously discharged, that Bro. FINNEMORE richly deserves that respect and esteem which, as we have before said, there is little doubt he will carry with him into his retirement, and that should the occasion arise, he will give his successor in office the benefit of his large and varied experience. As regards the new District Grand Master, Bro. WESLEY FRANCIS, whose installation was reported in our columns last week, there is equally little doubt that he will maintain the rights and privileges of the brethren with the same firmness and ability as was exhibited by his predecessor. In the first place, he is well known throughout the District, and as Deputy must have acquired a thorough knowledge of the duties which now devolve upon him. Moreover, if we may judge from the very admirable address he delivered after he had been installed and

appointed his officers, the future that lies before him and the lodges under his charge promises well. Not only did he recognise the responsibilities which his office entailed upon him, but he took the opportunity of addressing himself directly to the Worshipful Masters of lodges, and endeavouring to impress upon them that they, too, had duties and responsibilities pertaining to their office, and that, according as they fulfilled or neglected those duties and responsibilities, so would it fare well or ill with the lodges over which they had been elected to preside. He very wisely cautioned them against attaching too much importance to mere numerical strength and monetary position. These, he said, were no doubt important in themselves, but it was far more important still that the quality of those applying for membership should be of such a character as would ultimately reflect credit upon our Order. It might very well happen that a lodge was neither numerically strong nor particularly well off, but he considered that greater honour was due to the Master of such a lodge if he maintained the members "in true Masonic affection and Charity than was due to the Master of a lodge in which the principles of brotherly unity and benevolence were less conspicuous than a long muster roll of members and a heavy bank account." We trust that Masters and members likewise will take heed of this advice, and that in considering the applications of candidates for admission into their lodges, either as joining members or initiates, they will look more to the character and antecedents of applicants than to their wealth or the influence they may happen to possess. His suggestions as to lodges combining together for the purpose of forming a central fund for the purposes of benevolence and Charity seem also well worthy of attention. We are constantly receiving evidence of the harm that is done by giving help indiscriminately, and if a scheme can be formulated under the new District Grand Master by which those only will be relieved who are really worthy of relief, the District of Natal will not be seriously troubled by that greatest of all pests—the "Masonic Vagrant." But whatever steps may ultimately be taken in respect of this and other matters, there is no doubt from the proceedings which took place at Bro. FRANCIS'S installation, that a good man has been found to preside over the District of Natal, and if the lodges govern themselves as he wishes, the future of the Craft will be a prosperous one.

THE MASTERS' AND WARDENS' ASSOCIATION, VICTORIA.

We noted incidentally in our Reviews of last week that a full report of the annual meeting, on the 15th August last, of the Masters' and Wardens' Association of Victoria would be found in the *Australasian Keystone* for September. From that report it is evident, in the first place, that the Association, though it has only been in existence for the brief space of one year, has made very rapid and satisfactory progress, and in the next, that it is in a fair way of becoming a medium for conferring very appreciable benefits upon the Masonic community in Victoria. As regards the progress it has made, the retiring President, in the address he delivered on vacating his office, mentioned that on their first regular night of meeting the members were 30 in number; at the commencement of the second year of their existence, including those who had been elected that evening, the number was 130. Moreover, he pointed out that the initial expenses, though they had of necessity been very heavy, had been kept within their revenue from subscriptions. As regards the objects which our Victorian brethren had in view in establishing the Association, they would seem to have been manifold in character. Among the work accomplished during the past year, the retiring President enumerated the reading and discussion of four papers, the subjects selected by the respective authors being (1) "Suggestions with a View to the Improvement of our Lodge Meetings;" (2) "What are the Obligations of a Lodge to its Members?" (3) "First Impressions and Lodge Funds and how to Conserve them;" and (4) "Improvement of the Master's Work in Lodges." Of the last of these papers the President spoke in terms of the highest commendation, going so far as to affirm that its author—Bro. Past Master FOOKES—had "really shaped the first practical work of the Association, in *initiating and concerting measures for the benefit of the Craft*" in

Victoria," and he added that as the outcome of the discussion which followed the reading of the paper, the Association had that evening "confirmed resolutions, having for their object a conference of Lecture and Deputy Lecture Masters with a view to procuring something like uniformity of working and establishing a Lodge of Instruction in which this work shall be persistently taught, the sanction of the M.W.G.M. being now sought for this purpose." But these are far from being all the benefits conferred on the Craft through the medium of the Association. Opportunities have been placed within reach of the members for discussing such questions of difficulty as from time to time present themselves in private lodges, a "Question Box" having been provided in which "any member can deposit at one meeting a written question, which at our next meeting is freely discussed and settled by a vote of the meeting." Hitherto it seems to have been the practice for the Committee to draw up answers to such questions, but it has now been determined that in future "the general meetings only shall deal with these matters, so that the utmost freedom of discussion and decision may be the result." There remains still one other object which the Association has set itself to accomplish, and that is, the establishment of scholarships and even of colleges and schools, for the benefit of Masons' children. From these particulars it would appear that the Masters' and Wardens' Association of Victoria belongs to the Composite Order of Institutions. It is in the first place a sort of literary institute in which papers on interesting Masonic subjects are read and discussed; it is looking forward to becoming in itself, or organising from other material, a lodge of instruction for defining what is and what is not the proper method of working the different ceremonies. In respect of the Question and Decision part of its programme, it appears to aim at being something in the nature of a Final Court of Appeal in questions of difficulty; and lastly, it has in view to become a Charitable organisation for the purpose of helping, educationally, the children of poor or deceased brethren. The programme we have thus endeavoured to sketch out strikes us as being more than ordinarily ambitious, while as regards that part of the scheme in which, if we rightly understand it, the Association is intent on clothing itself with the authority of a Final Court of Appeal, we doubt not the United Grand Lodge of Victoria will see fit to regulate its aims and keep them well within bounds. However, the Association has thus far prospered; it appears in certain matters to have carried out its purposes ably, and as the members are doubtless discreet and cautious men, they will not dream of erecting their institution into anything more formidable than a kind of "discussion forum" and Charity Institution. We shall watch with interest the further progress of the Association.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

RETIREMENT OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, BRO. HENRY SMITH.

We publish to-day a report of the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, which was held on 16th ultimo. Businesslike and instructive as these proceedings invariably are, the announcement that Bro. HENRY SMITH had determined to retire from the office of Deputy, an office he has held for 10 years, added largely to the interest which the meeting excited. Perhaps no name in the Masonic world is better recognised than that of HENRY SMITH. In his own Province, as we are aware, it is familiar as a household word, whilst in London and Provincial Masonic circles, particularly amongst those most closely associated with the working of our Masonic Charitable Institutions it is almost equally well known. To have worn the badge of our Order "with pride and pleasure," as he himself says, for 43 years is a statement which may possibly be matched or even exceeded by many a worthy brother on our roll, but to have devoted himself with increasing zeal and vigour as the years passed on to the interests of the Craft during that time, to have given up to it so disinterestedly the best portion of an industrious and active life is a position so unique that we might almost say it will remain unchallenged. Provincial Grand Secretary for 15 years, Bro. HENRY SMITH gradually introduced order, regularity, and system where chaos previously prevailed until the organisation of the Province of West Yorkshire reached its present almost perfect condition. To his great personal

application and his wonderful mastery of detail may be attributed not only the smooth working of the business of the Province, but to those qualities also is largely due the marvellous success which West Yorkshire has attained at the various Elections connected with the Masonic Institutions. Out of 125 of these somewhat exciting struggles during the past 25 years, the retiring Deputy quietly tells us he has been present and taken part in 123; with the surprisingly satisfactory result of putting 66 boys and 57 girls from West Yorkshire in our Masonic Schools and placing 45 men and 35 widows on the Annuity Fund. This without counting presentations. Of course, Bro. HENRY SMITH has been strongly supported by his Province and ably backed up by the Charity Committee, in the formation and conception of which, so far back as 1859, he took an active part. And to its credit it must be said that whilst West Yorkshire has lost no opportunity of promoting the interests of its own candidates, yet it has never lost sight of the needs and difficulties of others, and that more than one despairing case has owed its salvation to the generosity, and, in some instances, the personal zeal of the members of this active organisation.

The retirement of Bro. HENRY SMITH marks an epoch in West Yorkshire's Masonic history. His office, as the Provincial Grand Master admitted, will be "profoundly difficult to fill," yet Bro. JACKSON also confessed that notwithstanding the embarrassment and anxiety which might result to himself, he could not but acknowledge that the position taken was a just one, and that, after the toil and burden of so many years, Bro. HENRY SMITH might fairly claim to be relieved from the duties which increasing age had made, if not irksome, at least onerous. To every word of Bro. JACKSON'S eulogium, we of this paper who have known Bro. HENRY SMITH so long, give a most cordial assent, and we especially endorse the opinion that the modest statement he makes in the valedictory address which he gave to his brethren—an address which we report in full—by no means adequately represents the self-sacrifice, the time and the devotion which the Deputy has given to the Craft in West Yorkshire.

As hinted by Bro. JACKSON, a suitable acknowledgment of the services of Bro. HENRY SMITH will of course be made in due season. West Yorkshire will do its duty in this respect we entertain no doubt. We also venture to hope that the worthy Deputy may enjoy many years of well-earned leisure. We are all prepared (in Bro. JACKSON'S words) "to bear witness to the distinguished way in which he has done his duty," and we are sure that he will carry with him into his retirement the esteem and affection of all those who had the privilege, not only of knowing him intimately, but even of enjoying merely his personal friendship.

THE CHARGES OF BRITISH FREEMASONS.

(SECOND EDITION).

By W. J. HUGHAN.

If Brother Hughan had produced no other literary work during his long, arduous, and gigantic labours in the cause of Masonic research and the extension of Masonic knowledge, the brethren of the Craft throughout the world would be lastingly indebted to him. There is scarcely a student of Masonic lore in existence but who is under obligations to Bro. Hughan, either for knowledge gained through his published work or for direct advice and assistance. There are many brethren who have attained distinction, and who owe their position largely to the early and opportune help received from Bro. Hughan.

In the different departments of Masonic labour in which he has so long been engaged, he will take a foremost place for all time, more especially in his investigations and researches respecting Masonic MSS.

Until his publication in 1872 of the first edition of "Old Charges"—the first attempt at classifying or bringing together the MSS. known at that day—few indeed had realised, or even thought of, the high importance which those ancient and interesting documents possess, or the valuable knowledge which could be drawn from them as to the nature of Freemasonry in the pre-Grand Lodge period, by critical acumen and scientific analysis.

The last 25 years may indeed be termed the Golden Age of Freemasonry, for more good work has been done within that period than during the whole preceding generations within our ken, as regards clearing away the rubbish of apocryphal traditions and fables, in studying intelligently and systematically the various aspects and phases of scientific lore, and in unearthing and preserving the treasures of long past ages in the Craft. In this direction Bro. Hughan has been an indefatigable pioneer and continuous worker. The whole Craft must therefore heartily congratulate him on bringing out the handsome and beautifully illustrated volume which contains the epitome of his invaluable explanations in that one time unknown and unsought mine of Masonic wealth—the Ancient MSS.

He need not tell us of his struggle to keep his book within practicable limits. The subject, like his knowledge of it, is vast, but he has wisely

determined in the case of most of the MSS. to confine his text to descriptive particulars and an indication of the characteristics and peculiarities of the MSS.

As an illustration of the value of producing specimens of the MSS. in facsimile, notice may be drawn to the strong resemblance between the handwriting of the "York No. 5" and the "Clapham MSS.," so much so that the opinion may be hazarded that the writer of the former was also the scribe of the latter—say at a later period.

Your readers will be glad to know that this work is not the last we may expect to see from the master-hand of Bro. Hughan. He will certainly never produce another which will bring home to the Craft more closely, and in such a terse, compact, and concise way, the fact that Brother Hughan is one of the hardest workers and most valuable teachers the Masonic world has seen.

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CONSECRATION OF THE LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

The Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, which has been started with a strong body of founders, numbering 21 brethren, with Bro. Christopher Sims, P.M. 861 and 1208, as their head, was consecrated at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, on the 28th ult., by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary. The inauguration of the lodge had aroused keen interest in Metropolitan Masonic circles, which was amply evinced by an attendance numbering nearly 200 brethren.

The Consecrating Officer was ably assisted in the ceremonies of the day by Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Dep. P.G.M. Bucks, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and J. M. McLeod, P.P. G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge were: Bros. Christopher Sims, P.M. 861 and 1208; Charles Lamb, P.M. 1997; Jno. Coote, S.D. 1259; J. A. Shelton, S.W. 1558; H. Lewis, 1558; W. C. Tyler, J.D. 862; H. Visger, P.M. 1601, W.M. 1558; E. Hall, J.D. 1965; J. W. Drysdale, W.M. 263; H. Cole, A.D.C. 749; W. T. Price-Taylor, 79; W. C. Smith, P.M. 902; C. W. Wilkes, Org. 1541; L. A. Richardson, W.M. 157; J. Lusty, W.M. 1259; J. W. Quandt, 1259; W. J. Taylor, 147; J. A. Laing, 231; J. H. Laing, S.W. 2469; F. Adams, W.M. elect 1259; and H. T. Bridges, P.M. 957.

The large body of visitors present included:

Bros. R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, G. Stwd.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; G. Read, P.G.S.B.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Stephens, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks; W. Martin, P.M.; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. G. Kentish, P.P.G.D. Middx.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. S. Cumberland, D.G.S.B.; L. A. Richardson, W.M. 157; R. Tilling, P.M., Sec. 765; J. Morley, J.W. 1638; F. Eade, W.M. 901; W. Sykes, P.M. 1597; G. J. Gore, P.M. 829; F. Hallows, W.M. 1982; A. J. Dottridge, P.M. 172; J. Hart, P.M. 193; H. Baker, W.M. 1360; E. N. Dale, P.M. 1987; W. C. Bell, 860; A. Bateman, P.M. 33; W. R. Plaford, P.M. 1608; H. Salter, P.M. 961; H. Whitney, S.W. 961; R. Norris, P.M. 1997; A. Küer, S.W. 206; E. Von Bibra, P.M. 1669; E. Van Pullen, P.M. 1601; E. H. Selby, W.M. 1601; T. Collis, P.M. 862; G. Parrett, P.M. 1259; J. C. Main, P.M. 157; W. Irvine, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and many others.

The numerous Grand Officers present entered the spacious lodge room in procession, and, the lodge having been opened, the opening hymn was sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then, addressing the brethren, said: We are met to-day for the purpose of undertaking a very interesting and very solemn ceremony—the constitution of a new lodge and its dedication to God. I can only express the hope that the lodge we are about to start into existence may have before it a career of great usefulness and prosperity, and that it may be the means of advancing the best interests of our Order in this important part of London. I now call upon the Chaplain for the opening prayer.

The interesting and impressive ceremony—which included an excellent oration delivered by Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chap.—was duly carried out, and the new lodge was formally dedicated and constituted.

Bro. Christopher Sims, the W.M. designate, was next presented by the D.C., and duly installed into the chair by the Grand Secretary in the presence of 62 Installed Masters.

The following brethren were invested as the first officers of the lodge by the W.M., who performed the investiture in a full and ample manner: Bros. W. C. Smith, P.M. 902, acting I.P.M.; Charles Lamb, P.M. 1997, S.W.; Jno. Coote, S.D. 1259, J.W.; H. Visger, P.M. 1601, W.M. 1558, Treas.; Edward Hall, J.D. 1965, Sec.; J. A. Shelton, S.W. 1558, S.D.; H. Lewis, 1558, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D. 862, I.G.; J. W. Drysdale, W.M. 263, D.C.; H. Cole, A.D.C. 749, and W. T. Price-Taylor, 79, Stwds.; C. W. Wilkes, Org. 1541, Org.; and Gregory, Tyler.

The W.M., in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded the Consecrating Officers and that they should be asked to accept the hon. membership of the lodge, said that all the brethren must have been impressed with the manner in which the ceremony had been performed. He had seen a similar function on five previous occasions, but had never before witnessed such a splendid and perfect rendering of this impressive ritual.

The S.W. seconded the resolution, which was carried *nem. con.*

The GRAND SECRETARY tendered the warmest thanks of himself and colleagues for the compliment paid them, which they accepted with great pleasure.

The W.M. then proposed that Bros. Russell, Prov. G. Treas. Kent, and James Stephens, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, should also be elected hon. members, which was carried unanimously and gracefully acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining building, where banquet was supplied by Mr. Frank Haywood.

