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MARK MASONRY IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

We are not exaggerating when we say that the year which is shortly about to close has been the most eventful in the history of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire. In the Craft, West Yorkshire ranks as third among our Provinces in the matter of numerical strength, while as regards its support of the Central Charities of the Order it is surpassed by none. In the Mark Degree, though it has been organised as a Province since 1871, its strength is not in the same proportion. The number of its lodges is only 12, as compared with the 77 or 78 on its roll in Craft Masonry, and of these seven were in existence at the time that West Yorkshire received its Provincial organisation. The progress, therefore, that has been made in the years that have since elapsed cannot be described as remarkable, though under the auspices of its present Provincial Grand Master—Bro. C. LETCH MASON, who has presided over it since 1883—it may undoubtedly be set down as substantial. But the events of the year 1895 appear to us to indicate that our West Yorkshire Mark brethren are desirous of making further and proportionately greater progress. Bro. MASON himself is a most energetic officer, as attentive as he is able in the discharge of his duties, a strict disciplinarian, who, however, is careful to encourage good work in others, and one who, sparing not himself, is certain to find his efforts appreciated and his example in the long run closely followed. Moreover, he has about him good officers, a worthy Deputy in Bro. JOHN BARKER, and a most indefatigable Secretary in Bro. MATTHEWMAN. He has also been greatly favoured by Dame Fortune, and on the 23rd March last in the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds, had the pleasure of advancing none other than the Right Hon. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master in the Craft, to the Mark Degree. As was pointed out in our report of the proceedings, there can be no doubt that, though the Degree had been making steady progress for some years past, Bro. JACKSON'S advancement has given to it a further impulse. About two months later, the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in Leeds, and was attended by Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Pro Grand Master of the Order, to whom a most cordial welcome was extended, and who, in acknowledgment of an Address presented by Provincial Grand Lodge, expressed the pleasure it had given him to be amongst them, and offered the Provincial Grand Master and all present his heartiest congratulations on the prosperous condition of the Province and its constituent parts. Still more recently, the autumn half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge has been held at Barnsley, and it has been resolved, in view of the growing importance of the Mark Charities, that a Charity organisation somewhat similar to that which already exists under the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge,

and has been able to work so admirably in regard to the Central Masonic Charities, shall be established in Mark Masonry. It is certainly wise on the part of our West Yorkshire Mark brethren to have proposed such a scheme, and to be already in the way of carrying it into execution. It is, indeed, no longer a scheme, but an accomplished fact, the resolution, proposed in an able and exhaustive speech by Bro. G. H. PARKE, for the establishment of a Charity Committee for the Province having been unanimously adopted at the meeting on the 31st ult. This Committee has been formed "for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and for the investigation of all claims or applications for relief that may be referred to it by the Provincial Grand Master or Provincial Grand Lodge." As regards the constitution of this body, we refer our readers to the particulars contained in our report last week. Thus it only remains for the several lodges to elect their representatives, and the Committee will at once be in a position to fulfil its purposes.

Under any circumstances it would be our duty to congratulate the Mark Province of West Yorkshire and its able and popular chief on the promptness with which this proposal has been carried out. But there is a special reason why our congratulations should be forthcoming in this particular instance. Bro. MASON has undertaken to preside as Chairman at the next Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it is manifestly desirable that everything should be done that is possible by his Province in order to ensure the success of his Chairmanship. West Yorkshire did well, considering its strength, at last year's Festival, when Bro. the Earl of YARBOROUGH presided, and better still, in July last, when Lord SKELMERDALE was in the chair; but now that a Committee has been organised "for the purpose"—as we have already pointed out—"of promoting the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund," the success of next year's Festival under Bro. MASON'S auspices seems to be already pretty well assured. At all events, the likelihood of its being other than a decided success is reduced to a minimum by the step which the Province has just taken in providing this Mark Charity organisation as nearly as possible on the lines of a Craft Committee which has achieved such marvellous successes in connection with the Central Masonic Institutions.

WHAT FREEMASONRY IS AND WHY IT EXISTS.

A number of articles have recently appeared, particularly in American Masonic periodicals, in which the character of Freemasonry, and the purposes for which it exists are discussed calmly and dispassionately, and at the same time in a manner which shows that the opinions expressed by the several writers are the outcome of their convictions. In the current number of the *Voice of Masonry* alone, the bulk of the contents have a more or less direct relation to these two subjects. The opening article, which extends over about a dozen pages, is the Address delivered by Bro. Past Grand Master JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, at the 75th Anniversary in May last, and is entitled, "What has been, and what is." To this we have had occasion to refer in a former issue of the *Freemason*, and we shall therefore notice it—if we notice at all, only incidentally. This is followed by an article from the pen of Bro. WALTER CLARK, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Carolina, and is entitled, "What and why Masonry is." Then comes a further instalment of Bro. WILLIAM

E. GINTHER'S essay, which has been in progress for many months past, "What is Freemasonry?" while among the other contents are a paper by Bro. EUGENE S. WESTON, Grand Lecturer of Vermont, headed "Masonry's Labour and Fruit"; a disquisition by Bro. the Rev. R. PERRY BUSH, of Massachusetts, as to "Whence and How Masonry came"; and yet another to show "How Masonry teaches," by Bro. JOSEPH M. TAYLOR, which formed part of an address he delivered as Grand Master before the Grand Lodge of Washington. Even the "Masonic Gleanings," which consist chiefly of news about the Craft and reviews of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, Councils, &c., are not wholly free from this class of paper, and will be found to include an excerpt—at least, we have taken it to be such—from an address of Bro. EDWIN B. HOLMES, Grand Master of Massachusetts, giving a series of reasons, in his opinion, "Why Freemasonry exists." It is not often that subjects of this kind are discussed in our Grand or private lodges. In England we take our Masonry more quietly. We perform our allotted duties regularly, conscientiously, and to the best of our ability, and, as a rule, we have no reason to be ashamed of the manner in which they are performed. There are certain principles which we regard as forming the basis on which our Society rests, and which will be found tersely expressed in the Scriptural injunction—"Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." Belief in God, regardless of the precise form that belief may take individually, is a *sine quâ non* of admission into our ranks, and when a man has become one of us, every opportunity is taken of impressing upon his mind the duty of being loyal to the powers that be, and charitable towards all men, but especially towards his brethren in Masonry. It does not take him long to discover that religion pure and simple and free from sectarian bias, together with that pure morality, which is one of its essential attributes, loyalty to constituted authority, and love of our fellow creatures are the principles which underlie our whole Masonic system. As for that Charity, which is rightly claimed to be the distinguishing characteristic of every true Mason's heart, his first lesson in it is promptly given, nor is it long before he discovers that a Mason's love of Charity is practically illustrated in many and various ways. He very soon hears of our general and local Institutions and of the Funds of Benevolence which have been organised by Grand, Prov. Grand, and private lodges for the relief of necessitous brethren and their widows and families. But we are content with these evidences of the Masonic faith that is in us. We English—and under this term we include our fellow Scotch and Irish subjects of the Queen—have always been looked upon as a practical people, and, as a consequence, our Masonry, we know, has invariably taken a practical form. Hence, while as Masons, we respect Religion, we do not strive to make a Religion of our Freemasonry. We "love the Brotherhood," but we have no idea of turning Masonry into a "Universal Provider" of Charity. We are not a benefit society such as men join in order to secure certain money allowances for themselves in the event of illness, and to their widows and families in the event of death. We are not even a philanthropical Society, in the sense in which the term is ordinarily used. We do not claim to be an organisation for the distribution of alms either in money or in kind among the poor members of the community generally. We have at our disposition no soup kitchens, no coal, blankets, or clothing funds. We do not even go so far as to set aside our money for giving flannel petticoats and moral pocket handkerchiefs to little heathens. We do not think it is any part of the scheme of Masonry that its members should go forth into the world for the purpose of waging war against the evils with which Society is afflicted. It was not formed, nor is it capable of being converted into a society for the regeneration of man. In short, Masonry has no mission, and those who are striving to provide it with one are doing their very utmost to destroy it. It is of the very essence of a society with a mission that it should be constantly on the look out to win proselytes to its banner. But Masonry seeks no recruits. Those who join its ranks do so freely and voluntarily, without ulterior motive. They are, to begin with, or perhaps we should say, they are held to be, men in reputable circumstances and of good standing in the sphere to which they

belong. When we hear of Masonry having greatly strengthened its position and extended its influence in this or that district, we find on inquiry that worthy outsiders have sought and obtained admission into its lodges. When we hear of Masonic lodges having been established on virgin soil, we find that many who happened to be Masons have migrated to some remote part of the Empire, and that no long time elapsed ere it occurred to them that one of the readiest ways of establishing among themselves that kindly feeling by which members of the same community should be actuated towards each other was to constitute themselves into a lodge, and the necessary authority for so doing was forthwith asked for and granted. It was in this way that Freemasonry in its modern form found its way from England, Scotland, and Ireland, firstly into European Continental States, and then into the colonies and possessions of the British Empire; or else foreigners and colonists visited our shores, and, having been admitted into our lodges, took the knowledge they had acquired of Masonry home with them to their own countries and there established, by permission from some proper authority, lodges of their own in which to carry out the duties of the Craft. It never entered into the minds of the founders of Speculative Freemasonry that it was any part of their duty to go forth into the world and preach the doctrines of the Craft to mankind generally. They would have laughed to scorn the idea that Masonry had any mission to fulfil or that it was in any way or to any extent a Religion in itself. They did right in publishing to the world the principles on which the system is founded. But the principles are the same now as they were then, and though it is the boast of the present generation that this is a progressive age, there is nothing progressive about principles which are, have been, and ever will be the same. There is then no reason to be found in Masonry itself why those who have enrolled themselves in its ranks should endeavour to alter or modify in any way the original design and purpose of its founders; and it is equally certain there is none to be found outside it. But such further observations as to the nature and purposes of Freemasonry which we may desire to make must be reserved for some future occasion, especially as in order to give a just idea of the views set forth in some of the articles we have referred to, we should find it necessary to make a heavier demand upon our space than is possible just at this moment.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange-street, Cambridge, on Monday, the 18th inst., under the auspices of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, presided, and the attendance included—

Bros. Rev. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M.; J. Leach, Prov. S.G.W.; S. H. Sharman, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. C. Cronin, Prov. G. Chap.; W. W. Rouse Ball, Prov. G. Treas.; Oliver Papworth, Prov. G. Sec.; A. H. Ruston, Prov. S.G.D.; F. Piggott, acting Prov. J.G.D.; Wm. Sindall, Prov. G.S. of W.; F. Dewberry, Prov. G.D.C.; C. E. Boughton-Leigh, Prov. A.G.D.C.; A. E. Priddle, Prov. G.S.B.; J. R. Bainbridge, acting Prov. G. Purst.; and F. W. Potts and A. E. Briggs, Prov. G. Stewards. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, 51. P.S.G.W. Essex, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.P. S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Geo. Corble, 453, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; J. E. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; H. E. Dehane, 1543, P.P.G.S. Essex; and C. Kent, 699. From lodges in the province—Bros. J. L. Rutter, W.M., B. Chennell, J. V. Pryor, A. E. Chaplin, W. P. Spalding, F. Piggott, J. H. Moyes, A. R. Hill, H. S. Davison, M. D. Bradford, A. H. Langridge, W. James, A. T. Grain, and E. M. Duncombe, of 88; James Catling, W.M., J. Vail, J. Taylor, J. Sheldrick, J. Royston, H. E. Greef, W. R. Roper, F. R. Leach, W. H. Berridge, E. Ing, J. Clarke, P. Body, O. J. Hammond, A. R. Jennings, and H. W. Dewberry, of 441; H. Davis, A. Bothamley, W. Sullivan, and S. B. Bellars, of 809; R. Percy, F. H. Simpson, H. T. Trevor-Jones, W. H. Francis, H. Dent, C. G. Griffinhoofe, A. W. Izard, W. Pollard, R. T. Adie, A. P. Higgins, C. O. Nicholson, and F. G. Bower, of 859; J. R. Green, 1492; and J. Gordon Chennell and J. W. Carr, of 2107.

The Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy having been saluted, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Officers then answered the roll-call.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed. The Prov. Grand Lodge started the year with a balance in hand of £35 7s. 2d.; the receipts amounted to £90 6s. 8d., and the expenses to £73 6s. 7d.—leaving a balance in hand of £52 7s. 3d.

In the absence of the Prov. Grand Registrar, the Prov. Grand Secretary presented a return of the lodges for the past year.

Bro. W. W. Rouse Ball was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Rev. H. C. Cronin, seconded by Bro. J. Vail.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as understated:

Bro. V. J. Pryor, P.M. 88	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. T. Trevor-Jones, P.M. 859	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. S. Cronin, W.M. 859 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. A. C. Crossfield, Chap. 809 and 859 (re-appointed)	...	
" W. W. Rouse Ball, P.M. 859 and 1492 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Taylor, P.M. 441	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. P. F. W. Simpson, I.P.M. 859	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. R. Bainbridge, W.M. 809	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Catling, W.M. 441	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" Frederick Dewberry, P.M. 441 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" J. G. Chennell, J.W. 2107	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. H. Moyes, S.D. 88	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. Davis, 809	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. B. Hope, J.W. 859	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. T. Grain, M.M. 88	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. R. Roper, S.W. 441	...	
" E. B. Bellairs, S.W. 809	...	
" A. P. Higgins, Org. 859	...	
" C. O. E. Nicholson, I.G. 859	...	

The 12th annual report of the Province of Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association was presented by Bro. Oliver Papworth, its Secretary, and the province was congratulated on a successful year. The province was represented at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88, who took up with him £26 5s. The province was also represented at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by Bro. R. Percy F. W. Simpson, W.M. 859, who took up with him £14 15s. The contributions through Stewards from the province to the three Masonic Charities during the years 1883 to 1895, both inclusive, amounted to £388 1s. The recipients in the province of benefits from the Masonic Charities are three boys and one girl.

Bro. A. E. CHAPLIN proposed the adoption of the report and balance-sheet.

Bro. F. PIGGOTT, in seconding, gave expression to the gratitude which the brethren felt towards Bro. Oliver Papworth, for the zeal with which he continued to discharge the duties of Secretary to the Association.

It was carried.

Bro. Oliver Papworth was then presented by the Prov. G.M. with another Charity jewel clasp for good work done in the province, and trusted his example might stimulate other brethren to do what they could in the cause of the Charities.

Bro. ROUSE BALL, P.G. Treas., proposed, and it was resolved—"That 15 guineas be voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses; and also that 10 guineas be given to one or more of the Masonic Institutions."

The Prov. GRAND MASTER proposed, and the D.P.G.M. seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to those brethren who had served as Stewards at the various Charity Festivals during the year.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that the names of the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Sec. had been registered as Trustees of the Masonic Fund of the Province; also, that he (Bro. Oliver Papworth) had been re-elected for three years to serve on the Board of Management of the Masonic Boys' School.

Bro. ROUSE BALL, Prov. G. Treas., proposed that a donation of five guineas be given to a Scholarship Fund in connection with the Boys' School. Under the rules, a boy must leave at 15, and this fund is to provide assistance for the year or two following. Bro. J. LEACH, Prov. S.G.W., seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

After a brief discussion on the Masonic Year-Book, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the Lion Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Speaking of the Grand Master of England, the Prov. GRAND MASTER said the Prince of Wales did everything well, and his Masonic work was no exception to the rule.

Bro. T. J. RALLING responded for "The Grand Officers," and bore testimony to the excellent manner in which the executive carried out the duties of the Craft. He congratulated that province on the report as to the Charities, and said he knew the value of the work which Bro. Oliver Papworth was doing.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. GRAY, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master," remarking that no province in England had more reason to be proud of its head than that. They wished nothing better for the province than that Col. Caldwell's kindly rule might prevail for the longest possible period.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER said it gave him great pleasure to invest the officers and members of the province at that annual gathering. The year had not had any great excitement. In that they were fortunate. They were content to go on quietly with their work of brotherly love, relief, and truth, in respect to which he could say the province did its duty. Their numbers were about the same as last year, and from personal visits he was very glad to be able to report that the work of the lodges was being well done. As was generally known, they intended to increase their lodges when a suitable opportunity presented itself. In the meantime he trusted all their members would co-operate to bring about that result. Col. Caldwell then thanked the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, for the assistance they had rendered, and said that no province could be better inspected than that was by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Wardens, and their hard-working Secretary.

The Deputy Prov. GRAND MASTER responded, and trusted that something would soon be done to establish a new lodge in the province. There appeared to be at least three suitable places for it.

Bro. TREVOR-JONES gave "The Masonic Charities," which was acknowledged by Bros. J. TERRY and J. McLEOD. These brethren bore testimony to the liberality of the Cambridgeshire Masons, so far as their numbers went. They had practically given a pound a head per year. If the Masons in all Provinces did the same, there would be little need for the urgent appeals which they had to make. Bro. McLeod considered it peculiarly fitting that Cambridge should be among the first to start the Boys' Scholarship Fund, which might enable some of their clever boys so to acquit themselves as to gain entrance to the University.

Bro. J. V. PRYOR, Prov. S.G.W., submitted the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bro. G. CORBLE, of the Province of Essex.

The W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Scientific Lodge were thanked from the chair for receiving Provincial Grand Lodge; and Bro. J. L. RUTTER, W.M., responded.

The evening was passed in true Masonic harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 279. Bro. Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.

An exceptionally large number of brethren from each of the lodges in the province were present, including—

Bros. J. Hassall, P.S.G.W.; W. J. New, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. H. J. Mason, B.A., and the Rev. R. W. Lancaster, M.A., Prov. G. Chaps.; E. Holmes, P.G. Sec.; G. C. Oliver, P.S.G.D.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; T. B. Neale, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Staynes, P.G. Std. Br.; L. Staines, P.G. Org.; G. Neighbour, J. Price, C. F. Oliver, and D. Ward, P.G. Stwds.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Marshall, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Baines, P.P.S.G.W.; W. S. Allen, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Young, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Healey, P.P.J.G.W.; E. P. Steeds, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Collman, P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Freer, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Newsome, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Fergusson, P.P.J.G.D.; W. D. Grant, W.M. 279; W. S. Fulshaw, L.R.C.P., W.M. 50; W. A. Spencer, W.M. 523; J. C. S. Burkitt, M.D., W.M. 779; J. J. W. Knowles, W.M. 1007; H. R. Maynard, W.M. 1330; G. J. B. Woolley, W.M. 1391; S. F. M. Stone, W.M. 1560; H. G. Marriott, W.M. 2028; C. Arno Jahn, W.M. 2081; R. P. Keates, I.P.M. 2428; and many others.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at inability to be present were received from more than 60 brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. Eng.; J. Lane, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; N. G. Phillips, P.S.G.D. Eng.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.S.G.D. Eng.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

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

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges in the province was read, and each lodge in the province was found to be represented.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read by Bro. E. HOLMES, P.G. Sec., and showed that on the 24th June there were 14 lodges in the province, which included 731 subscribing members; 35 brethren had been initiated, six joined from other lodges, and seven—already members of the province—had joined other lodges in the province, making a total increase of 48; the withdrawals numbered 45. During the year 115 regular and four emergency lodges had been held, the work performed comprised 32 initiations, 34 passings, and 30 raisings.

The report of the Provincial Charity Committee, as prepared by the Hon. Sec., Bro. B. A. SMITH, M.A., LL.M., P.P.S.G.W., stated that at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. H. Howe, P.P.A.G.D.C., the Provincial Charity Steward, took up a list amounting to £300 6s., and that Bro. W. S. Allen, P.P.J.G.W., served a Stewardship at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in July last, his list including £36 15s., 10 guineas of which, in addition to his own donation, had been contributed by brethren of the province; the report concluded with an expression of deep sorrow at the death of Bro. F. S. Preston, P.M. 50, P.P.G.R., who for the last several years had been the Charity Representative of his lodge.

Bro. GEORGE OLIVER, P.G. Treas., submitted his accounts for the past year, these showed a balance on the General Fund of £52 4s. 1d., and £32 9s. 7d. on the Charity Fund.

Bro. Oliver was sincerely thanked for his able services, and was unanimously re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Wm. Maurice Williams, P.M. 279 and 2429	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Frederick Bradford Wilmer, P.M. 2028	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. Robert W. Lancaster, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. Richard Blakeney, M.A.	...	
George Oliver, P.M. 1007	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Richard R. Blackwell, P.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Edward Holmes, P.M. 279, I.P.M. 2429	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Wm. Henry Barrow, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Henry Pickering, I.P.M. 279	...	Prov. J.G.D.
Arthur Chambers, I.P.M. 1391	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
George Neighbour, I.P.M. 523	...	Prov. G.D.C.
John Price, P.M. 779	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Arthur James West, I.P.M. 2081	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Claude Lorraine Ferneley, I.P.M. 1130	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
Henry Jinks Grace, I.P.M. 2028	...	
Edward Robert Fox, Org. 2081	...	Prov. G. Org.
William Bramley, I.P.M. 1265	...	Prov. G. Purst.
David Ward, I.P.M. 50	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
John Clifton, Sec. 279	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
John Jas. W. Knowles, W.M. 1007	...	
Clarence Stanley Dudley Field, J.D. 1130	...	
George John B. Woolley, W.M. 1391	...	
Samuel Francis Montague Stone, W.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Charles Arno Jahn, W.M. 2081	...	
James Tanser, Tyler 279	...	

The brethren then proceeded to consider the Rules and Regulations of the Kelly Memorial Fund, as prepared by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., and a Committee specially elected for that purpose, and these, with some verbal alterations suggested by Bro. Partridge, were unanimously approved and adopted. The object of this fund is to perpetuate the memory, in the

province, of Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., F.S.A., &c., and to establish a fund, for the relief, within the province, of necessitous Freemasons, their widows, or children. The greatest interest in this matter was shown by the large number of brethren present, and there is every probability of it being successfully carried out.

Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., was unanimously elected Provincial Charity Steward for the year, and Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., J.L.M., who, owing to other duties, had been compelled to resign his post as Hon. Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, was unanimously elected to represent the province at each of the central Charities.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren re-assembled in large numbers at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge banquet, which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, was presided over by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. W. L. JACKSON, M.P.

On Saturday afternoon, the 16th ult., a special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, for the purpose of installing Comp. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as the Grand Superintendent. Since the death of the late Grand Superintendent, Comp. T. W. Tew, the companions of the province have been without a titular head, and the duties were carried on by Comp. Henry Smith, the Deputy Grand Superintendent.

More than usual interest was taken in the gathering by the companions of the Order, who attended from all parts of the province, as well as from neighbouring districts, and of the 40 chapters in the province, 38 were represented. The new Grand Superintendent is a member of No. 289, and last year held the position of M.E.Z. It was intended that the ceremony of installation should have been performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, but during last week he received a severe kick from his horse, which prevented his attendance, and the duty was undertaken by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar and Grand Superintendent of Essex. The installation was held under the banners of the five Leeds chapters—the Fidelity, No. 289; Philanthropic, No. 304; Alfred, No. 306; Excelsior, No. 1042; and Prudence, No. 2059; and the Committee consisted of the three Principals of the chapter, with Comp. C. L. Mason as chairman and Comp. C. I. Turner, S.E. 289, as Secretary.

During the installation ceremony Comp. F. A. Philbrick acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.S.N., H.; and Comp. R. Grey, Grand President of the Committee of General Purposes, J.; and they were assisted by Comps. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B. England; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.S.B.; T. B. Whythead, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G.S.E. East Lancs.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br.; and a large number of other companions.

The ceremony was an impressive one, and at the conclusion,

Comp. PHILBRICK, Q.C., addressing the companions, congratulated the province on having such a gentleman as Comp. W. L. Jackson as its Grand Superintendent. He added that the name of W. L. Jackson was an honoured one in Yorkshire, and stood as a symbol of all that was honourable, straightforward, conscientious, and truthful; as a mark of the high character of one who was deservedly respected; and the choice of the Prince of Wales in placing Comp. Jackson at the head of the province was one which was willingly and delightfully acquiesced in by the companions generally.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, after alluding to the absence of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., said that no one knew more than he did how difficult it was to fulfil the growing duties which came upon one in the manner one desired to fulfil them, but as far as he could bring to bear diligence and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties, he should endeavour to do so with all his heart and zeal. He thanked the companions of Sheffield for their invitation to Provincial Grand Chapter to meet in that city, but it was thought to be in accordance with the general convenience that the Provincial Grand Chapter should be held at Leeds. He also acknowledged the indebtedness of the companions to the five Leeds chapters for the excellent arrangements which had been made for that gathering.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a banquet was held at the Great Northern Hotel, at which the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided.

After the usual toasts had been duly honoured,

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Grand Superintendent." He remarked that there was an old proverb to the effect—"Tell me what a man's associates are, and I will tell you what the man is;" and they needed no greater test of what a man was than when they found that he was honoured in the place in which he grew up as a boy, had spent his young manhood, and had devoted the energies of his riper years. That their Grand Superintendent had done, and had won the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen, and he was sure the Order in the province would prosper under his rule.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, who was most enthusiastically received, in replying to the toast, remarked that he had found during his short life that the easiest course for a man to follow when he saw before him what appeared to be, all things considered, a clear and definite line of duty, was to follow that line, and to take the consequences. After all, what did it mean? It meant, no doubt, the sacrifice of what was called leisure, but a man can hardly be better engaged than in endeavouring to promote, as far as he could, what appeared to be for the general welfare of the community. They had no party politics in that gathering; but they combined the ideas of both parties of politics. The duties of citizens fell to all of them, but whatever might be their particular politics, and however they might have been engaged in party fights, they recognised there was one object which was common to all loyal and dutiful citizens, to do the best they could, according to their judgment and ability, to promote the welfare of the community by which they were surrounded. Dealing with the ceremony that afternoon, he added that, with the assistance of the companions of West Yorkshire, he had confidence that he would be able to maintain the traditions of the past.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Wolverhampton on the 11th inst. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, who was, unfortunately, too unwell to attend, the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. F. PEPPER, presided, and expressed his regret, which, he was sure, would be shared by all the brethren, that illness had, for the third time, prevented the Provincial Grand Master being present.

A very satisfactory report was received from each of the lodges in the province, and, after the roll of the lodges and Provincial Grand Officers was called, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer elected, the following appointments were made:

Bro. F. W. Willmore	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. Jenkins	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" C. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. T. Howson	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. Bywater	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" C. A. Newnham (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Bolton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. W. Walker (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. E. Thomason	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Eljah Jones	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Dunbar Seen	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" V. C. L. Crump (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Dewsbury	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jno. Munro	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. J. Gittings (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. E. Moorhouse	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced that it was his intention to go up as Steward to the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge to be added to his list.

The sum of 10 guineas was also voted for the fund now being raised by the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft—the Earl of Dartmouth—for the Wolverhampton Orphanage.

Afterwards a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

In addition to the above-named, the following brethren were present: Bros. G. A. Thomason, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Candell, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Bates, P.P.S.G.O.; H. Windle, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Morgan, P.P.S.G.W.; C. G. Elphinstone, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. M. Scott, P.P.G.I.G.; Trentham, 318; Morris, 318; and others.

THE ABERDEEN "OLD CHARGES."