The intervals between the speeches were enlivened by a musical selection, in which the following artistes assisted: Madame Carlotta Ide, and Bros. Barnby, E. Hall, Wilkes, S. Tinney, Alfd. Moore, H. Visger, jun., and others.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in cordial terms, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chaplain, in replying for "The Grand Officers," said that under ordinary circumstances he was a long and tedious speaker, but there were exceptions to every rule, and as that night their festivities had been a little protracted, and the train started in a few minutes, he would simply say he thanked them.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next submitted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said they were all agreed that the ceremony that day was magnificently done, and that was particularly marked by the earnest attention paid by every brother present to the ritual. By this means they evinced their keen appreciation of the perfect manner in which the ceremony was rendered. He wished the toast had been placed in other hands more capable of doing justice to it, but if lacking in words, he was none the less sincere in thanking the Grand Secretary for coming and performing the ceremony in such splendid style. Any brother who had seen the ceremony before would have anticipated that it was grand, but on that occasion it was something more, for its delivery had given satisfaction to all.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in response, said it had already been his agreeable duty elsewhere to acknowledge, on behalf of the Grand Officers, the high compliment paid them by the founders of this lodge, and he now, with no less sincerity, tendered their warm thanks for the more than kind reception they had been pleased to give the toast, proposed in such kind terms by the W.M. He assured them once more that it had given them all the greatest pleasure to attend, because they were satisfied that the lodge, which had been started under such favourable auspices, had before it a very bright future. He most heartily congratulated the members on having as their W.M. one so well able to rule and guide the lodge in this most important year of its existence. He was only expressing the feelings of all the Grand Officers when he said how gratified they had been with all the arrangements made for the ceremony. During the time he had had the honour of holding his present position it had been his great pleasure to consecrate a considerable number of lodges; but he did not remember any occasion when the room was so well adapted for the purpose as the hall in which the ceremony took place that day, and he could say the same with regard to the banquet. Once more he tendered the warmest thanks for the compliment paid in the toast.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the Acting I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing the health of the first Master of the Lewisham Lodge. He did not think they could possibly have found a better W.M. The Grand Secretary had taken all the wind out of his sails in regard to Bro. Sims. Having known him personally as a friend, he was assured that no better Master could be found not only in Lewisham but in Kent.

Bro. CHRISTOPHER SIMS, P.M., W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the more than kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it. His selection for the proud position of first Master of the Lewisham Lodge was one of the greatest honours ever bestowed upon him in Freemasonry. He hoped to prove worthy of it, so that at the end of his year of office the members might say their confidence had not been misplaced. He had only one aim in view—the prosperity of the lodge and the comfort of the members—and he hoped by his endeavours to merit their approbation. He thanked them again most sincerely.

In submitting "The Masonic Charities," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support the Institutions, and also for Stewards to represent the lodge.

Bro. Tyler, I.G., kindly consented to serve on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Bro. J. W. Drysdale, D.C., for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, first thanked the founders and Grand Secretary for allowing him to take part in the consecration. He thanked the W.M. for the earnest manner in which the toast had been submitted. He was delighted to know that the D.C. of the lodge would appeal to the brethren for support on behalf of the Old People, there being a large number of candidates seeking admission to that Institution. If all Masons would but contribute one guinea per annum to each of those Institutions, it would amount to about £240,000, which would enable them to take in all candidates. The W.M. and others had served as Stewards, and took up large lists, but it should be impressed upon the younger brethren to give their modest guinea. He thanked Bro. Tyler for consenting to act as Steward for the Boys' School, and was sure he would make an earnest and successful appeal to the brethren.

Bro. J. MASON, P.P.S.G.D., also briefly replied for the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. W. MARTIN, P.M.; SELBY, W.M.; SPELLER, P.P.G.D.; and others.

Other toasts were given, and the successful proceedings terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALDHELM'S LODGE, No. 2559.

For the past 23 years the number of Lodges in the Province of Dorset has remained stationary at 13, but an addition has at length been made by the consecration of the St. Aldhelm's Lodge, No. 2559. The development and importance of the neighbourhood of Branksome created a feeling amongst local Freemasons that a lodge was necessary, and a strong body of founders having been formed, with Bro. Maj. W. Watts, Prov. S.G.W., at their head as W.M. designate, a warrant was applied for and obtained. A large number of brethren assembled at the St. Aldhelm's School Rooms, Branksome, on Thursday, the 24th ult., to witness the interesting ceremony of consecration, which was performed by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Montague Guest.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. Montague J. Guest, P.S.G.D. of England, Prov. G.M. Dorset; Brymer, P.S.G.D. of England, Deputy P.G.M.; Maj. W. Watts, P.S.G.W.; F. Travers, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. E. H. Lee, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. T. Russell Wright, P.P.G. Chap.; Russell Patey, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Case, P.G. Sec.; Stokes, P.G.J.G.W.; Whitehead Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. W. Parkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; Drewe, P.S.G.D.; Lawton, P.P.S.G.D.; Cross, P.J.G.D.; Hibberd, P.G.S. of W.; C. Carter, P.G.D. of C.; Sydenham, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Tarrant, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Lawrence, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; G. Habgood, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; Yearsley, W.M. 386, P.P.G. Stwd.; Cave W.M. 622, P.G. Stwds.; Neville, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Bacon, P.G. Stwd.;

Atkins, P.M., P.P.S.G. of W. Norths and Hunts; Thomas, P.M. 1239, 195, P.P.S. G.D. West Yorks; McNicoll, W.M. 137; Knight, W.M. 417; F. A. K. Hounsell, W.M. 1146; Francis W.M. 2158; A. C. Kemble, S.W. 2559; M. C. C. Burke, W.M. 406 (I.C.), J.W. 2559; Cridland, P.M. 2158, Treas. 2559; Archibald H. Yateman, Sec. 2559; F. H. Cottam, S.D. 2559; Oakley, J.D. 2559; Hitchcock; Miles, P.M. 2158, P.P.G.S. of W.; Merson, P.M.; J. G. Shepherd, C. Pearce, S.W. 2208; Barrow; Sandell, S.W. 2158; Mapp, Whiting, J. White, A. Gates, T. Gomer, G. D. Taylor, Tuffin, Eaton, Turle, Montagu J. Raymond, Hosker, Grossutt, Scratchley, Collins, J. Raymond, G. Cole, T. K. Harris, McNeill, G. A. Mate, and W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897.

Lodge was opened after the Prov. Grand Officers had entered in procession, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER very briefly stated the object of the meeting.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, after which an oration was delivered by the PROV. G. CHAP.

The ceremony proceeded with the usual impressive formalities, and the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. C. Carter, Prov. G.D. of C., then proceeded to install the W.M. designate, Bro. Major W. Watts, Prov. S.G.W., and the following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. C. Carter, Prov. G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; A. C. Kemble, S.W.; M. C. C. Burke, P.M., J.W.; F. H. Cridland, P.M., Treas.; R. Patey, P.P.G. Reg., Chap.; H. A. Lawton, P.P.S. G.D., D.C.; A. H. Yeatman, Sec.; F. Hew Cottam, S.D.; F. F. Oakley, J.D.; T. Gill Bennet, I.G.; and Beamish, Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then tendered "Hearty good wishes" from the province upon that occasion. It was a great source of congratulation to feel they had another lodge in the province. Some people said and thought that the number of 13 was an unlucky number, but up to the present time they had found in Dorset that the number had been a very lucky one, and they only hoped that 14 would also be as lucky. It afforded him very great pleasure to send up a recommendation to the M.W.G.M. to ask for a charter, and more so on account of the Worshipful Master who he knew would be in the chair. He was present at the initiation of Bro. Major Watts, and had watched his career in the province with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. Bro. Watts had perfected that career by the work that day of bringing into the province another lodge. He was certain that the corn, oil, and wine sprinkled on the present occasion had not been in vain, but that all those great qualities represented by them would be carried out to the satisfaction of all in the province.

After the transaction of formal business, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held at Bourne Hall Hotel, where the W.M. presided.

The usual loyal toasts were given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER and heartily honoured.

"The M.W. Pro. G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past" was proposed by Bro. KEMBLE, S.W.

Bro. the Rev. MORTIMER HEATH, P.G. Chap., in reply, expressed his regret at being the sole representative of that body present. The toast always met with the greatest appreciation, and rightly so, because an Institution like theirs must have an executive head, and a great deal must depend not only on the ability, but on the loyalty and good will of some of those over whom they exercised jurisdiction. The Grand Officers did all in their power to make the lodges work steadily and smoothly, and if anything went wrong it was not their fault. He always looked upon it as one great day of pleasure in his Masonic career, when it pleased the M.W.G.M. to number him amongst the officers of Grand Lodge. Personally, and on behalf of the real body, he thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next submitted "The R.W. Prov. G.M.," and expressed his regret that there would be no response to the toast. He was certain, however, that it must have been something compulsory to have prevented the Prov. Grand Master being present at the banquet. The founders of the new lodge were gratified that it was consecrated by the right man—the Prov. Grand Master—and he thanked the brethren for supporting them in such large numbers.

Bro. M. C. C. BURKE, P.M., J.W., proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers"

Bro. J. H. BOWEN, Prov. G.R., responding, said that was his maiden speech as a Prov. Grand Officer, and it was a peculiar thing that he should have to reply first in the Province of Hants. He thought that Bournemouth might fairly claim to have given birth to Branksome, a child which, in the golden future, would rival Bournemouth, and possibly surpass it. Dorset was grateful to Hants for giving them such an excellent child. The first installed Master of the St. Aldhelm's Lodge was so well known, that they were certain he was the first of a long line who would rule in Branksome over one of the best lodges in the province. They wished prosperity in every way to Branksome, and also, in a sisterly manner, to the Province of Hants.

Bros. PARKINSON, P.P.J.G.W.; LAWTON, and HARGOOD also replied.

Bro. Rev. MORTIMER HEATH, P.G. Chap., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they might view their W.M. in two aspects, and in both Bro. Watts would come out in shining colours. It had been his privilege to be personally acquainted with the W.M. for some years, he had met him in society and in the lodge, and on all occasions Bro. Watts had shown he was a round peg in a round hole. The W.M. had gone through a course of Masonry at Blandford, where under his rule the lodge flourished exceedingly owing to his efforts, and that would be a fair guarantee for the work he had before him in that new lodge. In their W.M. they would find the centre of harmony, and the St. Aldhelm's Lodge, which the Province of Dorset was to be congratulated upon, would flourish, and he (the W.M.) be an object lesson to the officers working with him and the Worshipful Masters succeeding him. They would all be greatly surprised if, at the next installation meeting, when Bro. Watts' health would be given as I.P.M., they did not find he had thoroughly fulfilled the promise he had shown by his past work. In conclusion, he hoped the officers would support the W.M., and ensure that success which they all looked forward to in the annals of the St. Aldhelm's Lodge.

Bro. Major W. WATTS, Prov. S.G.W., W.M., responded, and said he had made a great mistake in having a humorous song before his speech, because his remarks would necessarily fall flat. He wished, however, to thank Bro. the Rev. Heath for the very handsome way in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the hearty reception given it. In a man's lifetime there were occasions when he made no pretension to say what he would like to, and that was such an occasion. He was sorry that any discussion had arisen regarding the province to which the lodge should

belong. It was a *bona fide* Dorset lodge, and he said so in the presence of many Hants brethren, and was sure they would not blame him for saying so. Hants was a large province with many lodges, and well worked, and Dorset was a small province, and in that corner of it in which Branksome was situated, where could there be a place better suited for the formation of a new lodge? He was quite certain that it was the wish of every founder that it should be a purely Dorset lodge. They went some distance out so that there should never be any question as to which province the lodge belonged to, and the brethren of Bournemouth would do what they could to help the lodge and the Province of Dorset. It was the wish of all the founders that good feeling should always exist between the two provinces, and if anything stimulated that feeling it should be the close connection with that lodge. Indeed, he looked to the good working and good Masonry of Bournemouth to greatly assist their success in Branksome. As regards another lodge at Poole, they also hoped the best of feeling would prevail between them, for their greatest regret would be to interfere with it in any way. It had always been his great ambition to be instrumental in raising a new lodge, and the founders had worked well in order that Masonry might flourish, especially in their lodge. For himself, he was in a difficult position to reply. He should like to say he was deeply indebted for the words that fell from the lips of the Prov. Grand Master respecting himself, and he thanked that distinguished brother in his absence. He felt himself a highly honoured man, because he doubted if any man could say what the Prov. Grand Master had said about him—that he was present at his initiation and first installation, and again at his second installation that day. If there was one thing that would help the success of that lodge it was the officers, for if ever a band of officers had Masonry at heart it was the 10 he had invested. There was one thing that added considerably to the ceremony that day, and that was the music. As the W.M., he should be sorry to sit down without thanking those brethren from Poole and Wimborne who had rendered them such excellent service, and whenever they might be short of music, he should take this opportunity as asking them to visit again. He begged once again to thank them for the hearty reception given the toast.

Bro. C. CARTER, P.G.D.C., in giving "The Masonic Charities," referred to the fact that the W.M. had consented to serve as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was represented that day by Bro. J. Mason, who gave them such an excellent speech at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting on the previous day.

Bro. J. MASON, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., representing the R.M.B.I., said it was difficult to make two speeches to the same brethren, for most of them were at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. The proposer of the toast had told the brethren of the three Institutions, and said all he (Bro. Mason) should say. He had already told them the needs of the Benevolent Institution, and that they paid nearly £16,500 a year for annuities to help those who could not help themselves, and he was, therefore, glad that one of the old branches of the province (Bro. Budden) had proposed that the Charity-box should go round again. The idea was more than "budding"—it had "sprouted" already. He hoped to have congratulated Bro. Dagdale on the work done at Prov. Grand Lodge, and was glad to find that 20 guineas was coming to the Old People's Institution this year, because he knew the great necessity before them. There was a large list of candidates, and unless the brethren gave them an amount beyond anything they had received for three years, it would be impossible to take on anything like the number they would wish to. He asked every brother to give something this year. They said they took the Old Book as a guide to their faith; but how much faith had they in it? for he spoke straight to those who did not do as much as they ought. The brethren had seven annuitants on the funds, and, although he was not saying they should give the Institution as much as was paid, yet when £245 was paid regularly, they expected a little piece of it back every year. He was glad to take back such an honoured name as that of Bro. Watts as Steward for the next Festival.

"The Sister Lodges and Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by the WORSHIPFUL MASTERS of the Weymouth, Wareham, Dorchester, Swanage, and Boscombe Lodges, and several other visiting brethren.

"The Officers" was submitted by Bro. PARKINSON, and replied to by the S.W., J.W., TREASURER, and SECRETARY.

The final toast given by the W.M. was that of "The Installing Master," to which Bro. CARTER, P.G.D.C., replied in suitable terms.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was holden in the Town Hall, Dewsbury, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., under the banner of Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 208, when there were present—

Bros. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.M. 289, P.P.G.W., Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.M. 387, P.G.D. Eng., Deputy Prov. G.M.; Chas. Letch Mason, Prov. S.G.W.; Robt. Illingworth Critchley, J.P., P.P.J.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; Edward Armitage, J.P., Benj. Broughton, Col. Joseph Hartley, D.L., Col. J. Day, William Harrop, and Richard Jessop, P.P.G.Ws.; Rev. Jas. Geo. Williams, P.P.G. Chap., as Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. Wm. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. Canon H. Lowther Clarke, P.P.G. Chap.; Major Geo. Bolton, Prov. G. Treas.; Jas. Hy. Gration, John Gibbs, Wm. Fisher Tasker, and Thos. Richards, P.P.G. Treasurers; John C. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg., as Prov. G. Reg.; Aulay Macaulay and Thos. Brayshaw, P.P.G. Regs.; Capt. H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Reuben Williamson, P.P.S.G.D., as Prov. S.G.D.; Walker Dyson and Herbert Nixon, Prov. S.G.Ds.; Geo. Hy. Robinson, Fredk. C. Robinson, and Fountain Read, Prov. J.G.Ds.; Saml. H. Stocks, Joseph Lowenthal, C. T. Rhodes, Wm. Chas. Lupton, George Marshall, Wm. Wroe, Jno. Read Dore, Fred Rand, John Wm. Balme, Albert Walker, Wm. Hy. Bradford, and Jno. Taylor Simpson, P.P.G.Ds.; William Dickie, Prov. G.S. of W.; Geo. W. Hawksley and John Barker, P.P.G.Ss. of W.; Geo. Paul Sunderland, Prov. G.D.C.; Joseph Hartley, Dep. Prov. G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.A.G.D.C., as Prov. A.G.D.C.; Hy. Jackson Sutherst and Godfrey Woodhead, Prov. A.G.D.Cs.; H. S. Holdsworth, Thomas Pickles, Edmund Lord, John Dyson, Wm. Fitton, W. R. Thompson, W. D. Quarby, Thomas Norfolk, Wm. Hy. Dawson, Howgate Holroyd, and John Dawson, P.P.G.D.Cs.; Herbert Columbine, Prov. G.S.B.; Asa Fawthrop, Prov. G. Std. Br.; William Haigh, P.P.G. Std. Br., as

Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, Robert Fisher, John Watson, and John Constable, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; Simeon Whiteley, Prov. G. Org.; William Ash, Geo. Carbert, and Geo. F. Carr, P.P.G. Orgs.; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Thos. Lawrence, Prov. G. Purst.; Henry Morton, P.P.A.G. Purst., as Prov. A.G. Purst.; B. P. Parker, John Seed, Wm. Cockcroft, John Shoesmith, George Blackburn, Charles Shaw, Geo. H. Holdroyd, Jas. A. Heastie, and Jas. Oldroyd, P.P.G. Pursts.; Wm. Richard Bates, Horatio Scott Wood, Wm. Roberts Hinings, and Wm. Wilson, Prov. G. Stwds.; Walter Fennell, as Prov. G. Stwd.; Thomas Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; Thomas Chester, Prov. A.G. Tyler; also a large number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren.