I have much pleasure in adding to our store of reproductions, that of the "Aberdeen MS." of the year 1670, the property of the old Lodge of Aberdeen, No. 1 *tristis*. The transcript has recently been made for me most kindly by Bro. Alexander M. Munro, Treasurer of that ancient lodge, and has been carefully collated with my reproduction in the *Voice of Masonry* (U.S.A.) for December, 1874; and a portion in facsimile, which was presented to me many years ago.

A full account of the document appears in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons, 1895," so it will only now be necessary to give a brief Introduction to the manuscript proper, which is both old and interesting.

The text belongs to the extensive "Grand Lodge Family," which now includes 40 MSS., this one being numbered D 11, and is bracketed with D 9, forming the "Stirling" Branch (i), for reasons duly explained, and in accordance with Dr. Begemann's classification. It is written in what is known as the "Mark Book," in which is contained the "Lawes and Statutes ordained by the honourable Lodge of Aberdeen, Dec. 27th, 1670," the "Measson Charter," or "Old Charges," immediately following, and then the General Laws of the Craft in Aberdeen are recited, these providing that—

"the Measson Charter be read at the entering of every Entered Apprentice."

In 1670 the lodge had 49 members, only some 10 or less being Operative Masons. The Master is described as "Tutor of Airth, Collector of the Kinges Customes at Aberdeen," and the roll contained many noblemen and gentlemen, all of whom had their Masonic marks entered, though Speculatives, that of James Anderson, the transcriber of the MS., being inserted at the end of the document. The invocation, it will be noted, is styled "A Prayer: befor: the: Meeting," and the traditional history is addressed to "God: brethrein: and: deacones," as its fellow MS., the "Stirling, D 9," which was published by me privately in 1893.

The usual conclusion is lacking in the "Aberdeen MS.," but the document is valuable, because two of the unreadable portions (or blanks) in the "Stirling" scroll are therein duly supplied. The custodian of this MS. having been the Lodge of Aberdeen for considerably over two centuries, most satisfactorily accounts for its origin, usage, and operative character in part. Sometimes *the* is given in the ordinary way, and at other times as *ye*, and capitals are often represented by the letters being written twice, e.g., *ff* as *f*. These are not always noted by the Transcriber.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OLD CHARGES, A.D. 1670.

A discourse: hade: before: A:
Meeting: of: Meassones: Commonly:
caled: the: Measson: Charter:
A Prayer: befor: the: Meeting:

The: Might of the father of heaven with the wisdom of the glorious son, and the grace and goodness of the holy ghost thes three persones in one god head, be with us in our begininge and give us grace to governe our selves that wee may live in that bless which shall never have ane ending: Amen:

Good: brethrein: and: deacones:

My Purpose is to tell you, how and in what manner this worthe Craft of Meassonrie was begune, and afterwards how it was entertained, by worthe kinges and Princes and other worshipfull men and also to thes that be heir, wee will tell you the charges that belong to everie true measson to keep a good fayth and conscience, and to take good head to the Craft, as weell worthe to be kept for ane worthe Craft and Science, For: yr be seaven sciences of which it was one the names of the seaven be thes, The: first is grammer and that teaches a man to speak truly, The second is Rhetorick and that teaches a man to speack fair in subtile termes The third is Dialectick or logick and that teaches a man to discerne truth from falshood The fourth is Arithmetick and that teaches a man to reckon or compt all manner of Numbers, The fyth is geometrie and that teaches a man mettes and meassures off earth and all other thinges, The sixth is Mussick and that teaches the knowledge of all songes and voices as of harp and organes and trumpet, The seaventh is called Astronomie & that teaches a man to know the course of sun moone and stares thes be the seaven liberrall sciences the qch ar founded in on science and that is geometrie, and this may a man prove that the science of the world is founded on geometrie, for geometrie teaches a man mettes and meassures Ponderation and weyght of all manner of thinges on earth for ther is no man that worketh any craft but he worketh by some mett or meassure nor any that buyeth or selleth but by som meassur or weyght, and thus Merchandes especiallie plowmen and tillers of all manner of ground, soweres of all manner of seedes, and planteres of all manner of wynes are geometeres, for grammer Rhetorick or astronomie or any of the seaven sciences, can a man find out mett and measure without geometrie, wherfor I think this science of geometrie most worthe and that it foundeth all otheres

how this worthe science was begune

I shall tell you befor Noahes flood, ther was a man caled Lamech who had two wyves, the name of the one was Adah and the other Zillah, by the first wyf Adah he begate two sones, the name of the one was Jaball and the other Juball wpon the second wyf he begate a son called Tuball Cain and a daughter called Naamah, thes four children founded all the craftes of the world, the eldest son Jaball founded the craft of geometrie, and he hearded sheep in the feildes and first wrought houses of ston as is noted in the 4th of gene: his brother Juball founded the craft of Mussick, as songes of organes trumpet and harpe, the third brother Tuball Caine, founded the smith craft, in gold silver copper yron and steell, and the fourth being a daughter called Naamah, founded the craft of weaving.

Thes children knew weell that god would tak some vengeance, soon after by fyre or watter and they wreat, that from yr. science they founded two pillares of ston, that they might be found after Noahes flood, the one was marble that would not Burne in any fyre, the other stone, and was called laternus that would not sink in any watter.

Our purpose is to tell yow how and in what manner this stone was found out, the great harmames, told his son, who told soone his son: who was Noahes son, Harmames was afterwards intituled Hermes the father of wyse men he found on of the two pillares of stone, and found the science wreatin yron, and he taught it to other men: and at the macking of the toure of Babell, yr wes Meassonrie much made of and the king of Babell, who wes called nimrod wes ane Measson himselfe: and Loved weell the craft and as said by ministers in stories, that when the cite of Ninevie, and the two cities of the east, should be made, Nimrod the king of babylon sent thither sixtie meassones at the request of the king of Ninevie his Cusing, and when he sent them fourth he gave them a charge, on this Manner that they should be true, everie on to on another, and live Truly together, and that they should serve ther lord truly for the pay, so that yr. Master should have worships, and all that belongs to him, and the charges he gave them, and this wes the first tyme, that ever Meassones hade charge over the worthe craft.

Morover, when ABraham and Sarah went first into egypt, he taught the seaven sciences to the egyptianes, and he hade a worthe schollar, called ewphred, who learned weell and wes master of all the seaven sciences, and it fell in his tyme, that the lordes and states of the reallme hade so many children that they had begotten, som by ther wyfes, and some by ther Ladyes, for this is a hot land and plentiful of generacione, that they hade not competent lyvlihood to feed ther children, wherfor they made much of men, and the king of the land held ane great counsell and Parliament to sie how they might food yr. children honestly as gentlemen, and they could fynd no manner of way, and they did cry throughe all the realme if yr. wes any man that could informe them, that they should com to them and he should be weell rewarded for his travell and weell pleased.

After this cry then cam this worthe knight ewphrede and he said to the king, and all his great lordes, I will tak yor children in governing, and teach them on of the seaven sciences, whereby they may live honestly as gentlemen under the conditiones, yee will give them and me a commissi'one that I may have power to rull over them after this manner, that the seaven sciences ought to be rulled: and the king and all the counsell granted him a commissi'one, and this worthe Doctor took to him thes lordes sones and taught them the science of geometrie in Practise for to work in ston all manner of worthe workes that belong to Building, as churches castells toures maneres and all manner of Buildinges, and he gave them a charge on this manner, the first wes yat they should be true to God & ther king, and the lord yat they served, and that they should live weell together, and yat they should be true on to another and that they should call each other fellow (or brother) but not his servant, or his slave, or any other foull name, & that they should truly deserve yr. wages of yr. lord and maister that they served, and yat they should ordaine the wysest of them to be master, & that neyther for love or great honour riches or great favor to set another that hath litle cuning or skill to be maister of the saides work, and also yat they should call the governour of the saides work maister in the tym that they wrought wnder him, and many mor charges that wee ought to doe, and also wt the charges he mad them sweare ane great oath, that men used in ther tyme.

And ordained for them reasonable wages, that they may live honestly, and that they should com to ther assemblies everie yeir once, to sie how they might work best to please yr. lord for ther profite, and for yr owne worships, and to correct any within themselves who have trespassed against the craft, and thus yat worthe craft wes grounded ther. And this worthe Master ewphred gave it the name off geometrie, qch. is now calld throughtout the wholl land of Scithia.

Longe after when the children of Israell wer landed meassonrie came to the land of boy heast now called the cuntry of Fireland wher king solomon Intended to build the temple called templum Dei, after the desyr of King David: Solomon yat wyse man Davides son Performed the temple qch his father hade intended to doe, and sent far after meassones, wnto dyvers cuntries and landes to gather, so yat he hade fourscore thousand workmen named meassones and he choised out of them three thousand yat were ordained maisters of the said work, and furthermore ther wes a king of another natione named Hirame and he loved weell king solomon and gave him timber and he hade a son named Amon who wes a maister of geometrie and wes cheuse maister of all his meassonrie: & maister of all his graving and carving, and all other matters that belong to building in the temple, and this solomon performed both charges and maneres that his fater had given to meassones, and thus wes the worthe craft begune into many Countreyes and kingdomes and worthe craftesmen walked about full wyd into many kingdomes some because of Learning mor craft and Cuning & some to thes who hade but litle cuning, and so it befell that yr wes a cuning meassone called Ninus grecius who hade been at the building of solomones temple and he came into france and yr he taught the Science of meassonrie to the men of france, and on of that Natione who wes called

charles Mortosse who wes a man that learned such crafte and drew to grecious that is above St. and learned of him the craft and took upon him the charge and maneres, and afterwards be the grace of god he wes elected to be king of France and when he wes in estate he took meassones and did helpe to mack meassones yat wer non and set them a worke and gave them both charge and maneres, and gave pay as he learned of other meassones and confirmed them ane charter, from yeir to yeir to holde assemblies when they would, and cherrished them much and thus came the craft to france.

England for all this tyme stode voyde as to any charge of meassonrie, untill saint albone did wall the toune about that wes called St. albone, and St. albone wes a worthe knight and stayed wt. the king and his houshold and he hade the government of the Reallme, and also at the macking of the toune walles, he loved meassones weell and cherrished them much, and made ther pay right goode standing as the reallme stode, for he gave them two shillinges sixpence a week, and three pence for ther noone tydes, and before that a meassone throughtout the Land took but a pennie a day and his meat till St. albone amended it and gave them a charter of the king and his counsell to hold a generall assemblee, and he wes y'rat himselfe and he loved to mack meassones and gave them charges, as yee shall heir of after wardes.

Right soon after the death of St. albone yr. wer dyverse wares in the reallme of england and dyverse nationes so that the good use of meassones wes destroyed untill the good king athellstone, his dayes that wes a worthe king of england, and he brought the land into good rest and peace and built in my great workes, as abayes toweres and other great buildinges and he loved meassones weell; and he hade a sone knight edrine and he loved meassones much mor then his fater did and he wes a great practiser of geometrie, and he drew himselfe much to talk and common with meassones, and he learned of them the craft, and afterwards for the love he hade to meassones, and to the craft he wes made a meassone himselfe, and he procured of the king his fater a charter and comissione, to have everie yeir ane assemblee when they would, within the Reallme of england and to wreat wth them selves, faults and trespreses yat wes done wth the craft, and he held ane assemblee everie yeir at York, wher he made meassones & gave them charges, and taught them maneres, & comanded them to keep ther rull ever after, and gave them ane charter and commissi'one, to keepe and mack ordinance that it should be renewed from king to king, and when the assemblee wes gathered together, he made a cry that old meassones, or young who hade any wreatin ore understanding of the charge or maneres, yat wer befor in the Land, or any oyr, should show them truly, an I when it wes found and proved, yr wer found, some in french som some in greek some in english some in oyr Landes languages and the intent of them all wes founde, and he did mack ane book yrof, and how the craft wes founded, and himselfe hade comanded, yat it should be reade or told when any measson wes made, and so he gave them this charge, and from that day, till this tyme maneres of meassones have been keep in that forme, as weell as men might governe it, And further mor all dyvers assemblies he ordained yat certaine charges should be kept be the best advyce of masteres and fellowes, *ut unus sententibus sumat: librum: ut, ille vell. ponet. manum. super. Librum. et tunc precipi debent. legi.* any man That's a measson tak good head to the craft & charges give any man fyndes himselfe guilte of any of the charges that he amend befor god in priall, and that he be charged to tak good head that he keepe the charge right weell for it, a great perill for a mane to for swear himselfe wpon a book

The first charge is that he should be a true man to god, and to the holy kirk, and that he use no errores nor heresies, by his understanding, wnder value no good ore discreet way, heir menes teachinges, and also that he be true leidge man to the king of england and without treassonne or any other falshoode, and that he know no treassonne or traytorie, but he shall amend it privily if he may, or else warne the king or his counsell, and also that yee shall be true, each to another, yat is to say everie true meassone, of the craft of meassonrie yee shall doe to them as ye would wish them to doe to you, and also yat yee shall keepe all the counsell of yor lodge ore chamber and also oyr counselles yat ought to be kept be way of measson hooode, and also yat yee be true to the lord yat yee serve or any other master and truly sie his profite and advantage, and also yat yee shall call meassones yor brotheres, or fellowes and no oyr foull names, and yat yee shall not tak your fellowes wyf in villanie ore desyre ungodlye his daughter, or his servant to put them to dishonourshipe and also yat yee pay yor meat and yor drink wher yee doe boord and also yat yee doe no villanie in yat place qe yee go to boorde qe by the craft may be scandalized, this is on of thes charges, yat belong to everie true measson generallie, to keepe, both masteres and fellowes, therfor I will rehearse som other charges singular, first for maisters that no master tack upon him any lordes work nor any other wages work, but yat he know himselfe able and sufficient to performe, that the craft have no dishonour nor disworships, but that the lord may be truly served and weell.

And also that no maister tak any work, but yat he tak it reasonable, so that the lord may be truly served wt his owne goodes, and that the maister have to live honestlie & to give his fellowes, truly yr pay as the manner is to be done, and that no maister or fellowes shall surpyse oys of yr work that is to say if yee have taken a work, and stode maister of the sds work, that yee shall not put him out, if he able of cuning to end the work, and also yat no maister nor fellow shall tak prentises within the space of seaven yeirs and yat the prentise be able of birth, that is to say be free borne, and able of Limbes and handes as any man ought to be and also that no Maisters nor fellowes tak any allowance to be in the meassones without the assent & counsell of his fellowes, being at the least prentise, six or seaven yeires: and that he who shall be made measson, be able of all manner of dewties, yat is to be free borne, and of good kindred free and no bondman and also yat he have his right wittes ore senses, as he ought to have, and that no man tak aprentise but that he have sufficient occupatione, and also that no maister nor fellow put no lordes work to task, yat ought to goe to Journey work, and also yat everie measson shall give pay to his fellow but as he deserveth, yat he be not deceived, by Carles workmen and also yat non slander another, behind his back to mack him loss his good name ore his worldie goodes, and also yat no fellow, wth the lodge ore without shall envye ane another or ungodly seek off him or them anything without a reasonable cause sufficiently proved, &c.

Finis.



CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

This lodge having attained its centenary, celebrated the event on Monday evening, the 11th inst., at its ordinary meeting in November, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M., Bro. George Cockrell, presided. The visitors included the following brethren: Bros. W. Mason Stiles, G. Treas.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. C. Mount, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; R. Poore, P.M. 1039; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457; J. B. Stevens, P.M. 1627; S. Webb, P.M. 1287; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; G. W. Goss, P.M. 176; H. Massey, P.M. 1923; E. Austen, P.M. 1793; G. E. Higginson, P.M. 1791; A. N. Meggy, W.M. 214 - which lodge

(the Hope and Unity) also celebrated its centenary on the 16th inst.; H. F. E. Harrison, W.M. 1793; C. Wells, J.D. 2323; H. A. Harris, 1421; and H. Appleford, 190.

There were also present Bros. W. G. Jennings, G. E. Absell, F. W. Berry, G. C. Brightling, A. M. Usher, W. Parsons, W. J. Dyer, I.P.M.; G. J. Copley, S.W.; A. B. Spawforth, J.W.; Alfred Green, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Radcliffe, P.M., Sec.; Cecil Mount, S.D.; A. H. Collings, J.D.; P. J. King, I.G.; O. Cooper, P.M., D.C.; E. C. Collings, Org.; H. Lindfield, P.M., Steward; A. Dickson, P.M.; W. Kirkland, P.M.; and P. J. King, P.M.

After the lodge had been opened,

Bro. RADCLIFFE, P.M., Sec., read the correspondence between him and the Grand Secretary with reference to the centenary warrant, which it was afterwards resolved should be entered on the minutes.

This was followed by a motion by Bro. A. GREEN, P.M., Treas. (the father of the lodge), seconded by Bro. ORLTON COOPER, P.M., to commemorate the centenary by giving 10 guineas to the Boys' School to endow the S.W.'s chair as a life subscriber to that Institution, and a similar sum to the Girls' School, to confer the same rank on the J.W.'s chair to that Institution.

The motion was carried.

A letter from the Grand Secretary was read in which that brother regretted his inability to be present as he was at Oxford at the installation of Viscount Valentia, M.P., as Grand Superintendent of Oxford, and stating that Bro. Stiles, G. Treas., would present the centenary warrant. This letter was also ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., then rose and said the event was a very important one and every brother Mason must be justly proud that their predecessors in this lodge had carried out their duties so ably and kept the lodge minutes so well that there was no difficulty in obtaining the centenary warrant. During all his Masonic experience he had known the St. Michael's Lodge and had looked upon it as one of the grand old lodges of the City of London. He was pleased to present, on behalf of the Grand Secretary, the warrant from the Grand Master, and he hoped that during the Worshipful Master's year of office as well as afterwards the brethren would not forget that the St. Michael's Lodge had been in existence 100 years. He also hoped that the same good feeling would exist among the brethren as had existed hitherto and that every success might attend the lodge, and that the warrant might be handed down from W.M. to W.M. as pure and unsullied as Bro. Cockrell then received it. He also pinned on the breast of the W.M. a centenary jewel and congratulated Bro. Cockrell on his happy lot of presiding over the lodge in its centenary year, wishing him many years of life and health to be a Past Master of St. Michael's Lodge.

Bro. GEORGE COCKRELL, W.M., in accepting the presentation, said: On behalf of myself and the brethren of St. Michael's Lodge, I have to convey my thanks through Bro. William Mason Stiles, the Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Officers for kindly allowing us to celebrate our centenary and granting us this centenary warrant, and I hope that at the end of my year of office I shall hand the warrant over to my successor as pure and unsullied as I now receive it. I am sure that not only myself but also all of us wish to thank our Brother Past Master William Mason Stiles, Grand Treasurer, for presenting it and for the kind remarks he has made to the brethren of the lodge and to myself.

Centenary jewels were then presented to the members of the lodge, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, Bro. Cockrell said: Brethren, your hearty good wishes are heartily reciprocated by me.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, at which Bro. Cockrell, W.M., presided. The toasts were subsequently honoured, and some first class singing was given by Madame Stella, Master S. Bennett, and Messrs. Challenger, Richmond, Bennett, Dorman, F. W. Humble, and Will Bowyer. Mr. J. Bennett was the accompanist. In the course of the evening Bro. Orilton Cooper, P.M., recited an ode specially composed by him for the occasion.

Bro. COCKRELL, W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said the brethren all knew what a good Queen they had and how she was blessed with that virtue which was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. COCKRELL said Freemasons were aware what a good Grand Master they had and how the Order had flourished throughout the nation by his influence. All the Prince of Wales's talents in Masonry were devoted to its best interests.

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the Grand Officers were very pleased to be present at this centenary festival, and their only regret was that the Grand Secretary was not among them. It was a proud moment for St. Michael's Lodge to be able to take its place in the ranks of the centenary lodges. He had to thank the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge for their recent efforts in securing for him the position of Grand Treasurer, without which he should not have been able to be there that evening in such a distinguished capacity.

Bro. Dr. R. GOODING, P.G.D., also responded, and congratulated the W.M. on being in the chair on such an auspicious occasion. He also congratulated the brethren of the lodge on having such a worthy brother to rule over them.

Bro. W. J. DYER, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge knew what a good Mason Bro. Cockrell was, what an excellent Master he had proved himself to be, and how he had taken care of the lodge and had done the work as well as it was possible to be done. Visitors who might not know Bro. Cockrell should be told that he was a worthy ornament in the long roll of Past Masters of the lodge; he was in every way a good Mason; ever since he had been initiated he displayed the true principles of the Craft, and with regard to the Charities he had done his duty. During his year of office he had served a Stewardship and taken up a list of £350.

Bro. COCKRELL, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said he felt very much flattered by Bro. Dyer's remarks. All the brethren knew George Cockrell, and they knew he was very proud of the position he then held as their W.M. at that centenary festival. It was the proudest moment of George Cockrell's life to be in that position, and to have his health proposed in so genial and enthusiastic a way. As their W.M., he had tried his utmost to do his duty, as he had taken an obligation to do when he was installed. He had not had an extraordinary quantity of work to do in the lodge, not half so much as he should like to have had, being capable and willing to take the management of any work brought before him. He had an initiation, a passing, and a raising, which, if he had done to the brethren's satisfaction, he was very pleased. If any brother would bring him any more work he would be only too thankful to do it. The initiate he had had was not present, but he had sent a telegram wishing every success. That member was very proud to be one of the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Cockrell said he hoped to do his duty during the remainder of his year of office to the satisfaction of all, and to instal his successor.

Bro. COCKRELL, W.M., next proposed the toast of "The St. Michael's Lodge," which was really the toast of that most festive night. It was a proud position for a lodge to hold—to have passed through 100 years without breaking its record. He considered that that was due to those extraordinarily good P.M.s. and members

who had gone before them. All credit was due to the P.M.s. of that lodge for the splendid record they had established, and not doing anything that was wrong, and not swerving from their duty to Grand Lodge. It had inspired him in going through all the offices of the lodge, and he hoped it would inspire all the officers and the young members who were coming on. If they had the same inspiration as he had when he took office in the lodge, and when he became W.M., they would do their duty manfully, loyally, and Masonically, as the P.M.s. had done in the past. As Bro. P.M. Green was going to give them a history of the lodge, he would not trouble the brethren with further remarks, but in giving the toast of "St. Michael's Lodge," he would hope that the lodge would have a splendid career for the next 100 years, and that the brethren's children and children's children might look back with pleasure on that auspicious occasion.

Bro. A. GREEN, P.M. and Treas., in responding to the toast, thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with it on a night which was the centenary of a lodge which had accomplished 100 years of useful Masonic work. He thought there was a great deal of truth in the saying that we are all creatures of circumstances, for it was owing to circumstances, over which he had no control, that he was the senior P.M. of the lodge. In drinking the toast they were drinking the pious memory of those who in former days, with honour, fidelity, and uprightness placed the lodge on a sure and firm foundation. Hoping not to weary the brethren, he would give a sketch of the history of the lodge. It was established on September 11th, 1795, by a warrant granted under the fourth Duke of Atholl, G.M., and was numbered 290, on the so-called Grand Lodge of the Ancients, and met at the Dundee Arms, Wapping. Many of the brethren were aware, probably, that during the last century there were two rival Grand Lodges existing in London; indeed, there were at one time as many as four separate authorities in the country; two of them, however, collapsed before the end of the century. The senior of these organisations, the mother of all Grand Lodges, which was established in London in 1717, had had an unbroken, although chequered existence, from the time of its foundation to the present day. Prior to this time it was believed there was no recognised head of symbolical Masonry, although the earlier writers spoke of Grand Masters in connection with Operative Masonry, or the science of Architecture. The Grand Lodge of the Ancients, under which St. Michael's Lodge was formed and enrolled, was not established till 1753, and was probably formed by several old lodges which, through differences of opinion on fundamental points, had either seceded, or had previously never acknowledged their allegiance to the mother Grand Lodge of 1717. Happily, for the prosperity and best interests of the Craft, these rival Grand Lodges in the year 1813 saw the advisability of coming to a reconciliation and agreed to unite, and the terms of the union were arranged by the most eminent brethren of the day, selected from both sections of the Craft, who were constituted for that purpose into a special lodge called "The Lodge of Reconciliation." The meetings of the St. Michael's Lodge were held on the second and fourth Fridays in the month throughout the year. In 1851 the meetings were finally settled for the second Tuesday. The minutes of the lodge of instruction held under the lodge warrant showed that the brethren met on Sundays, either fortnightly or weekly, at the Angel Inn, High-street, St. Giles's. The Holy Royal Arch chapter met on Sunday, and there were good attendances. In 1814 the number of the lodge was changed to 367. This was after the Union, and the lodge apparently then had its quarters at the "Coach and Horses," Compton-street, Soho. In 1820 Bro. W. Speight's name first appeared as Tyler, and this office he continued to hold till 1850—a period of about 30 years—when he was succeeded by his son, T. C. Speight, and this brother served the lodge for an equally long period, and died in the last decade. Thus father and son, both of whom were highly respected, and properly so, in the Craft, were associated with this lodge successively for something like 65 years. Bro. Green, continuing, said some of my brother Past Masters will still remember "sturdy little Speight," his dignified ways—for, although short in stature, he was not short in dignity—and the hearty way in which he gave the Entered Apprentice's song, until advanced age and bronchitis incapacitated him. But, to return to the earlier records of the lodge, which are still preserved, we find that in 1823 its destinies were presided over by that worthy and distinguished brother who worked so zealously in the early part of this century to promulgate the great principles of our Order, and preserve its ancient landmarks—I refer to Bro. Peter Gilkes, whose name, by the way, is first mentioned in connection with the lodge about the year 1820. This brother, who was one of the greatest authorities of his day on Speculative Masonry, and who was a perfect master of the whole of its ritual and ceremonies, was not only actively associated with many of the leading Metropolitan lodges, but was installed as W.M. of this lodge on four different occasions between the years 1823 and 1833. It was while occupying that position for the last time that he passed away to the Grand Lodge above. This remarkable student of Freemasonry was perhaps the most accomplished, as he was certainly the most careful and conscientious, worker of his day, and to those brethren who are not acquainted with his history, it may be interesting that they should read a short extract from his biography in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" of 1834, as showing the influence which Bro. P. Gilkes exercised in St. Michael's Lodge and the great respect entertained for him by the brethren. About a year after Bro. Gilkes' death, his old friend and pupil, Stephen Barton Wilson, the designer of the monument to his memory, was elected a joining member of St. Michael's, and, like his illustrious predecessor, he became an active leader in its affairs. He filled the chair for two successive years in 1838-39, and his services were so highly appreciated, that the brethren voted a costly jewel on his retirement. Although the lodge migrated from the East-end of London very early in its career, the members appear to have wandered from one hostelry to another in central London for several years, and did not find a really settled home until the year 1834, when the lodge was removed to the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, and it was located there for 26 years. It was then taken to its present abode, where it has remained uninterruptedly for 35 years. That, I think, speaks volumes for the good management of this renowned establishment. I may here remind the brethren that the much-vexed question of the admission of the fair sex to our assemblies is not of such recent date as is sometimes supposed, for I find mention made of it in Bro. Blake's year. This Bro. Blake, by the way, was installed W.M. of the lodge by his predecessor, Bro. S. B. Wilson, and he was afterwards appointed S.G.D. of England, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey. He died about the year 1875. Another experiment was made, only in a different form, during the time I had the honour of filling the chair of the lodge in 1877. On that occasion we invited our lady friends to a summer outing, which took place on the river Thames at Maidenhead. We spent a very enjoyable day, the only incident which occurred to mar the proceedings being that our good friend Bro. Radcliffe attempted to amputate his thumb with a soda water bottle, much to the alarm of the company, and his better half in particular. Other summer outings followed, with more or less success, until about the year 1883. Having spoken of some of our more distinguished Masonic ancestors, I must now call to mind the brethren of light and leading in more recent times. My memory recalls with pleasure many of the officers who at the time of my initiation in 1871 were prominent workers in St. Michael's. For example, Bro. Drysdale, P.M., who fulfilled the duties of Secretary for many years, having been W.M. of the lodge in 1849. Bro. Drysdale was a most efficient worker as well as a most sociable companion, and he very kindly encouraged my youthful aspirations by introducing me to his lodge of instruction at Brixton. Contemporaneous with him was our revered old friend, Bro. Greenwood, P.M., who for some 25 years occupied the position, to which after his death the lodge did me the honour of