The lodges unrepresented were 308, 380, 458, 810, 837, and 2268.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of holy scripture read by the PROV. G. CHAP. The Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted. The roll of lodges was called. The roll of Present and Past Grand Officers was called.

Apologies were announced from Bros. John Joshua Brook, P.M. 290, Prov. J.G.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Donne, 1019, Prov. G. Chap.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 2321, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Watson, P.M. 61, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Hon. Librarian; C. Goldthorpe, P.M. 242, Prov. Asst. G.D.C.; W. M. Tate, P.M. 306, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Bingham, P.M. 1042, Prov. G. Purst.; Jas. Sugden, P.M. 1301, Prov. G. Steward; and 55 P.P.G. Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and others; as well as from Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Past Grand Warden, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B. Institution; F. R. W. Herdges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys.

The minutes of the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Halifax, on Wednesday, 3rd April, were presented.

On the proposition of Bro. W. FISHER TASKER, P.M. 296, seconded by Bro. JAS. HY. GRATION, P.M. 1513, the minutes were taken as read.

Bro. C. LETCH MASON, Prov. S.G.W., proposed—"That the minutes be confirmed." Seconded by the Deputy, Bro. HENRY SMITH; this was carried *unanimously*.

The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. G. P. SUNDERLAND, having claimed silence and attention, the PROV. GRAND MASTER thus addressed Prov. Grand Lodge—

Brethren,—It is customary on these occasions that a few words should be addressed to you by your Prov. Grand Master. Although there is no special subject at this time which I desire to name, yet I cannot but feel that, meeting as we do to-day, in this Town Hall, and within one of the most active and energetic of the West Riding towns, our thoughts are quite naturally carried back to that brother who occupied so prominent and distinguished a position in this Borough of Dewsbury. The untimely loss of Bro. T. Bateman Fox every Mason in this province deeply deplores. He was a prominent Mason, large in stature and equally large in heart. In Dewsbury, it would be presumptuous in me to say anything as to the ability Bro. Fox possessed, or the respect in which he was held. He was, as many of you know, closely connected with this place, and with this building. Three times did the burgesses of Dewsbury raise him to the highest position it is in their power to confer—that of Chief Magistrate of the borough. He was Chairman, I believe, of the Town Hall Committee, not only during the time of its erection, but down to the day of his death, and in that capacity he laid the memorial-stone of this commodious and beautiful hall. Every one who had the advantage of his personal friendship knows that no movement which had for its object the advancement of his native town, or the progress of the Craft to which he was so devotedly attached, failed to excite his interest, and enlist his support. Thoroughly unselfish, he never spared himself, but devoted his energies to the general good of all. His loss we feel acutely, and mourn most deeply, and we can only hope that those of his own family whose bereavement is so severe may be supported and comforted by T.G.A.O.T.U. in their great affliction. Since our last meeting the hand of death has been very busy, and has fallen very heavily upon the Craft. Bro. Richard Carter, a Past Warden of the province, has passed away, as also has Bro. A. B. Perkins, P.M.; and I cannot refrain from mentioning the singular instance of Lodge 910, Pontefract. No sooner had they lost the founder of St. Oswald and its main supporter, our lamented Bro. Tew, than death in rapid succession took away from them Bro. Isaac Kaberry, Prov. G. Registrar, who did not live to take his collar; Bro. Samuel Slack, a most active and useful Past Master; Bro. W. H. B. Atkinson, P.M.; and finally, Bro. John Morrell, the W.M. of the year. These, perhaps, are warnings; yet we must also recognise that all this notwithstanding, we must face our difficulties manfully, and that it is our bounden duty to walk straightly and uprightly in the steadfast discharge of our duties. During the year it has been a gratifying circumstance that I have been called upon to consecrate a new lodge, viz., Furnival, No. 2558, Sheffield. Of this new lodge I hear excellent accounts. The success which has attended it, and the harmony which characterises it, whilst highly satisfactory, do not exceed the expectations I formed at its commencement; and I then said, knowing the men to whom its destinies were entrusted, that it was with perfect confidence I left the interests of the lodge in their hands. The time when a large number of new W.Ms. will be chosen is now nigh at hand. Let me take this opportunity to express the hope that only those brethren will be selected who are in all particulars fully fitted to occupy so important a position. No brother can claim the office by right—it is a privilege which the brethren confer, and it is their duty to see that this most valuable privilege is only granted to those whose Masonic ability and moral fitness are commensurate with the position. I need hardly argue the question of the importance of this matter. The privilege involves serious responsibilities, and the men so chosen should be those who, sensible of their duties, lead daily blameless lives, and are prepared to maintain the traditions in this respect which this province long has cherished. It is my wish and hope, brethren, that the various lodges from time to time will invite Provincial Grand Officers to visit them. Unfortunately it is not in my power to do this as I should wish; the brethren recognise this and are good enough to excuse it, and I consider that the Provincial Grand Officers owe it to me as well as to you to discharge the duty which I am thus unable to fulfil. By doing this they promote good feeling amongst the brethren, harmony in working, and keep all the lodges in touch with the executive, and so bring about that smoothness and sympathy which are so desirable. Brethren, we sometimes dream dreams. To-day we meet in this handsome building, replete with every convenience, and there are few places, perhaps, where the Craft can so comfortably assemble, but I sometimes dream that the time may come when it will be for us to consider whether Prov. Grand Lodge may not have some central home worthy of the province. It is, I know, a large question, and the cost will be a heavy item. If, however, the brethren in the distant future (shall I say?) should be moved to take a step in this direction, it would, I feel sure, meet with no cold response. I make no proposition—it is a question of the gravest consequence, and to make the result certain and satisfactory we must be practically unanimous. If it is found that there is a general feeling in favour of this step, it might then be considered, and the suggestion I make would take form and substance. I thank you heartily, brethren, for your kind salutations, and I deeply appreciate your attendance in such large numbers. I am a busy man; I have sometimes to be in two or three places in the same day.

Such is my case this afternoon: to-night I must be in London, and I must therefore shortly leave you. I always endeavour to keep this day sacred, to devote it entirely to you and your interests, that I may appear before you in this chair. I need not say more; my Deputy has, I believe, a few words to address to you. I will not anticipate what he is prepared to bring before you; he always gives us good advice, and I am sure you will afford him your earnest attention.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. then rose and said—

Brethren,—The statement which in a few words I am about to make to you is one for which you must all more or less be prepared, as I have foreshadowed it at various times in Provincial Grand Lodge and at private lodge meetings. When I tell you that, initiated in 1852, I served the office of W.M. in 1857; that I was made Prov. S.G.D. by the Earl of Mexborough in 1859; that I have worn the badge of our Order with pride and pleasure for over 43 years; that I filled the onerous post of Prov. Grand Secretary for 15 years; that I have occupied the still more responsible position of Deputy Grand Master in this province for 10 years; that I received the collar of Grand Deacon of England in 1888; that before I became Prov. Grand Secretary I was present at Prov. Grand Lodge 36 times, and that out of 78 meetings since that date I have missed only one—when I put my Masonic career thus briefly before you, I think you cannot fail to agree with me that the time has come when I am entitled to retire from active service amongst you, and to be relieved from the burden and anxiety which the tenure of the office of Deputy entails—a burden which I must confess begins to feel more than I can, with justice to you and with comfort to myself, continue to endure. A Masonic experience like mine, brethren, is perhaps without a parallel; and I venture to think that a brief retrospect may not prove uninteresting. At my initiation in the Hope Lodge, Bradford, then 379, now 302, on the 3rd May, 1852, the entire number of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England did not exceed 600. Only the other day a lodge was consecrated which was numbered 2581. I don't mean to say that there are actually 2581 lodges on the roll, for some have dropped out, whilst others in the Colonies have withdrawn to form Grand Lodges of their own, but there are certainly over 2000 existing lodges, which, compared with 600, shows a marvellous increase. In West Yorkshire at that period there were 29 lodges only. Every one of these lodges, I rejoice to say, is still on our list, and most of them, I may add, are in a far more flourishing condition than was the case at that time. For instance, one returned a total of only six members; four had less than 10 on their books, and six others did not number 20 each: whereas now, there are 77 lodges in the province, and only one of them has less than 20 subscribing members. The total number of Masons in West Yorkshire in 1852 was under 1000, to-day it is rapidly approaching 4000. Leeds at that time had three lodges, now it has eight; Bradford had two, now, counting Eccleshill, it has seven; Huddersfield had three, it at present has six; whilst in Sheffield, where Masonic progress is most striking, there were in those days but two lodges, in contrast with the eight it now possesses. The same thing has occurred more or less throughout the province; but what is perhaps a more striking feature to notice as illustrating the growth of Freemasonry, is the establishment of lodges in small towns, little more than manufacturing villages, some of them. By the time I became Provincial Grand Secretary in 1870, in succession to Bro. Richard Reed Nelson, from 29 the lodges had increased to 54; so that during the last 25 years we have added 23 lodges to our roll, an average of one a year almost; and at the consecration of every one of these I have been present. At that time there were but three lodges in the province which had kept their Centenary—Probity, 61, Halifax; Britannia, 139, Sheffield; and Unanimity, 154, Wakefield—now there are 13, and next year two more will be entitled to this distinction. With respect to Charity matters, I may say that along with others, most of whom have now passed away, in the year 1859 I was one of the promoters of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and since its formation I have rarely missed attendance at its meetings. By means of this organisation we have in this province raised for the benefit of our Masonic Institutions over £60,000, whilst the total sum subscribed in the whole country during the same period, has reached the enormous sum of three-quarters of a million sterling, averaging £30,000 a year for 25 years. During those same years there have been 125 elections of candidates for the benefits of these Institutions, and when I tell you, brethren, that of these 125 meetings, held all of them in London, I have been present at and taken part in 123, you will agree with me that I have not been unmindful of the Charitable business of the province. My absence in both instances arose from the fact that I was visiting friends in Canada and the United States. With our extraordinary success at these elections you are all well acquainted, and I need scarcely dwell upon it, yet you will be interested, I am sure, to learn that between the years 1870 and 1895, by means of these elections, we in West Yorkshire have put 66 boys and 57 girls into the Schools, besides placing 45 men and 35 widows upon the Annuity Fund. We have carried all our 203 candidates, in addition to whom we have by means of our presentations added many others. Many more interesting details could I give out of my varied experience, but I do not want to weary you. After a service like mine, during which I have seen five Prov. Grand Masters of West Yorkshire, and held office under all of them, you cannot deny that I have a fair claim to be relieved from official cares and responsibilities. That I have tried to the utmost of my ability to benefit the province, with whose organisation I have been so long and so closely associated, I freely admit, and I have ever been conscious of and grateful for the indulgent spirit in which my poor services have been received, and the recognition which my efforts have ever met with at the hands of you all. At times we may not have looked at matters from the same point of view, and it is possible that what I deemed the conscientious discharge of my duty may have brought me into conflict with some of you. Believing, as I do, most firmly that only by adhering strictly to certain rules, by adopting, in fact, a thorough and complete system, could the organisation of this province approach anything like what you and I would have it, I may at times have seemed somewhat of a disciplinarian; but if slight friction has been set up it has only been temporary. Your forbearance, your moderation, and, above all, your good sense, have led you to see that no injustice was meant on my part, and that my action was prompted by a desire to benefit your lodges individually, and to strengthen West Yorkshire in the exercise of its power and influence in the Masonic world. Brethren, it is a wrench to sever myself from you, yet it is a duty—a necessity from which I shall not shrink; but, whilst my official connection thus ceases, yet to my dying day I shall never lose sight of all that concerns the interests of Freemasonry, and especially shall I continue to be anxious for the success, the welfare, and the progress of the province to which I have been so long and sincerely attached. There is great consolation and unbounded satisfaction to me in the thought that I leave you in strong and efficient hands. Of the energy, the ability, and the intelligent grasp and comprehension of a large and complicated subject, which has been so eminently shown by your Provincial Grand Master, I shall not in his presence say anything: you have all seen it, you have all appreciated it—you are in good hands, your future is safe. Perhaps, brethren, there is no more suitable place in which to utter my farewell words to you than in this good old town of Dewsbury—a town hallowed by valued friendships, and one which will ever be associated with years of pleasing recollection. I thank you for salutations and for the patient attention you have given to my few disjointed remarks.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said: Before I call upon Bro. Harrop, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, I cannot allow what has just occurred to pass without saying a word. This is not the occasion, you will all feel, to recognise the services of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master; you will take a little time to consider how, in a becoming manner, this can

be done. You may not have been unprepared for this, but to me it is a surprise. I will just now content myself by saying—and I will say it in his presence—that the position will be profoundly difficult to fill. The modest statement he has just made as to what he himself has done by no means adequately represents the self-sacrifice, the time, and the devotion which Bro. Henry Smith has given to the Craft in this province. Whilst his retirement will cause me great difficulty and some anxiety, yet we cannot but acknowledge by the words he has used and the plaints he has made, that his position is a just one, and that he has a perfect right to take off the harness and lay down the load which he so long has borne. There is no need to carry the matter further just now, but I am sure that there is not a member of the Craft, not in this province only but in any part of the Empire, who is not prepared to bear witness to the distinguished way in which Bro. Henry Smith has done his duty, and who will not join in the regret which all must feel at his retirement. To me his loss will be very great, but I cannot resist his claim to withdraw at such time as he thinks proper. On another occasion we shall take an opportunity of considering our obligations to our Deputy, and in the meantime I can assure you, Brother Henry Smith, that you will carry with you into your retirement the esteem and affection of every one with whom you have come in contact.

Bro. HARROP, before introducing his Charity report, spoke in feeling terms of the loss the province would sustain by the withdrawal of Bro. Henry Smith from the conduct of its affairs. With respect to the business which was his immediate concern, Bro. Harrop stated that since their last meeting five elections had taken place, and that they had succeeded in carrying four widows and one man; that this had been done at a cost of from 22,000 to 23,000 votes, a thing unknown in any province. He also mentioned that West Yorkshire had this year contributed £1903 to the three Masonic Institutions, and that it was a gratifying fact that out of some six boys who had shown exceptional ability, and whose term in the Masonic Schools had been in consequence prolonged, three were West Yorkshire boys. He proposed that the grants recommended by the Charity Committee in the cases of Mrs. H., 61, Halifax, and Bro. Wm. W., 290, Huddersfield, be sanctioned.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, in seconding, wished to accentuate the fact that West Yorkshire boys could hold their own. He thought it could not be too widely spread abroad in the province that three out of the six boys who had distinguished themselves were from the West Riding, and he thought it was proof that the School was in all respects worthy of their support.

Bro. J. H. Y. PAWSON, W.M. 242, cordially invited Prov. Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting at Doncaster.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked him, and said his invitation would be considered, and that he should have a reply in due course. He then added that they could not close that meeting without expressing their gratitude to the Mayor and Corporation of Dewsbury for their kindness and courtesy in permitting them the use of the various rooms in the Town Hall, and he ventured to give expression to that feeling, knowing as he so well did that he was only putting into words what every one felt.

There being no other business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Dinner was served in the Mayor's reception room. About 70 brethren were present, the D.P.G.M. presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire—postponed from July in consequence of the General Election—took place at Gloucester on Monday, the 21st ult., and was largely attended by members of the lodges in the two associated counties. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, presided, supported by his Deputy, Bro. Orlando Shellard; Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, Past Prov. G. Master; and Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., Past Grand Warden of Eng.