electing me. Bro. Charles Greenwood was not only a most popular and talented officer of this lodge, but for many years he held the position of Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey. He also participated in Grand Lodge honours, having been appointed G.S.B. of England. Bro. John Laver, P.M., who executed the memorial banner to Bro. Greenwood which now adorns our lodge room, Bro. Parsons, P.M., and my Masonic father and valued friend, Bro. T. H. Lavers, P.M., who was not only an admirable worker, but an orator whom it was delightful to listen to at the banquet table, Bro. Morgan, P.M., who besides occupying the post of Secretary, compiled the history of this lodge. These good Masons of recent times have all, I regret to say, joined the great majority, but they were men of sterling character, who diligently played their parts in maintaining the best traditions of this lodge and upholding its prestige. Of the Past Masters and officers now living I refrain from passing any comment beyond this, that I believe they are all made of the same good stuff; in fact, taking our present officers as a body, I do not think they could be surpassed for zeal and efficiency. When the history of the last 25 years of St. Michael's Lodge is completed, it will be found that the brethren of that epoch have done good suit and service not only as regards efficient working and good government in the lodge, but as liberal supporters of the Masonic Charities. There is certainly one thing to be especially proud of at this eventful time—that we have a lodge of instruction working under St. Michael's banner, which is doing valuable work, and has flourished far beyond any other which has preceded it in the history of the mother lodge. This is mainly due to the energy of the present W.M. and his officers. Bro. W. H. White, Grand Secretary for upwards of 50 years, often visited this lodge, and performed some of the principal ceremonies. We find mentioned in the minutes various lodges of instruction in connection with the lodge. In April, 1828, there was a lodge of instruction at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead; in January, 1830, at the Three Compasses, Kensington. In 1879, in my time, we established one at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, which was afterwards removed to the Moorgate, Moorgate-street. It existed a few years, and did some good work in its time, but it died a natural death, as lodges of instruction very often do. Therefore, brethren, you see the working which has been handed down to us by the St. Michael's Lodge has been religiously adhered to, and it was that practised by the greatest Masters of the early part of this century—the men, in fact, who were entrusted by the Grand Lodge with the responsible task of correcting the faults which had arisen owing to divisions in the Craft in the previous century. Those same men were the founders and leading lights in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement established about the year 1823, which to the present day is acknowledged to be the greatest authority on all matters pertaining to the ancient ritual. In thanking you, brethren, for the patience with which you have listened to these few remarks, I will conclude by expressing the fervent hope that St. Michael's Lodge may pursue the even tenour of its way during the next century, and contribute to the prestige of the Craft as loyally in the future as it has hitherto done.

Bro. COCKRELL, W.M., next proposed "The Past Masters," who had done good work; they were good men and true to their Masonic obligation to uphold the honour and integrity of the St. Michael's Lodge. After they had got out of office they had always given the benefit of their experience and knowledge to the brethren who required assistance, and were always ready to take the chair if the W.M. could not attend. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Dickson, who was one of those Worshipful Masters who did the work in the lodge in a splendid manner, giving the charges and the explanation of the tracing board. What those brethren had done in the past he was sure they would do in the future.

Bro. DICKSON, P.M., responding, said that the W.M. in proposing the toast had in mind a grateful remembrance of the long list of Past Masters who had come down with the lodge through the years of the last century, and that he had recalled with admiration their many valuable services to that lodge in particular and to Freemasonry in general. The Past Masters, of course, could not be unconscious after the very kind and personal reference the W.M. had made that he was tendering to them his respects, and for himself (Bro. Dickson) and his colleagues he returned their sincere and fraternal regards. Bro. Green had taken them hand-in-hand in the details he had given through a long vista of Past Masters of the lodge and it would be repetition if he were to follow him, but he endorsed all that Bro. Green had said, and he must remark that the history had been well compiled. It showed what an important part the Past Masters had played in using their influence. Such influence either made or marred a lodge; but in the case of the St. Michael's it had made the lodge. There had always been a body of Past Masters in the lodge willing to take upon themselves the duties they had discharged when they were in the chair, and at the advent of new members discharged their obligations to maintain the lodge's dignity, to render their services with intelligent unostentation and to hand down the ritual pure and undefiled. He claimed for himself that no one could have more sincere regard for the lodge or a greater hope for its prosperity and success.

Bros. MOUNT, MEGGY, and WEBB responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. MCLEOD to that of "The Masonic Charities," contrasting the position of those Institutions in their earlier years with what it was now.

Bro. RATCLIFFE, P.M., Sec., replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," assuring the brethren that the fulfilment of his duties in the latter capacity was a labour of love. He threw all his energies into his work and did everything he possibly could. He would not go over the ground trodden by the Treasurer in recapitulating the good work the lodge had done in the past. As his (Bro. Ratcliffe's) health had been honoured he supposed the brethren naturally thought he ought to say something about himself. Well, he could only say he was initiated in that lodge 20 years ago and served the office of W.M. in 1880. Since 1883 he had been appointed Secretary by the W.M. for the time being, and he supposed those successive brethren thought he could perform the duties of the position or they would not have appointed him. Ever since he was introduced to Masonry no one had taken a livelier interest in its welfare than he, and as long as he was a member of the lodge his ambition would be to do all he could for its future welfare. There were many duties in connection with the position of Secretary that officer had to perform, and he hoped he could do to the satisfaction of every brother of the lodge; but the brethren might rely upon this—he spoke from his heart when he said—he was proud to be a Past Master of that lodge—that old and distinguished lodge. He was pleased to bear his humble part in that day's celebration, and he thanked the W.M. and all the brethren for their kind expressions concerning him. He hoped that at the end of the present Worshipful Master's term of office he would be able to say it had been a happy term, and he would now conclude by saying he drank to the success of the St. Michael's Lodge for the next 100 years.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the S.W. and J.W. having responded, the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. W. Barnes, closed the proceedings of a most successful gathering.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has sent two boxes of Christmas presents to Miss Weston, at the Royal Sailors' Rest, Portsmouth. Accompanying them is a letter in which her Royal Highness expresses the hope that they may "give pleasure to the Bluejackets, their wives, and little ones."

A GRAND BAZAAR and International Frost Fair in aid of the fund for free breakfasts and Irish stew dinners for destitute children, and Christmas dinners, coals, &c., for the aged, will be held under the patronage of the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Duchess of Connaught, and the Duke of Cambridge, in the Kensington Town Hall on the 4th prox. and three following days.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge (the Board of Masters) and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and were very numerously attended. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., William Lake, Asst. G. Sec., William Dodd, W. H. Lee, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department, and there were also present:

Bros. William Vincent, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, James Baker, William Fisher, David D. Mercer, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, Major-General F. Gadsden, Henry Garrod, John Chadwick, Geo. Graveley, George R. Langley, J. Newton, S. V. Abraham, Walter Martin, W. M. Bywater, S. Vallentine, James John Shadlock, James William Nash, Charles G. Marcus, Charles Sheppard, R. Philip Upton, E. C. Mulvey, H. Massey, W. Caslake, G. W. King, William Thomas Winsor, Arthur W. Chapman, Layton S. Richardson, D. A. Langdon, Henry Gregham, Henry J. Moxon, E. M. Jeffrey, John W. Shackleton, J. T. Rowe, John Aldis, Fred. Deacon, Arthur Watts, William Kendall Down, G. Booker, G. Wilkinson, Harry Price, Edwin Evans, Charles Bachhoffner, Robert T. Godfrey, Jas. T. Lee, Edmund J. Turnbull, R. W. Brooms, Arthur W. Cooper, Thomas William Fisher, R. S. Ellis, A. Robins, J. W. Belsham, Charles M. Hagen, Samuel Vickers, Walter Davies, W. Henry Thomas, S. W. Latham, George N. Stress, S. Lewis, N. Goodchild, S. Pollitzer, R. B. Starkey, S. N. I. Turnbull, A. T. Lay, Arthur Bewley, G. Brash Wheeler, Walter Charles Maynard, E. W. Nightingale, and John Brewer.

At the Board of Masters, the agenda for the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on December 4th was laid before the brethren, after which the Board of Benevolence was opened, but before the business was called,

Bro. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., rose and said: Brethren,—Before we proceed to the business of the Board of Benevolence, and this being the last meeting of the present Board, I should wish to make a few remarks respecting our very worthy President. I am sure all the members of this Board—especially those who are in the habit of attending here constantly—must have been struck with the very kind and courteous manner in which our worthy President has presided over us again for the last 12 months. (Hear, hear.) I have heard a rumour, which I hope is not true, and I am sure the whole of this Board will endorse my feelings in the matter, that our President has the idea of giving up the presidency of the Board. I am certain we should all regret it, and I only hope the rumour has no foundation. (Hear, hear.) I shall not take any further time in comment. Our President is so well known that I will say no more. I will, therefore, move "That the best thanks of this Board of Benevolence are due and are hereby given to Bro. Robert Grey, the President, for his continued courtesy and kindness and for his impartiality when presiding over this Board during the past year." I do not think I need any seconder.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said: Bro. Garrod and Brethren. Once more I have to thank you for your very kind expressions towards myself. The rumour that you have heard I think is at least a common fact. There are certain offices in the Craft that I have always held it is advantageous to hold a certain number of years, and although I say so in the presence of one who is just beginning his tenure of office, I think 10 years of a man's life are as much as is due from him in justice to the Craft and in justice to himself. At the end of 10 years—or I would say at the end of nine years—I continue thoroughly qualified and at home in the work, and every year I have become more and more interested in it, and the more I appreciate the kindness shown to me. But there are others to follow after me, and I think it would be unfair to them if I were to continue in office after another year. (Cries of "No, no.") I thank you again for your kind expressions, but I am sure, in the face of 50 cases, you will think I have said enough.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the October meeting of grants to distressed brethren and widows to the total amount of £550. The new list contained the names of 50 petitioners, the candidates being qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Leeds, Blyth, Bermuda, Sheffield, Liverpool, Dinapore, Alnwick, Axminster, Sydney, N.S.W., Deal, Harrow, Middlesbrough, Hebden Bridge, Rochester, Leicester, Falmouth, Meerut, Plumstead, Todmorden, Malta, Manchester, Havant, Stoke (Devon), Llandudno, and Sittingbourne.

Four petitions were dismissed, and four deferred and one was withdrawn. The remainder were awarded a total of £995. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75; three petitioners were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; and eight for £30 each; and 20 were granted £20 each; five £10 each; and four £5 each.

The Board sat nearly five hours.

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Premier Conclave.

This old conclave held its first meeting after the recess at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights J. J. Pakes, M.P.S.; G. Graveley, V.E.; W. A. Scurrah, S.G.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Prelate; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Phillips, Prefect; F. G. Robinson, I.P.M.P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., P.M., P.S.; and Frater F. Reinhardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried *nem. con.*—"That in future the installation meeting be held in November, instead of June, as heretofore." It was proposed by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, seconded by Sir Knight N. Prower, and carried unanimously—"That for services rendered to the conclave by Sir Knight John Mason, P.G.C., as Recorder for upwards of 12 years, he be elected an honorary member." Communication respecting inability to attend were received from Sir Knights L. Steele, J.G.; J. Mason, P.M.P.S.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; J. Heard, P.M.P.S.; Parrott, P.M.P.S.; C. Keyser, P.M.W.S.; and others.

The conclave was then closed. A banquet followed. The M.P.S. presided with his accustomed geniality and ability.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

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The following circular is being issued to Lodges, &c. :-
6, FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,
21st November, 1895.

The "Committee Dinner Club," consisting of members of the Council of this Institution, having recently had under consideration the desirability of establishing a Fund for the provision of higher education for deserving Boys after they have finished their school career, has resolved to commence the Fund by starting a subscription amongst its members, a first list being appended. The disposition of the Fund will be entrusted to an executive to be appointed by the subscribers; the Club simply taking the initiative and inviting the Craft to carry the matter out.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Institution held on 18th October, 1895, it was unanimously resolved: "That this Board views with satisfaction the proposal to found a 'Scholarship Fund,' and approves the scheme submitted by the Committee Dinner Club."

It has long been felt amongst many energetic supporters of the Boys' School that the valuable and, of late, greatly increased benefits conferred upon the pupils may in many cases be still further enhanced, and the work of the Institution conserved, if opportunity could be given for clever boys, after leaving the School, to perfect their attainments by enabling them to gain Scholarships at the Universities, or in other ways to qualify for professional life or the higher walks of applied Science and Art.

The laws of the Institution do not permit of expenditure from its funds in this direction, and it is considered that the establishment of a separate Fund will be of great assistance in the future development of those deserving boys who have best applied the benefits conferred by the School.

The formation of such a Fund should not in any way be permitted to interfere with the ordinary income of the Institution; and there can be no doubt that the object in view will appeal to all brethren who have at heart the best interests and welfare of "Our Boys."

It is suggested that in each Masonic centre a local committee should be formed to promote the aims of the Fund and receive subscriptions.

(signed)

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To Correspondents.

ENQUIRER.—We cannot explain to you why the subject of dispensations was not mentioned in our report of the consecration of the Crouch End Lodge and the installation of Bro. Gerrish, W.M. 9, as its first W.M. Probably no reference was made to it in lodge or subsequently. You may, however, very safely assume that the Grand Secretary knew perfectly well what he was about when he installed a brother who was already the W.M. of one lodge, as the W.M. of another.

The following communications have been received:

CRAFT—
St. James Union Lodge, No. 180.
Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867.
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ROYAL ARCH—St. George's Chapter, No. 140; Starkie Chapter, No. 934; John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260; and St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.
MARK—St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1; St. George's Lodge, No. 15; Stamford Lodge, No. 146; and Darlington Lodge, No. 250.
ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.
SECRET MONITOR—Premier Conclave, No. 1.
Also several reports of Lodges of Instruction and sundry Reviews.
Centenary of Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 214.
An Old List of Lodges.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

We have been requested to state that petitions for the admission of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls must, in those cases in which it is desired that the names shall be entered on the list of candidates for the Election in April, 1896, be forwarded to the offices of the Institution, 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., at the latest by the 5th December, but it is desirable that they be sent in as much earlier as possible.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that practical form is being given to a suggestion which emanated a short while since from the members of the Boys School Committee Dinner Club. The suggestion was that a Scholarship Fund should be formed with a view to providing deserving boys of exceptional ability, who have completed their short career, with the means of obtaining for themselves that higher education which fits men for a superior class of avocation. The idea is not a new one. On the contrary, it has long been felt by those who take the deepest interest in the School, and consider that its duties towards those it has under its charge does not terminate when they leave the Institution that something of this kind was greatly needed.

A step in this direction was taken when the Board of Management, determining on retaining under their charge for a further period of one or two years pupils who had distinguished themselves in the School, and were deemed worthy of receiving further educational assistance. But the present proposal goes further still, and if the Fund is raised the Executive will have at their disposal the means for enabling clever boys to continue their studies and compete for University Scholarships, or qualify themselves for professional or scientific callings.

The suggestion is, as we have said, an excellent one, and the Board of Management, at its meeting on the 18th October, unanimously resolved—"That this Board views with satisfaction the proposal to found a 'Scholarship Fund,' and approves the scheme submitted by the Committee Dinner Club." With such an encouraging resolution to back them up, the Committee in question have set about raising subscriptions, and a first list of promised donations which has been brought to our notice discloses the fact that a good beginning has already been made. But to carry out the scheme thoroughly a considerable sum must be made, and it is suggested that local Committees should take the matter up, and solicit support among the lodges in their district for this most desirable object.

There are just one or two further points to which we are desirous of referring. The Scholarship Fund will be a separate and distinct organisation, nor will the funds which are so generously subscribed by the brethren for the support of the Institution be in any way or to the slightest extent trenching upon. Moreover, it is not intended to found large scholarships, but just to render that assistance which will place deserving ex-Masonians on an equality with other promising young scholars in the contest for educational honours and the advantages in after life which such honours are the means of securing. We strongly recommend the scheme to the favourable consideration of our readers, and trust it will receive from them that liberal measure of support to which it is entitled.

We are afraid we cannot offer much consolation to I.P.M., whose letter appears in our correspondence columns: Article 165, B. of C. is very clear: "Should the regular meeting of a lodge fall on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a public holiday, the meeting may be held on the day before or the day after, at the discretion of the Master." To hold a meeting on any other day, a dispensation, either from the Grand Master or, if the lodge is in a Province, from the Prov. Grand Master, must be obtained. But a fête-day, an annual market dinner, mayor's dinners, or carnival "do not, in our opinion, come under the head of a public holiday."

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 MEETINGS ON INCONVENIENT DAYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you or some kind brother inform me, through your columns, what a W.M. can do under these circumstances? When an ordinary lodge night falls on a date that would be very inconvenient for the lodge to be held—say a fête day, annual market dinner, mayor's dinners, or carnival. According to the Book of Constitutions dealing with public holidays, I have always held the W.M. has power to summon his lodge the night before or the night after; but I am informed by much older Masons than myself that I am wrong, and that a dispensation must be applied for at Grand Lodge. If you or one of your many readers will put me right on this point, it will much oblige—Fraternally yours,

I.P.M.

Croydon, November 15th.

VAGRANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A short stout man, name "T. F.," applied to me on the 14th inst. for relief as belonging to No. 309, Forfar. I wired as follows: "F—d applies for relief, how stands he?"

Reply comes back: "Do not give him anything, trades on the Craft, expose him."

Almoners please note.

SECRETARY 1436.

November 16th.

Reviews.

"THE HATTERS' GAZETTE DIARY, 1896."—Smith, Greenwood, and Co., 19, Ludgate Hill, E.C.—This will be found an excellent Diary, replete with all the information which is ordinarily contained in such annuals. In size it is Royal 4to, and the Diary is paged to contain the six working days of the week, and interleaved with blotting paper. In addition, there is a mass of special information relating to the Hat Trade, such as directories of London shippers of hats; hat and cap manufacturers, &c.; hatters' materials; together with full particulars of the commercial legislation for 1895, including the Acts passed by Colonial, as well as by the Imperial, Legislatures. It will be found of great use in the counting house.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Transactions Province of Durham: Proceedings Special Communication Grand Lodge A.S.F. in India: Masonic Hints, Ireland, by Bro. M. C. Hume: Proceedings District Grand Lodge Queenland: Sunday Times: Local Government Journal: Freemasonry: its Origin and Nature: The Country House: Ceremonies in Commemoration of the Dead A. and A. Rite, Philadelphia: Child's Guardian: New York Dispatch: Drinks of all Kinds: Hogg: The Science of Chronology: Hogg: The Housewife's Handy-Book: Hogg: and The Montreal Times.

Craft Masonry.

Bedford Lodge, No. 157.

The first meeting after the summer recess of this ancient centenary lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., Bro. Layton A. Richardson in the chair. There were also present: Bros. E. F. Shoebridge, S.W.; H. W. Dyne, J.W.; J. Bruton, I.P.M.; J. C. Main, P.M., D.C.; V. Larner, P.M., Stwd.; E. Jones, P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; R. C. Cork, S.D.; C. B. Weedon, J.D.; and G. H. Cox, I.G. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. T. J. Rutherford Adams, P.M. 63; J. W. Drysdale, W.M. 263; W. J. Flack, 2006; G. P. Hanns, 1816; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Harry Rogers was passed to the Second Degree. A candidate for initiation was to have been present, but was prevented by indisposition. On the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the W.M., a sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds on behalf of the Girls' School. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards partaken of.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and a capital programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. James Budd, of the Temple Lodge, assisted by Bros. Sydney Hill, Agar Grover, and Geo. P. Hanns.

Zetland Lodge, No. 511.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which this year celebrates its jubilee, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Kraus, W.M.; F. S. Jarvis, I.P.M.; M. A. Krellwitz, S.W.; W. S. Thwaites, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; G. J. Earney, P.M., D.C.; J. Moore, S.D.; T. R. Lamble, J.D.; J. Pringle, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; Birch, P.M.; Avery, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Cuff, P.M.; Barker, P.M.; Harnell, P.M.; Mulvey, P.M.; Essex, Collins, Baker, Renham, Fowler, Aberline, Moses, Pope, Thomas, Parker, Pailthorpe, Riemann, Worssam, Pasfield, Littlechild, Band, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Harnell, W.M. 707; H. F. Williams, P.M. 834; Bates, P.M. 1507; Robinson, P.M. 1589; Bennett, P.M. 1668; Dickinson, P.M. 1681; Mackay, P.M. 1767; R. H. Williams, P.M. 1767; Bryett, P.M. 1828; Baker, P.M. 1828; Pierpoint, P.M. 1828; Wynne, P.M. 1853; Whyman, P.M. 2046; Péron, P.M. (Amitié Boulogne); Humphrey, 55; Bayfield, 145; Ritchie, 173; Bloxham, 206; Shapcott, 733; Curtis, 733; Howe, 820; Whitney, S.W. 861; Groome, J.W. 861; Sanders, S.W. 917; Koach, 917; Jackson, 917; Gilderstein, 917; Dyke, 1275; Harris, 1275; Miller, 1471; Beach, 1563; Bannister, 1632; Sanger, 1642; Huish, 1642; Pullin, 1681; Maddick, 1694; Norton, 1694; Scott, 1767; Baker, 1853; Luke, 1853; Howard, 1894; Crowland, 1894; Bramble, 2182; Palmer, 2182; Markhall, 2346; Greenham, 2563; Swanson, and Fortescue.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jarvis, I.P.M., having taken the chair, Bro. Krellwitz, S.W., was presented to receive the benefit of installation, which was admirably performed by Bro. Jarvis, Bro. Mulvey, P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, acting as D.C. Having appointed and invested his officers, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. Evans and Wheeler, previously balloted for and elected. The W.M. had then a very pleasant task to perform, which was to unveil portraits of Bros. Asher Barfield, P.M., P.G.T.—for 26 years Treasurer—and George Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.—for 23 years Secretary—of the lodge, which had been subscribed for by the members to commemorate the jubilee of the Zetland Lodge and as a mark of the esteem in which they held those two brethren, who have rendered such signal service, not only to the Zetland Lodge, but to the whole Craft. Handsome frames for the portraits have been presented by Bro. J. R. Harnell, P.M. Bro. Read, on behalf of his colleague and himself, expressed gratification at so pleasing a compliment, at the same time mentioning that Bro. Barfield was prevented by indisposition from attending the meeting.

After the business of the lodge was completed, the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where a choice repast was provided.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Grand Officers," referred with pride to the fact that the lodge numbered among its members two Past Grand Officers in the persons of Bros. Barfield and Read. In coupling the name of the latter with the toast, the W.M. humorously pointed out the painful feeling of embarrassment Bro. Read must experience in so often hearing himself extolled as a pattern of excellence, and thought that Freemasons were great offenders in that respect.

Bro. Read responded in graceful terms, and stated that he felt particular pride and pleasure in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers in that lodge, for he could not but feel that the lodge had been honoured through him on the occasion of his receiving the collar of a Grand Officer.

Bro. E. Kraus, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and in wishing Bro. Krellwitz a pleasant and successful year of office, said that the brethren had received proof of his efficiency in the ritual from the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties in the lodge that evening.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he must return his sincere thanks for the exceedingly hearty manner in which the toast had been received. It took a good many years to attain the position of Master, and to make one's self efficient to occupy that position with credit. From the moment of his first taking office in the lodge, he had striven to perfect himself in the ritual, so as to enable him to carry out the various duties allotted to him. He had been pleased to find some work for him to do on his assuming the chair that evening, and assured the brethren that it would be his earnest endeavour to fulfil his duties to the best of his ability, and thereby satisfy his sense of duty and his conscience.

The Worshipful Master said that the next toast he had to propose was one which concerned that lodge in particular, but, of course, in a wider sense, the whole Craft, viz., "The Initiates." He hoped and believed the members of the lodge had made a fortunate choice in Bros. Evans and Wheeler, who came with such favourable recommendations. At present these two brethren cannot possibly have grasped the purport of Freemasonry, but as they were admitted to more light, they would learn to love and appreciate the grand Institution. As a great authority puts it—"Freemasonry is everything to those who comprehend it; it is nothing to those whose heart and soul are dead." He strongly advised them not to rest on their laurels after passing through the several Degrees, but to remember that there were higher aims and duties which awaited them, and that if they once realise that they could not fail to take a solid interest in the noble Craft.

The newly-initiated brethren having briefly returned thanks,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Immediate Past Master," congratulating Bro. Kraus on the very creditable and conscientious manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair during his year of office, and at the same time presenting him with the Past Master's jewel. Addressing Bro. Kraus, the W.M. said: This jewel not only represents your work as a Past Master, but also represents that jewel which no gold can buy—the brotherly love and esteem of the members of your mother lodge. May the G.A.O.T.U. give you health and strength to wear it for many years to come in the lodge, and may it remind you of the ties which bind us in the noble cause.

Bro. Kraus, I.P.M., in response, expressed his heartfelt thanks for the kind expressions that had fallen from the W.M., and for the Past Master's jewel that had been presented to him. He knew that they often received things they did not deserve; that lesson had been taught him in his early youth. He, however, had performed his task to the best of his ability, and hoped any shortcomings would be overlooked.

"The Visitors" was the next toast submitted by the Worshipful Master, who expressed gratification at the presence of so many distinguished guests and old friends. Bros. Harnell, W.M. 701; Bates, P.M. 1507; Whyman, P.M. 2046; and Jackson, 917, responded.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. said he was pleased to notice that they had appeared in full strength almost. They were the backbone of a lodge, and its prosperity or failure depends almost entirely upon them, for although the Master is supreme, he is always more or less guided by the sense in which the P.Ms. desire to manage the lodge. They had among them brethren who had passed the chair, who were not only willing, but also able to perform any work put upon them, clear proof of which was given that evening in the admirable way in which Bro. Jarvis, P.M., had come forward and worked the ceremony of installation. With this toast the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. H. J. Birch, the oldest P.M. present of the Zetland Lodge, initiated about 30 years ago, who responded.