The officers of Prov. Grand Lodge and others present were—

Bros. S. W. Hadingham, P.M. 340, Prov. S.G.W.; W. C. Ferris, P.M. 10 and 439, G.I.G. Eng., Prov. J.G.W.; A. V. Hatton, P.M. 439, Prov. G.M.O.; W. Heath, I.P.M. 10, Prov. S.G.O.; W. Spence, I.P.M. 340, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. C. E. Lefroy-Austin, 10, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Balcomb, P.M. 10, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; R. P. Sumner, 439, Prov. G. Reg.; G. Norman, P.M. 10, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Shaw, 243, Prov. S.G.D.; H. Rossiter, W.M. 218, Prov. G. I. of W.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.D.C.; H. J. Brewer, 439, Prov. G.S.B.; J. W. Morrison, 243, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. Gilling, 10, Prov. G.I.G.; Tarr, Prov. G. Tyler; T. Blinkhorn, P.M. 243, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Marchant, P.M. 243, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Owner, P.M. 218, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Cadle, P.M. 340, P.P.G.R.; E. W. Henley, 439, P.P.G.R.; W. Margrett, P.M. 243, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Powell, S.W. 10, P.P. S.G.D.; J. H. Hewitt, E. M. Latcher, S.W. 340; C. A. J. Hale, Sec. 340; H. James, J.O. 340; W. L. Evans, 10; J. L. Tickell, 10; T. A. Huband, W.M. 10; C. Rootes, S.O. 243; J. L. Butler, J.W. 10; E. Lea, W.M. 439; W. J. Johnston-Vaughan, 439; A. S. Townsend, J.W. 243; J. W. Morrison, S.W. 243; N. Phillpott, 439; B. Lucas, Jesse Owner, S.W. 218; F. G. Washbourn, S.W. 340; Conway Jones, 439; J. R. Bibby, 439; F. Evans, 439; S. Millard, 439; J. Jennings, 439; H. Bruton, S.W. 439; and others.

The following are the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, as appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master, viz.:

Bro. Orlando Shellard, P.M. 243	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Edwin Lea, P.M. 218, W.M. 439	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Marchant, P.M. 243	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" T. A. Huband, W.M. 10	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Margrett, P.M. 243	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Bruton, S.W. 439	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Balcomb, P.M. 10	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Parlbby, 243	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Norman, P.M. 10, P.G.D.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. G. Washbourn, S.W. 340	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. L. Tickell, 10	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. S. Townsend, J.W. 243	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.G. Stwd.	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Conway Jones, 439	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Charles Rootes, S.O. 243	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Forty, 10	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. L. Evans, 10	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" G. Tarr	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

With one exception, the business of Prov. Grand Lodge was of a routine character. The reports from the various lodges in the province were satis-

factory, and showed in each case a good financial position. The balance-sheet of Prov. Grand Lodge itself also showed a considerable sum to its credit, and this fact justified a vote made in anticipation of some "operative work" being undertaken, as proposed, on the initiation of the Craft Masons of Gloucestershire.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said it would be within the knowledge of those present, that at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a Committee had been appointed with a view to the undertaking of some further memorial work, and that it had been already decided by the Committee that Gloucester Cathedral, which had been previously enriched by the gift of a reredos by the Craft, would offer the most appropriate opportunity for such a work. The Committee had had an interview that day, at the Cathedral, with the dean, Bro. Dr. Spence, and the Cathedral architect, Mr. Waller, with the result that the choice of an object for the Masons' work had now practically narrowed itself to one between the opening up of the north cloister and the gift of a new pulpit for the nave of the Cathedral, either of which objects would be sufficiently distinctive to be suitable for the purpose. A final choice would be made when the Committee had been furnished with the details which Mr. Waller had undertaken to lay before it at an early date.

Bro. the Baron DE FERRIERES followed up the statement of the Prov. Grand Master by the proposal that Prov. Grand Lodge vote £25 to be applied to such purpose as the Committee may ultimately decide upon, and this having been seconded, was supported by the D.P.G.M., as representing the Hereford section, and by members of the outlying lodges of the province, and unanimously approved.

A suggestion made by Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, at a later stage, that Prov. Grand Lodge should take part, if practicable, in any ceremonial initiation of the undertaking, was also received with favour.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the members of Prov. Grand Lodge dined together at the Bell, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 6th instant:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

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

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£864	7	6	By Disbursements during the			
" " Unappropriated				Quarter	...	...	£337 7 7
" " Account	202	6	2	" Balance	...	...	876 9 1
" Subsequent Receipts..	356	1	8	" " Unappropriated	...	...	208 18 8
				Account	...	...	208 18 8
	£1422	15	4				£1422 15 4

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

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

1st. From Comps. Philip Shepherd, as Z.; Ebenezer George Field, as H.; Arthur Wood, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, to be called the Royal Albert Edward Chapter, and to meet at the Market Hall, Redhill, in the county of Surrey.

2nd. From Comps. Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, as Z.; Siegmund Lichtenfeld, as H.; Henry Gardner, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353, to be called the Broxbourne Chapter, and to meet at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, in the county of Hertfordshire.

3rd. From Comps. Charles George Miles, as Z.; Albert John Duffield, as H.; Frank Meaker, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Albany Lodge, No. 389, to be called the Grahamstown Chapter, and to meet at the Temple, Grahamstown, Cape Colony.

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

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

The Fermor Hesketh Chapter, No. 1350, from the Masonic Hall, Hope-

street, Liverpool, to the County Hall, Pembroke-road, Bootle.

The Sir George Elliott Chapter, No. 960, from the Masonic Hall, Work-

ing-street, to the Masonic Temple, Guildford-street, Cardiff.

The St. John's Chapter, No. 36, from the Masonic Hall, Working-street,

to the Masonic Temple, Guildford-street, Cardiff.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests,

recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee further recommend that, inasmuch as the Priory Chapter, No. 1863, Tynemouth, has ceased working, and has not replied to the summons sent to it by Grand Chapter, this chapter be erased.

(Signed) GEORGE D. HARRIS, Acting President.

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Secret Monitor.

Zacharie Conclave, No. 9.

A meeting was held on the 18th ult. at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. G. Danford Thomas, S.R.; Harry Lewis, C.; W. C. Canton, G.; H. W. Kiallmark, Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Wm. Amor, Sentinel; R.W. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, G.V., P.S.R.; V. W. Bros. C. M. Jessop, P.G.C., P.S.R.; W. C. Canton, P.G. Gdr., P.S.R.; Bros. H. J. Gadd, and Harry Lewis, G. Stwd. Visitors: R.W. Bro. Col. Hugh M. Gordon, G.V., and V.W. Bro. Frank E. Lemon, G.S.B.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer announced a satisfactory balance in hand. An assembly of Princes was formed, under the chairmanship of V.W. Bro. C. M. Jessop, P.S.R., when Bro. H. J. Gadd was admitted, and took his seat as a Prince of the order. Bro. Col. Edmund Molyneux, W.M. of Downshire Lodge, and Bro. Julius Rohmann, of Joppa Lodge, were introduced and inducted by R.W. Bro. G. D. Thomas, S.R., P.G.V. The S.R. elect, Bro. Harry Lewis, G. Stwd., was installed in the chair of Jonathan by R.W. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, G.V. The S.R. selected and invested his officers as follow: Bros. Gadd, as C.; Col. Molyneux, as G.; Kiallmark, Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Rohmann and Thomas, as Visiting Deacons; Canton, Gdr.; and W. Amor, Sentinel. Bros. Sir T. Wright, Marshall, and Belgrave Ninnis regretted their inability to be present.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand
Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednes-
day next, the 6th inst., but there is no business of any
special importance to be dealt with. We notice that

warrants for three new chapters have been issued since
the August convocation, of which two are to be located
in the Provinces of Hertfordshire and Surrey and one
in the District of the Eastern Division of South
Africa. The Royal Albert Edward Chapter, No.
1362, Redhill, will raise the number of chapters in
Surrey to 18, while the Broxbourne Chapter, No.
2353, New Barnet, will be the eighth on the roll of the
Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire. The
Grahamstown Chapter, to be attached to the Albany
Lodge, No. 389, Grahamstown, will raise the chapters
in the East Division of South Africa to 11.

Some few years ago the question of establishing a
Grand Lodge of South Africa was mooted, and
occasionally we heard or read of steps being taken in
favour of the movement, while at the same time we
learned that a very strong and active opposition was
being promoted with a view to preventing what many,
we believe, are inclined to consider would be a dire
calamity to the Craft in Cape Colony and the adjoining
territories. Last week we had the opportunity of
publishing a letter from Bro. Dr. Wirgman, the pre-
sent District Junior Grand Warden of the Eastern
Division of South Africa, and a brother of great in-
fluence in the Colony, and from that letter our readers
have already learned that whatever may have been at
any time the chances of such a project being realised,
the question of establishing a Grand lodge for the
whole of South Africa has been fully and fairly con-
sidered and debated, and that "a vast majority of
South African Freemasons, acting through their duly
accredited representatives," has deliberately rejected
the proposal.

So far those brethren who are of opinion that the
brethren of the different Constitutions, who have
worked side by side together for a long term of years,
may without serious difficulty—maintain amongst
themselves the same cordial relations for a further and
still longer term of years, have triumphed, while the
schemes of those who can see no good in anything out-
side a centralised supreme authority have fallen through.
The Dutch lodges, the oldest of which dates from
1772, work with the English and Scottish lodges
which have been introduced into South Africa since the
Cape became a British possession, in the manner we
have described. They visit each other continually,
they take part in the same ceremonies, when Masonry
emerges from its privacy, and consents to do some
act in public or of public utility—and the more they
meet and work together, the stronger becomes their
mutual esteem and respect. In short, their relations
are of such a character that it would be a sin amounting
almost to a crime to disturb them.

Happily, this is not a case in which only English,
Irish, and Scotch lodges are concerned. These work
under the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and
the rabid Masonic innovator who believes that not only
will a local Grand Lodge prove an effectual remedy for
every Masonic ill, but that when once it has been set
up, no ill can ever arise, looks upon them as his legiti-
mate prey, to disturb and set by the ears in furtherance
of his own paltry personal ambitions. Here in South
Africa there are Dutch, as well as English and Scotch,
lodges, and the former, as Bro. Wirgman points out,
have "certain peculiarities of working under the
Netherlands Constitution which our B.B. of that
Constitution would never surrender." There is, as he
says, no bilingual difficulty, as the Dutch lodges work
in the English language, but there is a difficulty in
conceiving that such sturdy upholders of the "ancient
ways," as notoriously are the Dutch, would ever sur-
render their own special peculiarities of system. How-
ever, there is little likelihood of their being called
upon to do anything of the kind while the present
state of things in South African Masonry continues.

We call the attention of our readers to the letter
which appears in our correspondence columns from
Bro. John Lane on the matter in dispute relating to
the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester. Bro.
Lane, to use a familiar phrase, produces chapter and
verse for the conclusions at which he has arrived as to
its not being the direct descendant of the "Ancient"
Lodge, No. 39 of 1755 constitution. Those who read
the letter carefully will see that he has not adopted his
opinions hastily, but has worked them out stage by
stage from the beginning. This, at all events, is more
than can be said of some of those who are falling foul
of him for having had the hardihood to question the
records.

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.]

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 44.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Heywood's discursive letter shows how fully permeated he is with that "large amount of credulity" to which he refers, when he deliberately asserts that "The present Lodge of Friendship has met regularly from 1755 to the present time." Such a statement should undoubtedly be substantiated by proof, but none is furnished, and so I ask him to supply this evidence, which we may fairly assume he considers his own lodge records will enable him to do. Most assuredly he will not find any evidence of such continuous meetings elsewhere, and not even the erroneous recital in the warrant of confirmation, issued in 1835, will avail him for the purpose. As Bro. Heywood treats the Grand Lodge "Records," including, of course, their registers and minute books, as being, in his opinion, "mere uncorroborated quotations and curiosities of Masonic literature," one is tempted to enquire where (if at all) the facts are to be sought for and obtained?

The three assertions specifically set forth in Bro. Heywood's letter, I do not hesitate to affirm are not only unsupported by independent and corroborative testimony, but are, as matters of fact, absolutely incorrect.

It is most desirable that this subject should be thoroughly investigated, so that the truth may be manifested, and your readers duly informed of the facts known to me in relation thereto, with such brief observations thereon as may be necessary. But, prior to this, I would draw attention to two other facts that must not be overlooked in arriving at an accurate conclusion upon this matter. The first is, the fact that it was the general custom for the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" to re-issue the numbers of their extinct warrants (not the warrants themselves) to entirely new organisations, by which arrangement new lodges obtained positions higher on the roll than those to which their real ages entitled them; the second fact being the difficulty both Grand Lodges had to encounter and overcome, through their disability (occasioned by the Act of 1799) to issue new warrants during the first decade of this century; but for fuller information about this, my "Handy Book" may be consulted.

On 18th June, 1755, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" to certain brethren to meet at St. Ann's Church and Mitre, Manchester, which bore the number 39. This warrant, evidently, was lost, for on the 25th March, 1775, a "Renewal Warrant" was issued on payment of the nominal charge of six shillings, the lodge then meeting at the Black-a-moor's Head, Old Churchyard, Manchester. This warrant of renewal was cancelled on 5th June, 1793, and the first lodge, No. 39, thereupon ceased to exist.

Nearly two years later, i.e., on 4th March, 1795, the number 39 was re-issued on a new warrant, bearing that date, for a new lodge to meet at the Queen's Head, Old Churchyard, Manchester, the Grand Lodge minutes expressly stating that this number was "Revived and granted to Bro. Watson and others, late of No. 39," showing that the first No. 39 was defunct, and it was made a condition precedent to the granting of this new warrant that the "old warrant [was] to be transmitted previous to revival." It is clear that not only had the first No. 39 absolutely ceased to exist, but that it was the warrant of 1775 (not 1755) that was to be transmitted to Grand Lodge, in whose archives it has been preserved, and where I carefully examined it in 1886. This second Lodge No. 39 had but a brief existence, as is proved by Bro. Heywood's own letter, and it was evidently treated by the Grand Lodge authorities as extinct.

On the 8th February, 1803, a petition was signed by seven "Regular Registered Master Masons," who were "desirous to Revive the Warrant No. 39," which was stated to be then in their possession. This, of course, must have been the warrant of 4th March, 1795, for the reasons above stated. The petition, which is in the usual form for a warrant for a new lodge, was recommended by the Masters and Wardens of Lodges Nos. 201, 275, 278, 289, 296, and 297, all of Manchester, and was signed in Lodge No. 201 on the 8th February, 1803. The prayer of the petition was granted, the same bearing these endorsements: "No. 39. Renewal 23rd Feby., 1803, 1st Monday, Horse Shoes, Old Schambles, Manchester, Entd. G. fo. 7 and 10," and "Petition for the Revival of No. 39. 2 G's recd. 23rd Feb., 1803."

Whether this "Revival" was effected by means of a new document or of an endorsement upon the warrant of 1795 is not certain, the latter not being in Grand Lodge—nor is it material—but bearing in mind the preliminary facts before referred to, the result would be precisely the same. This warrant of 23rd February, 1803, is the first and earliest authority for the existing Lodge of Friendship, which document, having either been lost, or "become defaced and illegible," was superseded, on 29th June, 1835, by a warrant of confirmation containing a reference to the warrant of 18th June, 1755, but which reference was evidently inserted therein through a want of knowledge as to the true facts of the case as above set forth.

The foregoing facts I leave to your readers' impartial judgment, and will occupy but a short space further in commenting upon some strange expressions in Bro. Heywood's letter.

He says: "It is clear the lodge did not exchange the 1755 Warrant until 1803."

Assuming his meaning to be that the lodge *did* make such an exchange in 1803, I affirm the statement to be altogether erroneous, and without any foundation. As I have previously shown, the 1755 warrant did not exist, otherwise that of 1775 would never have been issued, and the 1775 warrant we know was returned in 1795, so that if there was any "exchange" in 1803, it could only have been by the return of the warrant of 1795, but even this is very questionable, for if that warrant had been returned, it would in all probability be in the Grand Lodge archives at the present time.

Bro. Heywood seems to attach great importance to his statement that "the exchanging of the 1755 for the 1803 warrant in 1803 was a transaction founded on mutual concessions relative to the dispute that had continued for seven years," but he does not tell us what that dispute was, although subsequently he does allude to the lodge having "met for seven years without the sanction of the Grand Lodge!" which practically confirms the belief I have expressed—that the second No. 39, of 1795, had but a brief existence.

To Bro. Heywood's propositions or assertions I briefly say, for the reasons, and based on the facts before cited—

1. That the recital in the warrant of confirmation is *not* in accordance with the fact, and I regret to have to add that it is unfortunately not an isolated instance. Many similar errors can be easily quoted.
2. That the Grand Lodge Calendar is *incorrect* in giving 1755 as the date of the original warrant of the existing Lodge No. 44, and that these "dates" in the Calendar are wrong in dozens of instances.
3. That facts override "credulity," the insertion in the minute book of 1803 of the names of 74 subscribing brethren proving nothing. Can Bro. Heywood

point to a single name amongst the petitioners to Grand Lodge on 8th February, 1803, that had been registered in connection with the previous lodge?

The extract from the lamented Bro. Brockbank's letter only proves the great need there is for careful transcribing. The lodge of 1795 was not "reviewed and revised," but "renewed and revived," and, as these words are not synonymous, the theory broached by Bro. Heywood that the warrant, as well as the proceedings of the lodge, had been "reviewed" by Grand Lodge is untenable.

In concluding this letter, I would ask, in all candour, if in the latter part of the nineteenth century we are to be seriously told that we *must* accept *all* past statements—contradictory or inaccurate as they may appear—because they happen to be 60 years old or upwards? Is it not our imperative duty as Freemasons to search for the truth? and is not truth—absolute and essential—one of the grand principles on which our Order is founded? This has been the Guiding Star of all my Masonic study and research, and I still say *Magna est Veritas, et prevalebit*.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, Oct. 21st, 1895.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Though I am perfectly indifferent how you settle the dispute upon the contiguity of this lodge, yet, having formerly had many friends and acquaintances in it, I naturally feel an interest in the discussion, and am inclined to range my views upon the side of those who maintain its continuity since 1755. According to your leader of to-day the warrant of No. 39 was cancelled; but 4th March, 1795, "an application from Brother John Watson and others, late of Lodge No. 39, Queens Head, Old Church St., Manchester, was read, praying for a renewal and revival of the warrant, and it was moved and seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the prayer be granted." So far, therefore, it is clear that this application did not establish a new lodge; it simply revived an old one, which had a continuous, though somewhat irregular, succession. Of course, the crucial point is the connection of the 1803 body with the 1795; that from 1795 to 1755 seems to be admitted. Possibly the lodge may be able to prove the connection between 1803 and 1795 by its minutes, and it would be of general interest to forward them to you. I can scarcely think the charter would have asserted this connection if it did not actually exist, and, therefore, it ought to be *prima facie* proof of the position of those who contend for continuity from 1755, and which it should require strong evidence (which we have not had) to set aside.—Fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER, P.M. 163 and 433,
Past Grand Warden of Greece.

West Didsbury, Manchester,
October 26th.

A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to a letter in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of the 19th October, bearing the *nom de plume* under which I frequently write to your paper.

Will you permit me to say that I know nothing of that letter; indeed, I have never written a line or even a word to the *Chronicle* in my life; nor should I under any circumstances waste my time in writing about a matter which at the best cannot concern a dozen people.—I am yours fraternally,

MANCUNIAM.

Freemasons' Club, Manchester,
October 29th.

"OUR BROTHER'S BED."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In forwarding you the list of contributions to "Our Brother's Bed" in the Free Home for the Dying, I should like specially to notice the following communication received on the 28th, instant from St. Helena:

"Prince's Lodge, St. Helena, Sept. 17, 1895.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"Having seen your notice about 'Our Brother's Bed' in the *Freemason*, I have pleasure in forwarding herewith cheque for £1 in support of it, and shall be obliged if you will send me full particulars concerning it.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"Guy W. Hogg, W.M. 488."

I have sent the particulars asked for, and shall be glad to give all information to any brother willing to help so good a cause. We only require a few more subscribers to provide the £18 still needed for 1895.

Who will help the poor and penniless brother in the hour of death?—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON, 1383,
Honorary Secretary.

281, Strand, W.C., October 31st.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).

A meeting of this old Encampment was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on the 11th ult. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, P.E.C., P.E.P., as E.C.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.E.C., P.E.P., Prelate; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 1st Captain; H. Hills, 2nd Captain; Basil Stewart, C. of Lines; H. French Bromhead, Herald; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., &c., Reg.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C., P.E.P.; L. Steele, P.P.G.C. Hants, P.E.C., P.E.P.; and C. Slater, P.E.C., P.E.P.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Comp. J. R. Carter, 2374, he was installed as a Knight of the Order in a most impressive manner by the acting E.C. Three other candidates were balloted for, but they were unable to be present. Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., was elected E.C.; Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., &c., Treas.; and Sir Knight J. R. Carter, Auditor. A Past Commander's jewel was voted to Sir Knight W. Maple, E.C. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights W. Maple, Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, G. Graveley, P.E.C.; B. Johnson, O. Berry, Egbert Roberts, and others.

The encampment having been closed, an excellent banquet followed. The I.P.E.C., Sir Knight Nelson Prower, as a chairman was *facile princeps*, his speeches being clever and interesting.

Sir Knights F. W. Driver and H. Hills entertained the meeting by their serious and humorous recitations.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
NORTHUMBERLAND.

ANNUAL MEETING IN NEWCASTLE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, under the banner of the De Swinburne Chapter, No. 24. The Grand Superintendent (the Right Hon. Comp. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.) presided, and was supported by the following officers: Comps. J. G. Youll, P.G.H.; A. Winlaw, P.G.J.; Thos. Purvis, P.G.S.E.; W. M. Lyon, P.G.S.N.; W. F. Carmon, P.P.G.S.; A. T. Aitchison, P.A.G.S.; G. E. Macarthy, P.G. Treas.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Reg.; R. G. Salmon, P.G.S.B.; George Spain, P.P.G.H., P.G.D. of C.; W. Green, P.A.G.D. of C.; Joshua Curry, Janitor; John Page, P.P.G.I.G.; Robert Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E. Durham; H. S. Bird, P.P.G.I.G.; G. F. Charlton, P.P.G.J.; J. Cartmel Ridley, P.P.G.H.; Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.H. Durham; T. Blenkinsop, P.P.G.H.; Chas. Fendelow, P.P.G.D. of C. Eng.; John Spearman, P.P.G.H.; R. W. Cummings, P.P.G.H.; Hy. Gibson, P.P.G.J.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.R., Durham; and others. Letters of apology were received from Comps. J. Straker Wilson, F. H. Corder, F. W. Gribble, and R. Brand.

In addressing the Grand Chapter, in the course of the meeting, the Comp. Right Hon. Sir MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY (Grand Superintendent), said he was very glad to be supported by so large a number of brethren on the first meeting after his installation in January last as Grand Superintendent. From the reports he was glad to learn that Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Northumberland was progressing so favourably, and there was an increase in their numbers. He referred sympathetically to the loss they had sustained in the death of Comp. Henry Hotham, the oldest Royal Arch Mason in the province. His was one of the first faces he saw when he began his Masonic career. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that Royal Arch Masonry in the province would continue to prosper. He afterwards announced that the next annual convocation would be held in Newcastle under the banner of the De Sussex Chapter, No. 406, which would be charged with the reception of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

The Grand Superintendent afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. John Nesbit, 24	...	...	Prov. G. H.
" W. F. Carmon, 481	...	...	Prov. G. J.
" Thomas Purvis (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. T. Aitchison, 24	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. E. Macarthy, 481 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. J. Armstrong, 406	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. C. Coates, 1664	...	...	Prov. P.G. Soj.
" John Tweedy, 659	...	...	Prov. A. G. Sojs.
" George Blair, 991	...	...
" W. J. Brown, 24	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Robert Laing, 659	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" George Spain	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John Watt	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" F. F. Schnitger, 24	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. R. Short, 481	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Joshua Curry	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was afterwards closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The above Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on the 18th ultimo, under the presidency of the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W.W. B. Beach, M.P. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier, Grand Secretary of England, and R. Eve, D.P.G.M.

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Eve, that one of the panels in Grand Mark Lodge in London should be filled with a painting of the Prov. Grand Master, as a Past Grand Master of England, and that the cost thereof should be met by a subscription among the brethren of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The P.G.M., having congratulated Prov. G. Lodge on the progress Mark Masonry was making in the province, appointed the officers for the year as follows, viz.:

Bro. R. Eve, 54	...	...	D.P.G. M.
" M. Emanuel, 63	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. H. Vye, 125	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" H. Lehmann, 54	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. H. G. Woodman, 320	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Capt. G. Hearn, 2	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. Pickering, Albany, T.I.	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Richardson, 320	...	...
" R. Broughton Smith, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. G. Marshallsey, 54	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" D. O. Hobbs, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" McGrotty, Albany, T.I.	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. J. A. Percy, 305	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. E. Smith, 63	...	...	Prov. G. I. Wks.

Bro. M. A. Gould, 17	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" D. Wilkins, 54	...	...	Prov. G. S.B.
" A. J. V. Bagshaw, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Borden, 54	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Exall, 17...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The annual accounts were presented by the Prov. G. Treas., showing a satisfactory balance in hand.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

Craft Masonry.

All Saints Lodge, No. 1716.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the installation of Bro. Charles Richard Allen as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the offices of the Poplar District Board of Works, 117, High-street, Poplar. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. K. Coleman, P.M., P.Z., Bro. L. Potts, P.M., acting as D.C. Bro. Allen, as W.M., duly invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. C. Carpenter, S.W.; E. Jones, J.W.; W. K. Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; J. Y. Mosey, Sec.; Wm. Bland, S.D.; Whitlock, J.D.; W. S. Duff, I.G.; T. F. Noakes, Org.; W. Forman, D. of C.; Butler, Wiseman, Madeley, and Palmer, Stwds.; and C. Patrick, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee showed that the finances of the lodge were in a very satisfactory condition, there being a substantial balance in hand of assets over liabilities, and also a balance of £78 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Coleman and Potts for their services at the installation, and the lodge being closed, the members repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where the installation banquet was provided.

The popularity of the lodge in general, and the new W.M. in particular, was amply testified to by the large number of brethren that assembled at this West-end Elysium. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Tijou, P.A.G.P. Eng.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; O. Papworth, P.P.G. Sec. Cambs.; Light, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Kent; J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1981, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; O. Cooper, P.M. 211; Duck, P.M., Sec. 898; W. R. Cooper, W.M. 1056; J. G. Turner, W.M. 299; J. P. Parkes, P.M.; W. Boyce, P.M. 1679; Williams, P.M. 898; Butcher, 1884; Bird, 134; Ivey, 1489; and many others.

The menu provided was one which did credit to the restaurant, and the brethren seemed to vie with each other in sounding its praises.

At the conclusion of the feast, the W.M. suitably proposed the usual loyal toasts—"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"—which were loyally honoured with true Masonic feeling.

The W.M. next proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," who, he said, as the toast list recorded—"you all know as honourable men."

Bro. Tijou, P.A.G.P., responded, and thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome they had extended to him as a Grand Lodge Officer. He always enjoyed being with the All Saints, and the manner they held up the dignity of Masonic working and their efforts on behalf of the Charities were a credit to East London.

Bro. F. J. Waterson, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had the most important toast of the evening entrusted to him, but, as one could not paint the rose nor decorate the lily, so neither could he extol the numerous good qualities of their W.M. Bro. Allen had rendered good and valuable service to the lodge, and was moreover Preceptor to the lodge of instruction, so that all knew that during his year of office a Masonic treat was in store for them. It was said that "Happy is the bride that the sun shines upon," and Bro. Allen had that day entered into the Master's chair in the full sunshine of hearty good wishes from all the brethren, and he trusted that his Mastership would be crowned with every prosperity and success.

Bro. Allen thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to uphold the dignity of the lodge, and he appealed to the officers and brethren to co-operate with him in so doing.

Bro. Allen then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and took the opportunity of presenting to Bro. F. Waterson a Past Master's collar, with the silver jewel of office, and a gold Past Master's jewel, as a token of esteem from the brethren.

Bro. Waterson responded in a felicitous speech, and warmly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and intimated that it would be his pleasing duty to serve as a Steward at both the Old People and the Boys' Festivals during his term of office.

The toast was responded to by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in a most powerful and impressive speech, and there can be no doubt that the effect of his appeal will be that the W.M.'s list at the next Festival will do credit to the benevolent instincts of the members of the lodge.

"The Initiate" was responded to by Bro. C. S. Mundy.

Bro. J. Kemp Coleman replied to the toast of "The Installing Master."

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. Light, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent, and Papworth, P.M., P.P.G. Sec. Cambs.

Bro. L. Potts responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. J. Y. Mosey for "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers."

The Tyler's toast brought to a termination one of the most successful banquets of the lodge.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.

The installation meeting of this well known Middlesex lodge was held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on the 26th ult., when a goodly number of members and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., M.A., J.P., as W. Master. It may be interesting to note that Bro. Marshall, jun., has in a truly Masonic spirit declined several offers of a quicker road to the chair in other lodges, preferring to proceed by regular gradation through the various offices in this his mother lodge. The brethren present on the interesting occasion included Bros. J. Battams, W.M.; W. J. Lee, I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, jun., S.W.; J. Hutchinson, J.W.; G. Clark, jun., P.M., Treas.; H. Battams, Sec.; E. Fuchsbalg, S.D.; C. O. Haas, J.D.; C. H. Ewen, I.G.; W. E. Robertson and C. H. Rosher, Stwds.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Clerk, P.M.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; H. H. Room, G. Std. Br.; and R. R. Johnston, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Stevens, J.W. 2234; R. M. Meyer, S.W. 708; H. H. Woodroffe, S.W. 2243; C. F. Webber, 1994; H. Mercer, J.W. 362; C. Spreag, 2255; F. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; J. H. Bedford, P.S.G.D. Bombay; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 1897.

The lodge was formally opened, and the Audit report adopted. A notice of motion by Bro. R. R. Johnston, P.M., was considered and unanimously agreed to, voting the sum of £35 to be placed on the list of Bro. G. Clark, jun., P.M., the Steward representing the lodge at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival in February, 1896. Bro. G. Clark, jun., P.M., Treas., then took the chair and in a very able manner installed Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., M.A., J.P., as W. Master for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. John Battams, I.P.M.; Tracy Hutchinson, S.W.; George Clark, jun., Treas.; H. Battams, Sec.; E. Fuchsbalg, J.W.; C. O. Haas, S.D.; C. H. Ewen, I.G.; W. Robertson, I.G.; C. H. Rosher, D.C.; and W. H. Johnston, Stwd. The W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Battams, with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of services rendered during the past year, and the gift was duly acknowledged.

The lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently served at the King's Head, Twickenham, under the genial superintendence of the worthy host, Bro. Barton.

The loyal toasts were briefly given from the chair, after which the W.M. gave "The Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of his father, Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas. He thought that was the first time he had had the honour and privilege of proposing his father's health in public, although he had often wished it in private, and should long continue to do so.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., said he should first like to say how pleased and proud he was to see his son in the chair. It was nine years since he had the privilege and pleasure of initiating his son into Masonry. It had previously been his pride and pleasure to teach him that great principle of Charity, of which they were all so proud

Long before their W.M. was initiated, by the favour of the Great Architect he was a Patron of all the Masonic Charities, and since his initiation he had been a Steward of the three Institutions, and they both hoped to continue to do so as long as they had the means. In Masonry there were Masons and Masons. Some Masons, like himself, had honours thrust upon them, but although it was a great honour to be the Master of a lodge, and although his son had, by the favour of the brethren, been elected to that position in that lodge, yet he thought he might fairly say that his son had worked his way up to the position. The W.M. had served every office, except one, to obtain that position, and it would be a life-long pleasure to him to know he had obtained it by Masonic work, and by hard work in the same way he had obtained scholastic honours. As regards the Grand Officers, he could claim no credit for that position, for it was some 10 or 11 years ago that he obtained the right to enter Grand Lodge, and by the *vox populi* he had the pleasure and privilege of having the honour of Grand Treasurer conferred upon him at the first annual election for the office. He was especially glad of that occasion of congratulating the Royal Hanover Lodge on having as a Grand Officer their worthy Bro. Room, the Prov. Grand Secretary. He hoped that Bro. Room would long continue to adorn that position, for they would all agree he had fairly and honourably worked his way up to it.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M., in replying to the toast of his health, said they had as Provincial Grand Master a nobleman who had been raised to the rank of Cabinet Minister, and they in the province knew their Provincial Grand Master was always ready to come forward to help them when he could. To show his opinion of the Charities, the Provincial Grand Master had consented to take the chair at the Festival of the Old People, and Middlesex would do its utmost to give him hearty support in order that he might not be ashamed of his province. He (the D.P.G.M.) came among them again that night with a good deal of pleasure. After nine months' illness, it had pleased the Great Architect to give him renewed health and strength, and he hoped a great deal of it would be expended in trying to promote, as he had done in the past, the welfare of the brethren in the Province of Middlesex. That lodge had chosen a new W.M. to preside over them—the son of one of the best known Masons in London, one who had shown his zeal in every way, and especially in the Charities, as a true Mason should do. The son was following worthily in the father's footsteps, and had shown by the manner in which he conducted his work that he was earnest of purpose. The Master was not the lodge, but only its head, and to make his year a successful one, they must all do their utmost to support him and give him that hearty friendship he deserved and appreciated.