Bro. George Read, P.G. Std. Br., then rose to propose the toast—"Success to the Zetland Lodge on its fiftieth anniversary." He said: We are met to-night on a very important occasion, namely, the 50th installation of W.Ms. and the jubilee of the lodge. I have been asked by the W.M. to mention in the course of these few remarks some facts concerning the history of the lodge that may prove of interest. I can only say, that looking through the minutes I have not been able to come across anything more remarkable than the extraordinary unanimity which has all along prevailed among the members. I may, however, mention that I find that on March 31st, 1845, a meeting was held at the Gloucester Arms Tavern, Kensington, New Town, and that it was resolved that a petition should be forwarded to the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, praying him to grant a warrant to hold a lodge at this tavern. The petition was signed by 15 brethren, and was acceded to, and the lodge was consecrated on July 9th, 1845, Bro. Dr. R. F. Crucefix, P.G.D., being the Consecrating Officer; there is no record of any other Grand Lodge Officer assisting him. On January 12th, 1845, notice of motion was given to remove the lodge; this motion being put to the lodge at a meeting in March, was negatived by five votes to four. On March 14th, 1849, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the lodge should be removed to the Adam and Eve Tavern. On August 3rd, 1859, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the lodge should be removed to the King's Arms Hotel, Kensington. This was confirmed on September 14th, and the lodge met at the King's Arms on November 9th, 1859, but on October 9th, 1861, another notice of motion was given to remove the lodge to a more suitable place. At a meeting convened at the Adam and Eve Tavern on November 1st, 1861, it was proposed that the lodge should be removed to London. This was negatived by 14 votes to 11, but it was then carried that the lodge should be removed to the Camden Arms, where it remained until October, 1867. In consequence of this place being then about to be pulled down, a special meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and on November 20th, 1867, it was carried that the Secretary solicit the M.W. Grand Master to remove the lodge to Anderton's Hotel, and at a meeting of the lodge at Anderton's on December 20th, 1867, the Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary announcing that the permission for removal had been obtained, and the lodge has now met at Anderton's Hotel for 28 years. The present Treasurer of the lodge was W.M. in 1854, and elected Treasurer in 1869. In 1872, Bro. Andrews, P.M., who had been Secretary for 20 years, passed away, and I, being appointed in his place, have now held this post of honour for 23 years. In conclusion, Bro. Read said that he trusted that the good feeling which had always existed in the lodge might continue, and asked them to cordially drink to the success of the Zetland Lodge on its jubilee.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," reminded them that it was only by regular attendance at lodges of instruction that they could hope to perfect themselves in their work, and expressed the hope that he should, during his period of office as Master, receive their loyal support.

Bro. Thwaites, S.W., replied in appropriate terms on behalf of the officers, and with the Tyler's toast the proceedings closed.

In the course of the evening, Miss Greta Williams, who received quite an ovation, Bros. Oliver, P.M., Littlechild, and Worssam sang excellently; a violin solo by Bro. Sanger, listened to with great attention, was much appreciated, as was also a mandoline solo by Bro. Luke.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, under the presidency of Bro. John Lusty, jun., supported by Bros. Robt. Fielder, P.M.; J. J. Omer, P.M.; G. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Hon. Mem.); Frank Adams, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Westmorland, J.W.; J. Coote, S.D.; H. Warner, J.D.; C. W. Chandler, D.C.; R. Hindlerwell, I.G.; J. H. Wilson, Stwd.; J. Very, Tyler; J. F. Foulds, T. Sweeting, C. Gibson, E. Smith, S. C. Frisfor, A. H. Phillips, W. Foggier, F. Quandt, C. J. Fielder, D. G. Lusty, W. S. J. Parsons, J. O'Brien, W. H. Barnett, D. Gower, A. E. Green, S. T. Beale, J. Cameron, S. Keen, David Syer, and others. Visitors: Bros. D. J. Denselow, 853; H. R. Baxter, 898; C. J. Fowling, P.M. 1472; J. Falconbridge, E. Brindsley, and W. T. Legg, of 1382; J. Chelson, 1702; J. A. Worthington, 1679; F. Neale, W.M. 1981; S. W. Timson, P.M., G. J. Anderson, P.M., J. Lancett, A. Lucas, W. Shuttleworth, G. H. Seage, W.M., and T. D. Burges, of 781; J. Thier, 184; T. Blyth, 2411; H. W. Rance, 1781; J. Mills, 1765; W. Devey, 99; Courtain Chivers, 65; and others.

The lodge being duly opened and a candidate initiated, Bro. Frank Adams was presented to the W.M. as a fit candidate for the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. Adams having been inducted into the chair, the following were presented and invested with the collars of their offices: Bros. J. Lusty, I.P.M.; J. W. Westmorland, S.W.; John Coote, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; H. Warner, S.D.; J. Hindlerwell, J.D.; J. F. Haskins, Ph.D., P.G.O. Essex, Org.; C. W. Chandler, I.G.; J. H. Wilson, D.C.; T. Sweeting and Cohen, Stewards; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Terry then delivered the addresses in his wonted eloquent and impressive manner, to the great satisfaction of the brethren, after which several cases for benevolence were brought forward, and most generously relieved. A substantial amount was also voted to Bro. Parrett's list as Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

All Masonic business being ended, and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which reflected great credit on the caterer, the arrangements being perfect, and the viands and wines of a *recherche* character.

After the loyal toasts, Bro. Terry, in a few well-chosen words, responded for "The Grand Officers."

The W.M., in reply to the toast of his health, briefly referred to his career in his past offices, and said, having done his best in them, it would be some guarantee that he would do so in the honourable position he then occupied.

"The Health of Bro. Lusty, I.P.M.," was then proposed, and he was invested with a collar and jewel.

Bro. Lusty returned thanks in an appropriate manner.

For "The Past Masters" Bros. Wakefield and Parrett responded, the last named making an earnest, but humorous, appeal for support from the brethren personally towards his Steward's list.

For "The Installing Officer" Bro. Terry replied, referring to his long connection with the lodge. Twenty-eight years ago he consecrated it, and on every occasion except once since he had acted as Installing Master. He had always met with nothing but good feeling from the brethren. When old age and infirmity overtook him he would ask to be relieved, but he supposed there was no peace for the wicked. The lodge was pre-eminent for its support of the Charities. Each year their Worshipful Masters afforded a bright example in their support of all the Charities. The W.M. that year gave way to Bro. Parrett as Steward representing the lodge. He thanked them for what they had done in the past, and trusted they would continue to do so in the future, and support Bro. Parrett's list.

The remaining toasts having been duly honoured, the proceedings terminated.

During the intervals Bros. H. Devey, G. Anderson, G. Parrett, Clifford Grout, and others contributed to the harmony.

Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. Dr. Millsom, W.M.; Colwell, S.W.; Barry, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Hearn, P.M., acting Sec.; Chisholm, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; Hopkins, Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Cockburn, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Fole, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; and Dennis, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Templeton, White, and Stubbs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. F. T. Clay, W. Eyles, and J. W. King, and, it being unanimous, they were duly initiated, the W.M.'s working being exceedingly impressive. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bro. J. Graham, 975, as a joining member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. G. Everett responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." He said that he hoped the brethren would not expect a long speech from him. He had not quite recovered from his protracted indisposition. It had afforded him a great pleasure a few weeks ago to assist at the consecration of a new lodge. There were a number of Grand Officers there, and the work of the Grand Secretary and others had been admirably done. He

took that opportunity—as he did not wish to speak again that evening—of congratulating the W.M. on his working, and the members of the lodge on the highly prosperous condition of No. 1381. There were very few lodges in so sound a financial position, and long might it continue. Other toasts followed.

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, Davis, Linwood, Lundie, Everett, and others entertained the brethren, the tenor singing of Bro. Linwood being particularly appreciated.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 13th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.T., J.W., in the chair; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., as S.W.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Brown, S.D.; Dr. Hinton, P.M. 84, P.P.G.O., J.D.; H. Bright, I.G.; Dr. Wynne-Jones, R. H. Thrupp, P.A. G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middx., and H. H. Room, G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Middx., Hon. Members. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Higgins, P.M., and J. Kestvin.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Tompsett, and it being unanimous, he was duly initiated in an able manner by the acting W.M. The Secretary then installed Bro. W. Fisher as W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. H. H. Room discharged the duties of D.C. most effectively. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. E. W. Davis, I.P.M.; A. Macchi, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; Dr. Hinton, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; Dr. Wynne-Jones, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The sum of 10 guineas, on the motion of the Treasurer, was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, per Bro. E. W. Davis, I.P.M. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the latter brother, in consequence of his absence through indisposition, was postponed till the next meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; R. Perry, P.M.; Col. R. Cumming, P.M.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.S.B.; C. H. Köhler, P.M. 1381; and others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet was furnished by Mr. Green, the host of the Albany. The W.M. gave the customary toasts with ability and discretion.

Bro. H. H. Room responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neatly worded speech.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp replied to the toast of "The Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers of Middlesex." At the conclusion of his speech he called attention to the fact that the "Room Testimonial Fund" would close on the 31st prox. He hoped that the amount subscribed would be worthy of the province and of its Secretary.

Bro. Kestvin responded on behalf of "The Visitors;" Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders and A. Toulmin for "The Past Masters;" and Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M.; Brown, J.W.; and I. H. Bright, I.G., for "The Treasurer and Officers."

Among those who entertained the brethren were Bro. Dr. Hinton, on the pianoforte, and Bro. Kestvin, who gave a fine rendering of a dramatic story.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.

An "Off night" of this good old lodge has a peculiar charm for the members which few of them care to miss, for it is upon these occasions that the brethren of the lodge interchange their ideas regarding Freemasonry and the practice of its virtues without the fear of criticism which the presence of visitors might engender in some minds. On Saturday, the 9th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, such an evening was spent, and the brethren were treated to an earnest and thoughtful paper from Bro. John Newton, F.R.A.S., P.M., G. Purst. of England, the first Master of the lodge, upon the subject—"Why am I a Freemason?" During the evening a telegram of congratulation was, in the name of the lodge, dispatched to the M.W.G.M., wishing him many happy returns of his birthday. His Royal Highness promptly sent the following gracious reply: "Worshipful Master, Loyalty Lodge. I thank the Brethren for kind congratulations.—ALBERT EDWARD."

Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. James Shotter, W.M.; George Rawlins, I.P.M.; Septimus Croft, S.W.; W. R. B. Briscoe, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Briggs, S.D.; H. N. Bennett, J.D.; Ralph Langton, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M.; John Larkin, P.M.; and Rupert Smyth. Visitors: Bros. Charles Garton, S.D. 192; William Potter, 2047; and W. W. Wells, P.M. 1672.

The minutes of the meeting held October 21st were read and confirmed. Bros. Briggs, Larkin, and Smyth were elected on the audit committee. Bro. Septimus Croft was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Samuel Waite, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. Thomas, Tyler. Mr. C. R. R. Hopper was proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren dined together under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. James Shotter, the pleasure of the evening being much enhanced by an excellent programme of music performed by Professor Joseph Speight, A.G.S.M.; Miss Annie Northcroft, Miss Minnie Hyem, Mr. Samuel Masters, and Mr. F. Stuart Hyatt, Students of the Guildhall School of Music.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 8th instant, the Feast of their Patron Saints. Present: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., as W.M.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, I.P.M.; E. Macbean and C. Kupferschmidt, Wardens; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Pardon Clarke and S. T. Klein, Deacons; E. Conder, jun., Stwd.; W. H. Rylands, P.M., A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and Admiral A. H. Markham, D.G.M. Malta. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Tickle, C. G. Hokanson, the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, Dr. C. Wells, R. N. Crane, S. Richardson, H. D. Willock, W. Fooks, the Rev. H. Thomas, G. Powell, Capt. J. H. Leslie, A. Digby-Green, H. Woodcock, J. W. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, E. A. T. Breed, W. F. Stauffer, C. H. Bestow, the Rev. E. S. Shelton, J. W. Applin, C. H. Barnes, R. Palmer Thomas, B. H. Brough, G. W. J. Fowler, T. Conu, A. W. Dennis, G. J. Taylor, R. J. Hall, L. Ferguson, C. N. MacIntyre North, J. C. Pocock, J. Grisdale, F. Hallows, R. A. Gowan, the Rev. J. W. Hursley, E. Armitage, L. Ghislain, E. Glaeser, F. W. Wright, P. L. Simmonds, F. Sheffield, C. B. Barnes, F. Bartlett, C. W. Capel, J. S. Cumberland, D.G. Std. Br., H. Lovegrove, W. G. Poole, H. B. Chamberlin, E. J. Barron, P.G.D., G. Greiner, E. Greiner, J. J. Hall, W. A. Tharp, H. Tipper, A.G. Purst, F. Bird, J. Wakelin, R. Ottewell, Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., F. W. Levander, W. H. Colman, T. Adams, Max Mendelssohn, and O. Marsland. Also the following visitors: Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Charles Baxter, P.G.D. Scotland; W. B. Fowle, 1446; E. C. Stimson, 2374; C. H. Knight and C. L. Chubb, 2545; W. W. Lee, 1837; J. P. Richards, 1584; and J. Webb, 92.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Gould rose, and said that he had received a letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan, who much regretted his inability to be present with them that evening. Bro. Hughan was a particular friend of the W.M. elect, and therefore experienced great vexation at being debarred from witnessing his installation. He would, with the permission of the lodge, inform their distinguished brother that his absence was greatly lamented by them all, and, at the same time, would express the satisfaction with which his latest work, "The Old Charges of British Freemasons" (second edition), had been welcomed by the Masonic world. In that book Bro. Hughan had compressed what might be termed the labour of a life-time, and to all classes of readers it would convey a large amount of information on, perhaps, the most interesting, though hitherto the least known, branch of Masonic research.