In giving "The Provincial Grand Officers," the W.M. said they were pleased to see Bro. George Kenning—one of the founders of the Province of Middlesex—whose name was a household word among Masons, and, wherever known, was beloved.

Bro. George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, said he was not prepared for such a compliment as the W.M. had paid him. They knew the W.M. could do no wrong, and that they must bow to his decision. He (Bro. Kenning) was certainly one of the pioneers when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was started, being a member of the Burdett Lodge, of which Col. Sir Francis Burdett was the first W.M. He was then S.W., and had spent many pleasant times in the province. He was present at the initiation of the W.M. nine years ago, and that was his last visit to this lodge, although he hoped it would not be so long before he came again. He could remember that night very vividly, because the present W.M. was initiated by his father, and, although he had witnessed many initiations, he did not think he ever heard one performed with more heartfelt feeling as on that occasion. He should never forget the occasion, and now congratulated Bro. Marshall, jun., on the high position he had attained. He expected to see one or two old friends present, but it was now some years since the province was formed, and so many had passed away. He was much obliged to the W.M. for inviting him, and hoped he would do so again.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. J. Battams, I.P.M., then said it was unfortunate that the position of I.P.M. gave him the honour of proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," for it would have received more ample justice in the hands of another brother. The Deputy Prov. G.M. had anticipated all that he could say. The W.M. had learnt those active principles of universal beneficence and Charity, with which they were all acquainted. He was impressed with the manner in which the W.M. invested his officers, and hoped those brethren would carry out their duties.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., W.M., returned thanks for the extremely kind reception given the toast. He need scarcely say he felt it a great honour to occupy the chair of his mother lodge. He might perhaps say he had had the opportunity of passing through the chair of another lodge, but had not availed himself of it, because he felt it would be a greater honour to reach the position in his mother lodge first. He thanked them heartily for the way they received the toast, and could only say he would do his best to make his year of office a successful one.

The W.M. next submitted "The Installing Master," to whom he referred in kindly terms.

The toast was briefly acknowledged by Bro. G. Clark, jun., P.M., Treas.

Bro. Battams, I.P.M., and H. H. Room, G.S.B., replied for "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," after which "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Bedford, P.S. G.D. Bombay, and others.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Bro. Rushton Odell presided at the pianoforte with his usual ability, and was assisted in some vocal selections by several brethren.

Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 17th ult., when the following officers were present: Bros. T. Bullock, W.M.; A. P. Dollman, S.W.; J. Hamlin, J.W.; the Rev. Seymour Penzer, Chap.; B. Burfield, Treas.; J. Meunich Meunich, Sec.; W. H. Brown, S.D.; R. Strong, J.D.; E. Miles, I.G.; E. Tebbs, Organist; and H. W. Ingleden, Steward.

After the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. Thom Bullock, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. A. P. Dollman, S.W. The new W.M. then proceeded with the appointing and investing of his officers, namely: Bros. T. Bullock, I.P.M.; J. Hamlin, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; B. Burfield, Treas.; the Rev. S. Penzer, Chaplain; R. Strong, Sec.; H. Geere, S.D.; W. Ingleden, J.D.; E. Miles, D. of C.; H. Reed, I.G.; T. Chapman, Org.; T. C. Carter and F. Hart, Stwds.; and H. Hughes, Tyler. In presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Bullock, with a Past Master's jewel, the new W.M. took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Bullock for all he had done for the lodge, particularly in regard to the beautifying the lodge room, by his instrumentality, with the lodge curtains and extra furniture.

The brethren then sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. P. Dollman, who was supported by the following members and visitors:

Bros. Owen Embling, P.M.; J. Billingham, P.M.; T. Berry, P.M.; G. S. Goafree, P.M.; T. H. Roberts, T. Grevatt, F. Hart, V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.D.; V. W. Burden, J. G. Calton, H. S. Reed, A. Bunting, the Rev. F. A. Ormsby, J. Sayers, W. W. Welling, A. Habeus, J. Dixon, M. Volk, T. Chapman, E. W. Townner, T. S. Carter, J. Davis, A. Colling, E. Chapman, J. Gasson, C. Loader, H. Hart, M. Wormald, W. Harris, W. Wise, H. Spooner, J. Terry, W. Gill, J. Holding, G. Short, J. Burgess, H. Russell, M. Hennell, W. Huntley, A. Blake, W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Welsford Smithers, E. A. Smithers, H. W. Smithers, H. Byard, W. Laker, W. Glass, F. King, W. Welling, A. Brandt, T. Challis, F. Kent, T. Bovey, T. Shrivell, D. Ross, W. Potter, G. Alberry, W. H. Underwood, J. Newberry, A. Upton, T. Lyne, E. Mitchell, W. Hughes, W. Swaysland, J. Flint, S. Denman, T. Billing, W. Thorn, A. Kemsley, A. Crouch, E. H. Payne, J. J. Clark, W. Plumbridge, W. Botting, P.M. (Mayor of Brighton), J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. Sadler, W. Ratn, W. N. Roe, T. Harker, F. Bevis, C. Somers Clarke, R. Clowes, W. Smith, B. Drury, C. J. Carter, C. Clark, B. Symmons, M. Williams, J. Kidd, W. Bartlett, J. Smithson, G. Heckford, G. Campbell, G. Cole, W. H. Cockburn, Sir J. Ewart, J. Gwatkin, J. K. Nye, T. Lewis, A. Latter, W. Bennett, and G. Edwards.

The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Lodge" was acknowledged by Bros. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Dr. Stewart, P.G.D.C.; and R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge" was acknowledged by Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.G. Sec., and H. Kent, P.P.G.S.B.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. A. P. Dollman," was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. T. Bullock, in flattering terms.

The W.M., in returning thanks, said that it was with feelings of great pleasure that he rose to return thanks for the generous manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed that toast and the brethren for the very cordial reception they gave it. He begged them to believe that that was the proudest moment of his life, having attained the greatest ambition a Mason could wish for—to be Master of his mother lodge. He was fully sensible of the great responsibility and importance attached to the office of W.M., and he thoroughly appreciated the honour they had conferred on him by electing him Master by the unanimous vote of the lodge. It was now nearly 10 years since he was admitted a member of the lodge, and during that time he had endeavoured to maintain and uphold the tenets and principles of Masonry, at the same time never allowing the pressing emergencies of his public and private avocations to be interfered with. He looked forward to a very happy year of office and he took that opportunity of thanking the I.P.M. for the interest he had always evinced in his (the W.M.'s) Masonic career. With the assistance of the Past Masters and the support of the officers he hoped to conduct the lodge to the satisfaction of all its members.

Bro. J. Hamlin, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bros. T. Bullock and G. S. Godfrey.

The programme of music was sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Alice Holman and Bro. E. H. Payne (vocalists), Miss Brown and Bro. W. H. Plumbridge (mandoline), and Miss N. Brown (piano), the duties of accompanist being in the hands of Bro. W. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O.

Citadel Lodge, No. 1897.

At the regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on the 19th ult., some excellent work was done under the able Mastership of Bro. Horace G. Banks. In order, moreover, to show that the members are active in other Masonic work when the lodge is not meeting, it was reported that the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, so recently started, had maintained an average attendance of 17, and that the Benevolent Association, started in connection with it, already numbered 47 shares—a figure which was increased to 60 before the meeting closed. Bro. Banks, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. W. Lee, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Ball, S.W.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., Sec.; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Gaskin, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. J. Davison, Prov. G. Steward; P. Young, P.M.; Wrathall, S.D.; Whiteside, J.D.; Pilon, I.G.; Horstead, Stwd.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org.; W. M. Gower, James Cuming, Robinson, and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Rendell Dunn, W.M. 2272; F. Stallard, P.M. 1613; G. T. Turner, P.M. 183; R. Alaway, P.M. 1507; A. J. Bartrop, J.W. 754; H. Kemp, S.D. 862; H. Willmer, 1567, Sec. of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction; R. Evans, 1623; and others.

After the preliminary business, Bro. Schmidt was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. W. M. Gower was then advanced to the Second Degree. The ritual was rendered by the W.M. in a careful manner, that impressed the candidates and was keenly enjoyed by the brethren. Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B., reported the satisfactory working of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, and also the important and interesting fact that a Benevolent Association had been formed in connection therewith, which then numbered 47 members. On the motion of the I.P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bird for the great earnestness and energy he had displayed in the formation of these useful adjuncts to the lodge, which could not fail to be of great benefit to the members, and be productive of far-reaching results to the Masonic Institutions and Masonry generally. Bro. Davison, P.M., reported that his list as Steward for the lodge for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to over 100 guineas, which sum he hoped would be considerably augmented before the meeting closed—a wish that was amply fulfilled.

Lodge was closed, and after dinner the usual toasts were given.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. drew attention to the peculiar difficulties Bro. Banks, W.M., had had to encounter in his search for Masonic knowledge, and the complete mastery of those difficulties, which had resulted in the excellent working they had seen. By his indomitable perseverance and pluck their W.M. had overcome obstacles, and had already earned a reputation sufficient to establish his name as one of the best occupants of the chair this successful lodge had seen. In the small amount of spare time at his disposal, the W.M. had shown his keen interest in the cause of Masonic Charity, in the best sense of the word, by giving an excellent entertainment at each of the Masonic Institutions, which would linger pleasantly in the memories of the youthful and aged inmates for many years to come.

Bro. H. G. Banks, W.M., returned thanks in a modest and telling speech for the enthusiastic reception accorded him. In all he had undertaken he had but done his best, and was more than repaid for any efforts he had made. He assured the brethren of his keen interest in that, his mother lodge, and of his intention of promoting its best interests in every way in his power.

In acknowledging "The Visitors," Bros. Dunn, W.M., Stallard, P.M., and Turner, P.M., spoke in high terms of praise of the working they had seen, and the hospitality enjoyed.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers," and other toasts were given ere the hands of the clock warned the brethren that the hour had arrived for the Tyler's toast.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org.—to whom the lodge is indebted for the excellent musical arrangements which are one of its characteristics—received valuable assistance from Miss Ella Thompson, and Bros. R. Evans, Sweetman, and others.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Saturday, the 12th ult., and proved to be not the least successful meeting of what may fairly be termed an exceptional year. The brethren present were Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., S.W.; N. Pearce, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. Gravatt, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, P.M., acting I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D. of C.; C. C. Renaud and A. J. Robinson, Stwds.; T. Williams, Tyler; A. Franklin, C. Nicole, J. W. Rattenbury, H. F. Facks, D. Taylor, E. N. Benningfield, H. R. Bower, J. Stephens, H. Rackham, and others. Visitors: Bros. B. H. Dames, I.G. 1982; T. W. Kemp, 43; W. France, I.D. 208; J. T. Pitcairn, 2021; F. W. Ulrich, 2461; and M. A. Attwood, Org. 1348.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Stephens was raised to the Degree of M.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Cobb, P.M. After a ballot had been taken, which proved unanimous, Messrs. A. D. King, A. C. Little, and A. T. D. R. Palmer-Palmer were initiated. The work all round was ably performed, and reflected credit on the W.M. and his officers. As the W.M. will represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' Institution, a sum was proposed to be added to his list, and a substantial amount was transferred from the General to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge.

This completing the business, the brethren adjourned to a very enjoyable dinner, and, after grace had been sung, the customary toasts were proposed, brief speeches being the rule.

There being an abundance of musical talent available, a good programme had been arranged, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the after proceedings; in this Bros. King, Ulrich, Little, Bower, Benningfield, Stephens, Blinkhorn, C. Nicole, and Ingram assisted, Bro. Attwood accompanying. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the success which has so far attended his term of office.

Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482.

The third installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ultimo, at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester. The brethren having assembled, the W.M., Bro. Robert Fox, opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. at this point requested Bro. F. Archer Lowe, P.P.G. Std. Br., to take the chair as Installing Master for the occasion, when he appointed Bros. Bratt, P.G.W. Cheshire, as S.W.; Geo. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., as J.W.; and J. Beardmore, P.G. Stwd., as I.G. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Peter Bratt, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Robert Fox, P.M., and the usual ceremony being gone through, he was duly inducted into the chair in a most dignified manner by Bro. Lowe. Bro. P. Bratt was saluted and greeted in the different Degrees. Bro. Robert Fox presented the working tools in the various Degrees. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Bratt, P.G.W. (brother to the W.M.); that to the Wardens by Bro. Shaw, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. J. Beardmore, P.M., P.G.S. Bro. H. Boycott, P.M., acted as D.C. The newly-invested W.M. invested and addressed the officers in a very able and impressive manner as follows: Bros. Robert Fox, I.P.M.; T. A. Lever, S.W.; E. A. Lowe, J.W.; Philip Whyman, Treas.; F. Walmsley, Sec.; O. Dearden, S.D.; R. Telford, J.D.; H. Boycott, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Mead, Org.; W. H. Russell, I.G.; G. Brierley and G. Dean, Stwds.; F. Du Chemin, Tyler; and J. Beardmore, P.M., P.G.S., Charity Representative. We must compliment all who took part in the ceremony, as the whole of the work was well conducted throughout. The Treasurer's accounts were considered, and the motion proposed by Bro. A. Lowe, seconded by Bro. H. Boycott, P.M., that they be passed was carried unanimously. The I.P.M., Bro. Robert Fox, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Robert Fox, P.M., along with a Life Governorship of the R.M. Ben. Institution, as a token of esteem and regard.—Oct. 21, '95." Bro. Lowe proposed, and Bro. Philip Whyman, Treasurer, seconded, that a further sum of five guineas be voted out of the Charity Funds of the lodge to the above Institution. This was carried unanimously.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren, accompanied by their guests, adjourned to celebrate the occasion, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

A capital programme of music had been arranged by Bro. Mead, the Organist. The following were present: Bros. Robert Fox, W.M.; Peter Bratt, S.W.; J. A. Lever, J.W.; P. Whyman, Treas.; F. Walmsley, Sec.; Archer Lowe, jun., S.D.; J. Dearden, J.D.; H. Boycott, P.M., D.C.; R. Telford, I.G.; Russell and Brierley, Stwds.; F. Du Chemin, Tyler; T. Archer, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. W. Shaw, P.M.; J. Beardmore, P.M., P.G.S.; F. Mead, Org.; Kenyon, Shirley, Benham, Barker, Edwards, J. Howarth, Geo. Sam. Smith, P.P.G. Organist; and J. Bolton. Visitors: Bros. Henry Bratt, P.S.G.W. Cheshire; J. E. Williams, P.P.D. G.D.C.; J. Bridgford, P.P.G.P.; Newson Smith, W.M. 477; Holman, W.M. Derby Lodge; Major Pratt, W.M. 1718; Blamey, P.M. 163; Salt, P.M. Prince Leopold Lodge; Mamelock, P.M.; A. R. Evans, Gadd, G. M. Green, Garlick, W. T. Haworth, McLeod, and Evans Jackson.

Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.

The second installation meeting of this lodge was held by dispensation at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 21st ult., when excellent work, followed by bountiful hospitality, resulted in a very successful and enjoyable evening. In the absence of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. W. Wellsmann, P.M., as W.M.; supported by Bros. B. Claude Robson, I.P.M.; Stanley Machin, S.W.; W. Grant Greig, J.W.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, Treas.; C. J. Marrian, Sec.; F. Marrian, S.D.; J. J. Hanbury, J.D.; H. C. Borradaile, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, D.C.; R. E. H. Fisher, I.G.; A. Howard Knight and W. F. Webster, Stwds.; W. Knight, E. R. Bartley Denniss, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx.; C. Stanley Gibbs, H. A. Seagrove, C. Butler, F. D. Davy, J. W. Greig, R. Wood, A. E. Raymer, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Roehrich, 34; F. H. Messiter, I.P.M. 2098; W. J. Parker, P.M. 91; Rev. F. Haslock, P.P.G. Chap. Essex; W. J. Butler, P.M. 213, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; F. Levy, 1261; B. Matsieff, 176; F. G. Green, P.M. 715; Lovett King, 2190; H. W. Green, P.M. 108; S. S. Stow, 2022; H. Machin, S.D. 231; F. Hanson, J.D. 2; P. Machin, I.G. 231; H. T. Reed, Treas.; Harleden, P.M.; W. M. Roberts, S.W. 733; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 1897; and others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bros. W. A. Collins and G. B. Tydd passed to the Second Degree. Bro. C. E. Robson, P.M. (the first Master of the lodge), then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. C. Butler, P.M., as W.M., in a very able manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. Stanley Machin, S.W.; W. Greig, J.W.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, Treas.; Chas. J. Marrian, Sec.; F. A. Marrian, S.D.; J. J. Hanbury, J.D.; R. E. H. Fisher, I.G.; H. C. Borradaile, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex, D.C.; A. H. Knight and W. F. Webster, Stwds.; and I. Whiteway, Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., I.P.M., regretting his inability to attend owing to slight indisposition, and asking the lodge to accept a set of handsome silver mounted black ebony gavels. On the motion of the W.M., a cordial vote of thanks was voted to the donor.

Lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the large hall, where a choice banquet was served.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily honoured. Bro. C. E. Robson, P.M., in giving "The W.M.," said upon no previous occasion had he felt the want of eloquence so much as he did on the present occasion in rising to propose this toast. He had known their W.M. for many years, and could say that a better man or better Mason never lived. He seriously meant that, and was perfectly certain that when the brethren knew their W.M. as well as he did, they would be of the same opinion. Not only was Bro. Butler perfect in the working, but more than that, he tried to carry outside the lodge the precepts taught in it. Whatever little good he (Bro. Robson, P.M.) had learnt in Masonry he ascribed entirely to the W.M., and in electing that brother to the chair they had secured the services of a W.M. second to none, a popular man and Mason, and one who would ensure prosperity to the lodge in every respect.

Bro. C. Butler, P.M. Harlesden Lodge, W.M., said he esteemed it a very high honour to be elected to the chair of that lodge. He had looked forward to it, and entered upon it feeling he should have the support of every member from the highest to the lowest, and felt sure he should have a happy year of office. There was a most united lodge. He did not know any lodge where the brethren were more united, and

trusted it might ever be so. It was as it should be, and he should do his best to forward the interests of the lodge. He had a great love for it, for Freemasonry as exemplified in their lodge was to him a very great pleasure in life. It enhanced the pleasures of this life, and smoothed many a rough path to know there were many good and true brethren who were willing to support and help him in any difficulties. He trusted to be long spared to be a member and witness the prosperity of the lodge, and from the very bottom of his heart he thanked them one and all.

Bro. Rev. F. Haslock, P.P.G. Chap. Essex, acknowledged "The Visitors" in a humorous speech. He had found that evening that he was not only a Clerk in Holy Orders, but that he was also a dwarf amongst giants, and he had expected that one of the giants would have been called upon to respond. It brought to his mind the story of Æsop, who was exhibited for sale between two giant looking men. A purchaser came along and asked the man on his left what he could do, and he replied "Anything," and the man on his right gave a similar answer. On being asked what he could do, Æsop said that the friends on his right and left could do anything, there was nothing left for him to do. They were sometimes charged with introducing in the church music of which the congregation could not understand a word, but that evening in the lodge they had not only had music, but also the words. It brought to his mind the old story of the Scotch lady who was anxious to hear how English folk managed to sing the good old Psalms. After listening for some time, she said right out: "Weel, weel! I can quite understand why Saul threw the javelin at David when he sang the Psalms." In conclusion, he said the lodge meeting had impressed upon his mind one fact—that there was no body of men in the world who so thoroughly understood that great principle of brotherly love and hospitality.

Bro. W. J. Butler, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk (brother of the W.M.), also replied, and expressed his gratitude to the W.M. for coupling his name, and his sorrow that Providence had not given him the same amount of eloquence as his brother in the chair possessed. He heartily congratulated the lodge on its progress, for it not only possessed many members, but there was also existing a good Masonic feeling. It was a great gratification to him to see his brother in the chair, for if he was not worthy of the post he would not be holding it. He trusted the lodge would have a larger success in the future than it had had in the past.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" afforded the W.M. an opportunity of referring to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Hobrow, Treasurer, and Bro. Marrian, the indefatigable Secretary, whose heart and soul were in the lodge, and no trouble was too great for him to take for its benefit.

Bro. Hobrow, Treasurer, having replied, and stated that the finances were in a good position,

Bro. C. J. Marrian, Secretary, responded, and said that as in the past, his energies and services were at the disposal of the lodge.

Bros. Stanley Machin, S.W., and W. G. Greig, J.W., duly answered for "The Officers."

The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master," and stated that Bro. Robson was the first Master of the lodge, and started it in the right direction. Bro. Robson was a good and true Mason in the very best sense of the word, and they all appreciated him as such.

Bro. C. E. Robson, P.M., in response, said he was extremely gratified at the kind way in which he had always been received in the lodge, and also at being able to install the W.M. that evening. They were both initiates about the same time, but he had always looked up to the W.M. for all guidance. He should always be ready to do what he could for the lodge, but with such a Master and officers there would be little for him to do.

Bro. Bartley Denniss, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx., answered for "The Masonic Charities" and afterwards gave an account of his Masonic experiences in Norway. From the moment it was found he was a Mason and after he had been in a lodge in Bergen he knew everybody and met smiling greetings everywhere. Every Mason wore a collar as well as a badge, and carried a sword. The D.C. put him through the proper tests and everything passed satisfactorily, and he was ushered into the lodge rooms. In addition to the collars and swords, all the officers wore silk hats of rather antiquated shape, and the ceremony was all read. After the close, all sung "Auld Lang Syne," all singing the refrain in Norwegian. They afterwards adjourned to supper, and although Norway was sometimes supposed to be a teetotal country, one bottle of whiskey was served to every four. When it was found what his Masonic rank was in England he had an enthusiastic reception, and he was asked to convey to his lodge "Hearty good wishes." King Oscar is the first Mason in Norway, and was the only member of a Degree he had created for himself. The W.M. of a Norwegian lodge was W.M. until he died or resigned, which was a custom capable of improvement. The toasts were given in an impressive way. The orator, after describing the virtues of the W.M., calls upon the brethren to drink his health in a three-fold manner. First, because he is a real good fellow; secondly, because they are delighted to see him in the chair; and thirdly, to wish him all prosperity. They then conclude with "Viva" three times. He (Bro. Denniss) thought they could not better conclude than by saluting their W.M. in this fashion.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The Cynthia Quartette and Bro. Lovett King carried out the excellent musical arrangements.

Royal Arch.

Charity Chapter, No. 323.

The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath, Stockport. The chapter was opened by Comp. James Cookson, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. W. Pritchard and J. Fox, J. In the absence of Comp. H. Finch, P.Z., S.E., the minutes of the previous convocation were read by Comp. Jas. Cookson, M.E.Z., and were duly confirmed. Comp. J. Cookson, M.E.Z., has been so popular, and has met with such success in his office as ruler, that the companions unanimously elected him again for a second year, consequently he was presented to Comp. T. Lockett, P.G.H., for installation, which ceremony was fully performed. Comp. J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., then installed Comps. J. Fox as H., and Wm. Booth, P.Z., as J., in an exceedingly clever manner. He also addressed the Principals and companions. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Cookson, M.E.Z.; J. Fox, H.; W. Booth, P.Z., J.; G. D. Hayes, S.E.; L. Jagger, S.N.; J. Slack, P.P.G.S., Treas.; H. P. Jones, P.S.; E. Taylor, 1st A.S.; W. Slack, 2nd A.S.; C. Atkinson, P.Z., D.C.; and J. Clarke, Janitor.

There were also present Comps. Pritchard, P.Z., H., and J. O. Wylde, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. J. Armstrong, P.G.S.B.; T. Lockett, P.Z., P.G.H.; W. Shepherd, P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; and C. T. Brewer.

Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 10th ult. Among those present were Comps. Dennis, M.E.Z.; Lingley, H. elect; Austin, P.Z., acting J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Lundie, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; Colwell, P.S.; Smith, 2nd A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Salter, P.Z.; C. Sims, P.Z.; and Hopkins, Org.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. H. J. Lardner impressively installed Comp. Lingley as Second Principal. The installation, in consequence of Comp. Buxton's absence, was necessarily postponed. The resignations of Comps. Parrott and Knight were received with regret. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. H. J. Lardner for his services as Installing Officer, and the chapter was closed.

A banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were given. Comp. George Everett, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." During the evening Comps. Lundie and Hopkins entertained the companions. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Chorlton Chapter, No. 1387.

The annual meeting of this successful chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Upon the summons were entered two exaltations (one of which took place), and the installation of the Three Principals and investiture of officers, &c. The chapter was opened by Comp. Renshaw, M.E.Z., and the minutes of the regular meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. requested

Comp. Henry Nall, P.P.G.T., to assume the chair as Installing Principal, and he appointed Comps. C. J. Crompton, P.A.G.D.C., as H.; Charles Heywood, P.P.G. Soj., as J.; Dr. A. E. Pownall, P.Z., as S.E.; and G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., as Org. Comp. Nall installed Comp. F. S. Bedford as M.E.Z.; Comp. Crompton installed Comp. Seth Wrigley, as H.; and Comp. Heywood installed Comp. D. Wood as J.; the whole being cleverly rendered, and all three companions proved themselves masters of the art. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Fredk. S. Bedford, M.E.Z.; Seth Wrigley, H.; Daniel Wood, J.; C. H. Beever, S.E.; A. Pickford, S.N.; Wm. Richmond, P.S.; J. M. Crone, 1st A.S.; E. C. de Mirciaky, 2nd A.S.; Jas. G. Batty, P.Z., Treas.; Henry Nall, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., P.G.T., D.C.; Samuel Locke, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Charity Stwd.; Wm. Rushton, Org.; Joseph Schofield, Stwd.; and Wm. Chesshyre, Janitor. During the evening Bro. W. Dyson Fryer, P.M., was exalted in a most impressive manner.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following were present: Comps. Wm. Rushton, Rev. T. Thomas, and J. Schofield. Visitors: Comps. John Slyman, P.P.G. S.N.; Geo. Alfred Myers, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, J. 317; Thos. Shorrocks, P.S. 204; and H. G. Walker.

After all business had been conducted, the companions adjourned with the visitors to supper, after which the usual toast list was proceeded with, and a pleasing programme of songs and recitations was contributed to by Comps. H. Nall, S. Locke, Wm. Rushton, G. S. Smith, J. Hardwicke-Marsh, C. H. Beever, and J. Ward.

Mark Masonry.

Cæsarean Lodge, No. 74.

An interesting event in connection with the above lodge took place at the regular meeting on the 16th ult., viz., the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. W. Hamling, Sec. Bro. I. G. Hamilton, I.P.M., occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Bree, W.M., he being out of the island. Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M.; T. Stone, P.M.; Major F. J. Godfrey, P.M.; J. H. Goldsmith, S.W.; J. C. Barette, J.W.; H. Stevenson, M.O.; C. E. Malet de Carteret, S.O.; F. Vincent, J.O.; Dr. Max Le Cromier, S.D.; and many others.

Bro. Hamling having been brought forward by Bro. F. J. Godfrey, P.M., Bro. Hamilton, in the name of the lodge, presented him with a testimonial in the form of a silver fruit service, of elegant workmanship, in a case in the form of a shield, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. W. Hamling by the members of Cæsarean Lodge, No. 74, as a mark of esteem, in recognition of his services as Secretary for the last eight years. 16 October, 1895."

In making the presentation, in a few most appropriate words, Bro. Hamilton commented on the valuable services rendered to the lodge by their esteemed brother, noticing among other things that during his tenure of office more than 100 members had been inscribed on the books of the lodge. Bro. Hamling replied by expressing his gratitude to the brethren for their beautiful gift, and stated that what he had done was from love for his work, and not with the remotest idea of a reward. He had always been well rewarded by the hearty co-operation of the members. Very rarely was an officer absent from his post, that being particularly due to Bro. Major Godfrey, whose consistent conduct had set such an excellent example to others. For the information of the younger brethren, he recapitulated the history of the lodge for the last eight years, which had been the most eventful of its existence, among which were the year of office of Bro. Col. de Carteret, Prov. G.M. of Jersey; the presentation of a banner to commemorate that event; and for the last seven years the W.M. had been installed by an officer of Grand Lodge, the last four by their much esteemed friend, Bro. Dr. B. Cockburn. The W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Goldsmith, was unanimously elected; also Bro. Major Godfrey as Treasurer. The acting W.M. then, on behalf of Bro. Bree, presented the lodge with a new tracing board. The lodge was then closed.

Gosport Mark Lodge, No. 305.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on the 15th ult. The ceremony was ably carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Hazzard, who installed Bro. E. G. A. Nash, P.G.D.C., as W.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. F. Hazzard, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; T. J. A. Pearcey, S.W.; C. F. Gale, J.W.; C. Martin, M.O.; A. Sheppard, S.O.; T. Taylor, J.O.; R. W. Mitchell, P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; A. W. Rowe, P.P.G.R. of M., Treas.; R. H. Plattin, P.M. G, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. G. Pearman, S.D.; J. Walden, J.D.; W. T. Dupree, R. of M.; G. W. Wassell, Org.; and A. Sewell, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, who was invested with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, concluded the ceremony.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Gosport Lodge, No. 305.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on the 15th ult. Bro. F. Hazzard, the retiring W.C.N., enthroned Bro. E. G. A. Nash (by dispensation) as W.C.N. for the ensuing twelve months, in a very able manner. The W.C.N. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Hazzard, I.P.C.N.; C. F. Gale, J.; T. J. A. Pearcey, S.; A. W. Rowe, P.C.N., Treas.; R. H. Plattin, Scribe; R. W. Mitchell, P.C.N., D.C.; C. Martin, S.D.; T. Taylor, J.D.; A. Sheppard, Guardian; and A. Sewell, Warden.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master concluded the ceremony.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Bradley, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Olive, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Saunders, P.M., Treas.; Stutfield, Sec.; Lightfoot, S.D.; Royle, J.D.; A. W. Thompson, I.G.; Dawson, P.M.; Wits, P.M.; Holland, P.M.; Fayers, P.M.; Austin, Beauchamp, Cottis, Sellick, Weller, Murdoch, Fleming, Nicholls, Cooke, Schotts, Thwaites, and Kelly.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sellick, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. Weller and Kelly were elected joining members of the lodge. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. F. A. Zeppenfeld, W.M.; M. Beedle, S.W.; A. Terry, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby and B. Dukes, Joint Secs.; H. C. Parker, S.D.; T. Pringle, J.D.; W. E. Houghton, I.G.; F. Jackson, P.M.; S. C. Cross, A. Kraus, and J. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. The by-laws having been formally suspended for the evening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dukes being the candidate. Bro. H. C. Parker answered the questions of the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Mason

worked the 5th Section of the First Lecture. It was agreed that the 15 Sections be worked—half of them on Wednesday, the 30th Oct., and half of them on the 6th inst. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Scharien, W.M.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865, S.W.; Henry Clark, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; T. Cronin, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; J. J. Lewen, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.I.G.D. Middx.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; Robert Reid, A. J. Clayton, and Jesse Collings, P.M.

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. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. R. H. Williams. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Coplestone. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th ultimo, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. Smith, W.M.; C. T. Rayner, S.W.; H. J. Kimbell, J.W.; R. P. Upton, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Rapley, S.D.; A. F. Hardyment, J.D.; M. Miroy, I.G.; C. Nicole, W. A. Goring, V. J. R. Longman, A. Oldrey, D. C. Ritchie, G. Vexley, and J. T. Hoare.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Longman being the candidate. Bro. Rapley then took the chair, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hoare being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and resumed in the First. Bro. Rayner 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 15th ult., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767, W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; J. J. Rumbal, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; C. Ortnier, S.D.; T. Pringle, J.D.; A. J. Clayton, I.G.; C. C. Barber, Stwd.; W. Hillier, P.M.; W. B. Neville, P.M.; M. Moss, A. P. Taylor, R. H. Joseyer, E. L. Pope, Joseph Cox, W.M. 865; A. Williams, P.M.; T. E. P. Ball, H. Robinson, J. A. Bat'ersby, T. H. Cooke, R. M. Fleming, and H. J. Kelly.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, Bro. Barber acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. Hillier. Bros. R. M. Fleming and H. J. Kelly were elected joining members, and Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, when there were present Bros. L. W. Stansell, W.M.; F. Blake, P.M., S.W.; H. A. Potvine, J.W.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; W. Beecher, I.G.; and J. Gowen, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Whyman gave notice of his intention to bring forward for discussion at the next meeting the advisability of forming an association of which the members may be enabled to obtain votes for the Masonic Charities. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Potvine was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER, No. 753.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., when there were present Comps. C. Coleman, M.E.Z.; R. T. Redfearn, H.; H. R. Schreiber, J.; W. J. Stratton, Treas. and P.S.; F. Parsons, S.E.; J. C. Kruse, S.N.; T. W. Morris, 1st A.S.; and M. Spiegel, P.Z. Comp. H. J. Thomas was a visitor.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. J. Thomas personating the candidate. It was proposed by Comp. Spiegel, P.Z., and seconded by Comp. Stratton, P.Z., that Comp. H. J. Thomas, 749, become a joining member, which was carried unanimously. An Audit Committee, consisting of the Treasurer, S.E., and Comps. Kruse and Thomas, was elected; also a Committee of Control for the ensuing session, consisting of Comps. Kempton, P.Z.; Slyman, P.Z.; J. J. Thomas, P.Z.; Coleman, M.E.Z.; Stratton, P.Z., as Treas.; and Parsons, as S.E. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Comp. Spiegel, P.Z., act as Preceptor to this chapter of improvement. The same officers are expected to occupy the same chairs at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; Cureton, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Elgar, P.S.; Bonner, Belchamber, Addington, and Dunn.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bonner personating the candidate. Comp. Benedetti, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the chapter was closed.

HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S LODGE OF M.M.M., No. 1.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Master of the Mark Degree, has been pleased to accept a copy of Bro. George Kenning's Illustrated History of No. 1, St. Mark's Lodge, just published, of which the author, Bro. Simmonds, is a Past Master, and the original warrant of which he brought from Scotland some 40 years ago. This volume has portraits of the Grand Officers, Past Masters, and members of St. Mark's Lodge.

DEATH.

ALLCROFT.—On Monday, the 28th ult., at 108, Lancaster-gate, Mary Jewell Allcroft, widow of the late Bro. J. D. Allcroft, of Stokesay Court, Shropshire. Very suddenly.

A MEETING of the Governing body of the British College of Physical Education was held on Monday, when it was decided that the College should be incorporated under the regulations of the Board of Trade, and that in future no member or licentiate should be admitted to the College without examination after the 1st January, 1896, the next half-yearly examination to be held at the People's Palace, Mile-End, on the 30th instant.

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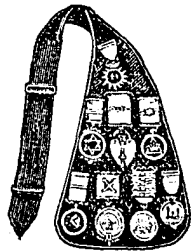
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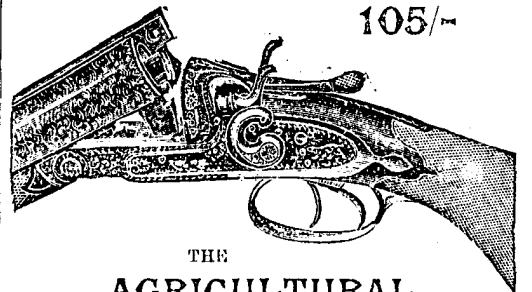
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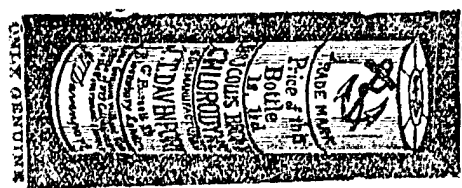
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BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 7th prox., over the 41st annual dinner of the City of London Master and Foreman Tailors' Society.

BRO. LORD BRASSEY, the new Governor of Victoria, who met with so splendid a reception on Friday, the 25th ult., held his first Levee at Melbourne on Monday and eulogised the representatives of different public bodies who were present for the loyalty they had exhibited towards the Queen.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in charge of the preparations for the approaching banquet to be given to Bro. the Earl of Dunraven at Cardiff, have arranged to present his lordship with an illuminated address and a silver model of the Valkyrie as a memento of his plucky attempt to win the America Cup.

THE PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES awarded to the successful students of the Guildhall School of Music were distributed on Saturday afternoon last by Bro. Alderman Sir H. Knight, who was supported by Bro. Sir Joseph Barnby, Principal of the School, the Sheriffs, and others interested in the institution.

THE USUAL PROCESSION in honour of the Lord Mayor's inauguration into office will take place on Saturday next, the 9th instant, and it is expected that the "Show" will be on a somewhat grander scale than usual. The Marquis of Salisbury and other Ministers have accepted invitations to be present at the banquet.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, who is President of the Middlesex Needlework Guild, visited an exhibition of work collected by members and associates of the society, at Oakwood, Ravenscourt Park, on Monday. Her Royal Highness, who was attended by Mrs. Heron Maxwell, expressed her satisfaction with the work.

THE DUKE OF YORK, accompanied by Sir Charles Cust, arrived at Marlborough House from York Cottage, Sandringham, on Saturday, while on the same day the Duke of Connaught, having concluded his leave of absence, returned to the command of the Aldershot Division.

THE DUKE OF YORK left Marlborough House on Monday for Quidenham Park, Norfolk, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Albemarle, while the Duchess of York arrived in London from Sandringham, and after calling at Marlborough House, proceeded to the White Lodge, Richmond Park, on a short visit to the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

THE LONDON, CHATHAM, AND DOVER COMPANY'S mail steamer Victoria, while lying in Dover Roads, was run into on Sunday morning last by the barque Fantasia, of Tonsberg, bound with timber for Leith, and sustained very considerable damage. The weather was fine at the time, and those on board the Victoria shouted to warn the crew of the barque when they saw she was bearing down upon them. The Victoria was subsequently brought into port and placed in the Granville Dock.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK visited Rochester on Monday, for the purpose of opening a Shakespearean Bazaar in aid of the funds of the denominational schools in that city. Her Royal Highness was met on her arrival at the railway station by the Mayor and Corporation, the civic officials, the Lord Lieutenant of Kent (Earl Stanhope), and others, and, after being presented with an address by the Recorder, proceeded, under an escort of Yeomanry, to the Deanery. After a brief rest, she proceeded thence to the Corn Exchange and opened the bazaar.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York and Prince Nicholas of Greece, visited McLean's Galleries in the Haymarket on Monday for the purpose of inspecting his annual winter exhibition. During the same afternoon their Royal Highnesses visited the French Gallery, the annual exhibition of the Society of Portrait Painters, and Messrs. Arthur Tooth and Sons' Galleries. In the evening the Prince and Princess, accompanied by their daughters and Prince Nicholas, witnessed a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Royal Lyceum Theatre.

AFTER MORE than a century since her death, Flora Macdonald, whose resolute daring in accomplishing the escape of "Bonnie Prince Charlie" cost her imprisonment and nearly her life, is to receive her long-delayed memorial, one of her descendants having commissioned Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, to execute a stained glass window in her honour, to be erected in the Isle of Skye, the home of the Macdonalds. Hitherto a simple monument in Kilmuir Churchyard alone records Flora's courage and devotion and the romance which surrounds her history.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT (Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin), has invited the King of Portugal to lunch with him at the Mansion House on his way through London, and in the event of the King's acceptance of the invitation, a numerous and distinguished company of guests will be invited to meet his Majesty. It is not unlikely that the visit, if paid, will take place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., that being the only day on which the King will be in London before returning to Lisbon.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, accompanied by Prince Nicholas of Greece, and attended by Major-General Stanley Clarke and Miss Knollys, returned to England on the conclusion of their visit to the King and Queen of Denmark, on Saturday last. The Royal party crossed the North Sea in the yacht Osborne, the Thames being reached, after a somewhat rough voyage, in the early morning. Owing to the prevalence of a dense fog, however, it was not till 11 a.m. that the yacht was safely berthed at Port Victoria Pier, where the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore and his staff were in-waiting to receive the Royal travellers. At Charing Cross they were met by the Danish Minister and Madame De Bille and drove at once to Marlborough House, where they were shortly afterwards joined by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

A COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET was given on Wednesday evening to Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., in recognition of his 21 years' service to the county of Hertford as one of its representatives in the House of Commons. Bro. Halsey was returned for the county for the first time in February, 1874, and since 1885 has sat as M.P. for the Western or Watford Division. The banquet was held in the Clarendon Hall, Watford, and Bro. Halsey was presented with an illuminated address in commemoration of the event. Among those present to do honour to the guest of the evening were the Prime Minister, the Earl of Clarendon, the Earl of Dudley, Bro. Earl Cowper, Earl Brownlow, Lord Rothschild, Lord Hyde, Bro. Baron Dimsdale, Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., Mr. Vicary Gibbs, M.P., Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., Alderman Faudel Phillips, Mr. J. S. Gilliat, M.P., Mr. G. B. Hudson, M.P., Mr. A. H. Smith, M.P., Admiral Cator, and others. Covers were laid for some 700 guests, while the galleries were crowded with ladies, and the number present, including those for whom standing room only could be found, was about 1500. Bro. Halsey was most enthusiastically received.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Cambridge, in connection with the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, on Monday, the 18th instant.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and not on Friday, the 15th, as previously arranged. It is expected that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., will preside on the occasion.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK has consented to distribute the prizes to the members of the Electric Athletic Association at a conversazione at the Holborn Town Hall on Friday, the 15th inst.

A MEETING of the Distribution Committee of the Hospital Sunday Fund was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir Joseph Renals). The Secretary announced that the receipts to date now amounted to £61,500, of which £10,000 had been subscribed by Bro. B. I. Barnato and his friends, and £3400 by the Stock Exchange. Of this £45,766 had already been distributed; and, on the motion of Bro. Sir Sydney Waterlow, seconded by Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., it was resolved to distribute a further £15,850, leaving £1084 to carry forward. A further sum of £1200 is expected to be received for the fund before the year's accounts are closed.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady Halsbury have returned to Stanmore from visiting Sir Francis and Lady Jeune at Arlington Manor, Berkshire.

WE ARE REQUESTED to state that the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Sunday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

MR. LUCKY, the historian, has issued his address as a candidate for the seat for Dublin University, rendered vacant by the elevation of Bro. the Right Hon. Dayid Plunket to the Peerage.

OWING to the great demand for seats at the Wednesday and Saturday matinees to witness "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" at Terry's Theatre an extra matinee will be given on Thursday, the 7th inst.

IT IS NOW definitively arranged that the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough with Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt will be solemnised at New York on Wednesday, the 6th instant.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY has consented to take part in the formal opening on Thursday next, the 7th inst., of the new Rifle Range at Trent, which has been provided by the Corporation of Nottingham for the Robin Hood Rifles, the local volunteer corps, of which Bro. the Duke of St. Albans is the honorary colonel.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to give her consent to the marriage of the Princess Maud, youngest daughter of H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, to the Prince Charles, second son of the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark. The Prince was born on the 3rd August, 1872.

SATURDAY NEXT, the 9th instant, is the anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was born on the 9th November, 1841, and will therefore complete his 54th year. The auspicious event will be celebrated in the usual manner by the Royal tradesmen, and there will also be the customary illuminations at their establishments, as well as at the clubs, &c., &c.

APPLICATION is shortly to be made to the Duke of Connaught, as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, for a lodge to be established at Shoreham, to be known as St. Mary of the Harbour. The application has been influentially signed by a representative body of brethren in the town and neighbourhood. The Town Hall is the proposed meeting place.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has consented to open a bazaar in Reading about the middle of the present month, in aid of the funds of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Lady Camoys has accepted the presidency of the bazaar, while Edith Lady Auckland is the honorary Secretary.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY IN THE CITY.—A discovery which is exciting great interest among archaeologists has just been made in the City, in connection with the construction of the new electric railway between Waterloo and the Mansion House. At Queen Victoria-street the workmen have come unexpectedly upon an interesting number of Roman remains, consisting of bricks and tiles, mosaic pavements, &c., evidently associated with the Roman occupation of Great Britain. The remains are being carefully collected.

THE FOUNDATION-STONE of a new Cottage Hospital for Tilbury and Grays was laid on Saturday last by Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, who has kindly undertaken to defray the cost of erection, amounting to some £2000. The site for the building has been given by the London and India Docks Joint Committee, who have also contributed £500 towards the expense of the foundation. The day was kept as a holiday in the neighbourhood, and Bro. Edwards met with a most cordial reception.

AS A MEMORIAL of his visit on board the Tantalion Castle to Hamburg at the time of the Kiel Canal fêtes, and in recognition of the kindness and hospitality which he and his friends received, Sir Donald Currie has presented a donation of £500 for Charitable purposes to the City, and the Senate have resolved on devoting it to the foundation of a scholarship open to pupils of the Technical School and the institutions connected with it, preference being given to boys of the Shipbuilding School and the sons of Hamburg seamen.

THE SPOT-BARRED billiard match between Roberts and Peall, 24,000 up, in which the latter received a start of 9000, terminated towards the close of last week in favour of Roberts, who reached his total of 24,000, with an unfinished break of over 200, when Peall was 23,351. The champion thus won by 149 points. On Monday Roberts commenced a similar match with Memmott at the Egyptian Hall, in which the latter receives a start of 10,000 in 24,000.

A THIRD GIFT of £22,500 has been handed over to the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, of which her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales is President, raising the total of the Donation Bonus Fund to £67,000, in addition to the £11,179 standing to the credit of the Junius S. Morgan Benevolent Fund. The above further sum of £22,500 has been subscribed since the Princess received the third and fourth thousand nurses at Marlborough at the end of July. When 5000 nurses have become members and the Donation Bonus Fund has reached £100,000, it is expected that the compound interest as it accumulates each 25 years will suffice to provide every nurse of each series by the aid of her own contributions, the sum of 10s. per week.

THE NATIONAL THRIFT SOCIETY, the Secretary of which is Bro. T. Bowden Green, has of late been rapidly extending its important work, and further developments are in progress. It is proposed to establish a Thrift Industrial Home for Boys at Methwold, Norfolk; to hold Thrift campaigns at Glasgow, Bristol, Southampton, and East London; and to obtain a travelling van for the distribution of Thrift literature, and the delivery of Thrift addresses in country districts. For these purposes a sum of £500 is required. Contributions should be sent to Colonel Jasper Willett, Dr. Greville Walpole, or the Secretary, 1, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

OLD COINS.—To collectors of coins the coming season at Sotheby's will be one of note. The sale of the first portion of the Montagu collection will commence on the 18th inst., and occupy six days. Mr. Hyman Montagu, F.S.A., Vice-President of the Numismatic Society, began this branch of study and search in 1878, the coinages of his own country, including those of the ancient Britons, being the first to occupy his thoughts, while at the same time his ambition aimed at amassing specimens of all classes from the earliest to the latest times. In a few years the collection grew considerably, and comprised, in addition, English historical medals; and, in 1883, he purchased the whole of the Addington cabinet. Later he acquired *en bloc* the collection of Mr. William Brice, of Clifton, which, added to the rest of his treasures, placed Mr. Montagu in the position of chief of private owners of coins in the country. Greek and Roman coins then became his pursuit, with the good beginning of purchasing the whole stock of Mr. Hoffman, of Paris, and also the gold coins that belonged to the Vicomte Ponton d'Amécourt. Many transactions with foreign dealers went on to increase this numismatic wealth, and the Greek series filled several cabinets and includes many of the rarest pieces, nearly all in a fine state of preservation. The English medals number over 3000, and, in some of the periods represented, is more extensive than the National collection.

LADY LOUISE LODER laid the foundation-stone of a new nave for the Church of St. Augustine's, Preston Park, Brighton, on Saturday last, among those present being Bro. Gerald Loder, M.P., and the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton.

IT HAS BEEN decided by the inhabitants of Middleton, Lancashire, to restore the parish church as a memorial to the late Bishop of Chichester, who held the living for 31 years.

GENERAL SIR RICHARD HARRISON was presented with an illuminated address, on Saturday last, at Government House, Devonport, in view of his relinquishment on Thursday, of the command of the troops in the Western District.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT occurred about 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening in one of the little courts turning out of the Strand, opposite Somerset House. An escape of gas had been noticed for some time previously, but at that hour the neighbourhood was alarmed by a report like that of a large piece of ordnance, and it was found that a couple of houses in the court in question had collapsed owing to an explosion of gas, and subsequently it turned out that as many as 30 people had been more or less severely injured by the disaster. A fireman, too, has since died through injuries received by the fall of a wall, &c. An inquiry as to the cause of the accident will take place.

THE DEATH is announced of Bro. T. Day, the highly respected custodian of the Derby Masonic Hall. The deceased brother was a member of a highly respected Essex family, and at one time was a manufacturer of velvet, and also manager of a silk mill in Haarlem-street, Derby. Twelve years ago he accepted the custodianship of the hall, and prior to that time he was Secretary to the Arboretum Lodge.

BRO. BARNEY BARNATO, Major J. Roper Parkington, Mr. E. Lee (the Chief Commoner), Mr. W. R. Pryke, C.C., Mr. W. Rome, C.C., and Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hand, will the City Press learns, be among the new City Lieutenants.