The following two lodges and 151 brethren were then admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Ryburn Lodge, No. 1233, Sowerby Bridge; Lodge Star of Agra, No. 1936, Agra, Bengal; Bros. F. H. D. Bell, Wellington, and R. McInhuish, Nelson, New Zealand; J. D. Dawson, P.M. 1596, J. M. yer, 677 (S.C.), W. H. Montgomery, P.M. 1596, J. H. Horn, 1596, and W. Sumnerfield, 1596, all of Townsville, L. Janson, P.M. 2235, Gladstone, Queensland; R. H. Matthews, P.M. 185, Condobolin, New South Wales; J. Mackenzie, 339 (S.C.), Belize, Brit. Honduras; E. Norton, 1406, Madras; J. E. Orme, 163, St. Paul, Minnesota; A. Heber-Percy, 262, Hodnet Hall, Shropshire; Capt. C. C. Powell, P.M. 457, Dixton, Monmouth; H. Budden, 622, Wimborne, Dorset; J. P. Sayer and C. F. Kush, both of 1924, Maldon,

Essex; G. Norman, 41, Bath; E. Miles, P.M. 1564, and R. Stileman, 1395, Guildford; F. Bartlett, 1110, Croydon; J. A. Jones, 2391, Middlesborough; R. Stewart, P.M. 24, Gateshead; W. M. Cuckow, C. H. Downes, C. G. Havell, and A. J. Howard, all of 2371, Felixstowe; J. W. Aplin, 1314, and W. R. Kirkman, 913, Chislehurst; J. Wood, P.M. 1636, Brighton; and in London, H. Happold, 2121; J. A. Tharp, 1228; E. S. Stidolph, P.M. 1544; B. H. Brough, 1415; J. Kay, P.M. 742; J. S. Chapman, 355; J. M. Mitchell, W.M. 92; E. D. Oopert, P.M. 92; E. Anderson, P.M. 49; J. Pinder, 15; J. Grisdale, 1703; B. F. Stratton, P.M. 49; H. S. Wilton, P.M. 49; W. Bellamy, 1627; C. A. C. Keeson, 822; J. E. Anderson, 18; T. G. Robinson; A. de Beer, 786; O. Marsland, 19; Dr. Wells, 2323; and R. N. Crane, 2397.

Several letters apologising for unavoidable absence having been read from members of the lodge, Bro. Sir C. Warren, Sir Walter Besant, Dr. Chetwode Crawley, and others, and from intending visitors, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, T. Fenn, and others, the Secretary called attention to a handsome Scottish Master's jewel, which had been sent for exhibition by Bro. Macadam, of Edinburgh. Bro. Gould then proceeded to install Bro. Edward Macbean, the W.M. elect, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ball, I.P.M.; C. Kupferschmidt and C. Pardon Clarke, C.I.E., Wardens; Sir Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein and T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., Deacons; R. F. Gould D.C.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; J. Lane, Stwd.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The W.M. then delivered his installation address, for which he chose as his theme the literary work and general progress of the lodge during the previous 10 years of its existence, pointing out wherein the archaeology of the Craft had made advance, what new facts had been elicited, what new theories broached, what old errors dissipated. He also alluded feelingly to the high death rate which the lodge had had to endure, depriving it of some of its most prominent workers. The address will be printed in the Transactions of the lodge, and is too long to even condense in these columns, but it will well repay perusal, as showing what this peculiarly constituted lodge has effected in a comparatively short time. Bro. E. J. Barron, P.G.D., then read the paper announced for the evening. It consisted of a description of a portion of the series of engravings by Schellenberg, with commentaries by Musaeus, known as the "Dance of Death," or "Danse Macabre," the special engraving under consideration being entitled "Death, the Freemason," representing Death introducing a candidate into the lodge, through the open door of which the assembled brethren are seen. The description and comments of the lecturer were listened to with great interest, and evoked considerable discussion, in which Bro. Speth, Kupferschmidt, Lovegrove, Klein, Rylands, Conder, and Rev. Horsley took part. Two prominent questions were debated. Was Musaeus a Mason, and where did he derive the knowledge of Masonic matters displayed in his remarks and the picture? And what was the real derivation and significance of the term "Danse Macabre"? A vote of thanks was heartily accorded Bro. Barron for his interesting paper. The usual illuminated testimonial to the retiring W.M. was then signed, the lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to the H. I. born Restaurant for dinner.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said they recognised in her Majesty the qualities of a Sovereign, but they loved her more for her womanliness and domesticity.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been honoured,

The W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers," and said it was a matter of considerable satisfaction that in a small lodge they had such a large proportion of Grand Officers. He should couple the names of Bro. Eve, who was one of the most enthusiastic Masons they had of 40 years' standing, Dr. Gooding, who had been before them years, and Barron.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., in reply, said that although he had not visited this lodge for a year or two, yet he had always been interested in its publications, and was conscious of the great work it was doing. It had presented to them the history and archaeology of Freemasonry in a way never presented before, and afforded facilities for brethren to meet and study Freemasonry from its most ancient periods, and discuss the various questions arising in their minds after those studies. The work done would be a constant credit to their Secretary, Bro. Speth, who was following in the lines of their great historian, Bro. Gould, and it proved that they had the minds of men brought to bear upon subjects they were able to understand. He was glad to be present, and hear an important matter brought forward with reference to an engraving which seemed to have been executed years ago. There seemed a difference of opinion as to whether it was engraved by a Freemason. His own opinion was in the negative, and, after listening with interest, he was inclined to think the engraving was not done with the idea of advancing a good opinion of Freemasonry. The picture he looked upon for the first time was said to allude to the "Dance of Death." It opened the minds of all to research. That engraving did not present to his mind that view of Freemasonry which they, in those latter periods of life, were able to form of it. They did not look upon Freemasonry as a sign of death, but as something to give them light, more light, as much light as they could get, and they were not afraid of death in their search for it. Immediately they entered Freemasonry they found the principle good and true, and that it afforded them a better opportunity of making themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow creatures. Knowing what Freemasonry was they were not afraid of the picture presented to them, for they knew it did not concern them in the slightest degree. They looked upon death as the termination of their usefulness here. The question raised would have to be further investigated, and they were glad to have such a body of brethren devoted to the history of the Order and the development of Freemasonry, and to bring their experience to bear, so that succeeding ages might criticise their institution as they had had to do.

Bro. E. J. Barron, F.S.A., P.G.D., in response, said that if he had contributed to their entertainment in the subject brought before them, that was quite sufficient reward for him.

Bro. R. Gooding, P.G.D., said it was nearly 10 years since he had the honour of acting as the consecrating J.W. in that lodge, when he was told it would be a "small affair," but he thought it would be select, and it had proved so. The number of members in the lodge was small, but included great men like Bro. Gould and others, who had done great things for Freemasonry, which they all appreciated. With regard to the Grand Officers, they had certain trusts imposed upon them, and endeavoured to carry them out with the best advantage to the Order.

Bro. Gould said: Bro. Wardens and Brethren,—Though there may be differences of opinion on ordinary occasions as to what should properly and legitimately be styled the toast of the evening, there can be none whatever at the annual festival of this lodge, that it is the health of the worthy and distinguished brother whom we have elected to preside over us for the ensuing year. Our W.M. joined the Correspondence Circle in May, 1887, and was elected to full membership in May, 1888. In the November following—that is to say, precisely seven years ago—he was appointed Steward, and has continued to hold office uninterruptedly throughout the whole of that period, until his final promotion to the highest honour which it has been in the power of the lodge to bestow. Our brother's capabilities are, therefore, not unknown to those who usually attend the meetings of the lodge, and I think I may also say that even by the visitors who are here for the first time, his manner of presiding over us, both at labour and refreshment, has already satisfied them that he will reflect credit on our choice. But we have a custom that, however well known our new Master may be—and even supposing that everyone present was his personal friend, which I can assure you, it will not be the fault of Bro. Edward Macbean if they fail to become in the course of the evening—that he should be re-introduced to the brethren, and just the barest outline be given of his past career, both as a citizen of the world and a Freemason. Our brother was born in America in 1845, but his very early recollections are associated with the Island of Ceylon, where for some years his father was the Colonial Chaplain. He then travelled very extensively, visiting India, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, and he has made more than one voyage round the world. But about 20 years ago he settled down definitely to mercantile pursuits, and entered into business at Glasgow—where the firm still continues to flourish—with himself at the head of it, and in the neighbourhood of which City he dispenses, as several who are present can bear witness, a most generous hospitality. Bro. Macbean was initiated in St. John's Lodge, Glasgow, No. 3 bis, in 1884. The next year he was exalted in the Glasgow Chapter, and I may here mention, that in Scotland, the Mark Degree is always conferred by way of preliminary on a candidate for the Royal Arch. Our brother is an Ark Mariner, a Red Cross Knight, Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, and a member of other High Degrees. He is also an VIIIth in the Rosicrucian Societies of England and Scotland. Returning, however, to Craft and Capital Masonry—our W.M. is a full member of the oldest lodge in Scotland, the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1; an Honorary Member of several Masonic bodies; a founder and the Treasurer of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 209; a P.Z. of the Glasgow Chapter, No. 50; and a Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand

Chapter of Scotland. He is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine, at the Grand Chapter of Scotland, a distinction he much prizes, and with good reason, as it was conferred upon him at the instance of Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, one of the greatest American Masons of the century. Bro. Macbean's first literary effort, or if not the first, at all events the earliest of which I have any personal knowledge, was a valuable essay on Symbolism; and since joining this lodge he has been a diligent contributor to its Transactions. The following papers have been read by him at our meetings: "Scottish Freemasonry in the Present Era;" "The Formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," and "Master Masons of the Crown of Scotland." He has also figured very often as a reviewer, and in other spheres of action (outside the Quatuor Coronati Lodge), has delivered lectures distinguished both by originality and research, on "The Egyptian Mysteries, Aryan Migrations, Solar Myths," and "Phallic Worship." Our present W.M. has served longer in the subordinate offices of the lodge than any brother who has preceded him in the chair. During the seven years he has been thus working his way up, many things have happened, and among them there is, perhaps, no more remarkable occurrence than the strong hold on the public favour which has been attained by *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*. In 1888 there were 469 subscribers to our publications, while the list now passing through the press will show a grand total of about 2200, consisting, it may be observed, of lodges, brethren, and societies in every portion of the globe. Figures like these not only attest the far-reaching influence of the lodge, but they suggest in the most expressive manner—I was going to say the expediency, but a better phrase will be, the imperative necessity, of annually electing as the head of our vast and still growing Circle, a brother whose Masonic record may inspire confidence in every member of it—and such a result, I shall now affirm, without a shadow of misgiving, to have been fully ensured for the coming year by the installation of Bro. Macbean. I have only a word or two more to say. Much good work has been done in the lodge during the first decade of its existence, but as the old proverb may serve to remind us—"The mill cannot grind with water that's past." One of our founders, the late Bro. Woodford, has been taken from us, and alas, more than one of those early joining members whose labours assisted so materially in raising the lodge to the position it has attained. Upon the younger men, therefore, in our ranks, and particularly on the officers of the lodge at the present time, must now devolve the principal heat and burden of the day. That they will, however, be found quite able to perform any duty that may fairly be laid upon them, I do not doubt for an instant, especially during the year on which we have now entered, and under the guidance of so popular a man, so experienced a Freemason, and so sagacious a ruler as the W.M. in the chair.

Bro. E. Macbean, W.M., in responding, said he did not say he could do as much as his predecessors, but with any abilities given him—which was a moot point—he had enthusiasm. He would do the best he could for the lodge according to his lights, with the advice of the very strong Board of Past Masters. He would probably look upon some matters in a different manner to some of his predecessors. He was the first commercial man who had achieved that position, and it was quite possible that while they had done good in certain directions, he might do some good in other quarters. As a travelled man, he had come in contact with men every day of his life, and might see his way, with the assistance of the Secretary, in doing some good thing for the lodge to help keep up the record. He had a strong desire that the number should not diminish during his year. He felt the high encomiums Bro. Gould had passed upon him, and would particularly try to live up to that ideal, and expressed his hearty and grateful thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren had received the toast.

Bro. Capt. Leslie, R.A., replied for "The Correspondence Circle," and gave his experiences as a local Secretary in the Punjab. He could not give a very favourable report of the work, because it was extremely difficult to work up the brethren there to the point of joining.

"The Visitors" next received a cordial welcome from the W.M. He said they would be glad to see more visitors, because there was this strange feature—that they usually became members of the Circle.

Bro. Newton Crane, of the United States Embassy, in responding, said he had but recently been made a Mason, and while he knew nothing of the organisation, yet he had the profoundest respect for it. That night a new vista had opened for him, for he had no idea there was so much in the study of the Craft.

"The Founders and Past Masters" was next introduced by the W.M., who remarked that many knew that the beginning of the lodge was very small indeed, there being but three or four members of the Inner Circle present. The least they could do was to honour those and remember them for their services.

Bro. Rylands, F.S.A., said they were very gratified at the progress made, as they never expected the lodge to reach such magnitude. They would endeavour to keep to the lines laid down, and keep to the old traditions. Bro. Rylands then proceeded to allude to the paper read in the lodge and the subsequent remarks of Bro. Eve, to which space alone precludes further reference.

"The Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Kupferschmidt, S.W., after which the W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," especially alluding to the enormous labours of Bro. Speth, Sec., who regarded that work as a labour of love, as he was a literary Mason before the lodge was formed.

Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec., in the course of his reply, alluded to the excellent assistance given him in the clerical work by his daughter. It had been the kindness of every Master to give him more than he deserved in the way of praise for the work done. He had answered to that toast for 10 years, and could say no more than that he always appreciated the kindness shown him individually by all the members. The year they had just passed through had been a memorable one for the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. It had been a record year in the matter of accession to their ranks. They had never previously received more than 387 members into the Correspondence Circle, which was last year, but this year the total was 420. When they were about to issue the first Transactions, Bro. Hughan—than whom none could have had more experience—advised them not to print more than 100, as they would never have more members. When he said that in this year alone they had more than quadrupled that estimate, he thought his feelings were those of astonishment. He hoped that possibly in the next year they might admit 500 members. In spite of the accession to their ranks they did not somehow seem to have more money to dispose of. As their numbers increased so did the contributors increase, and therefore the amount of valuable matter he was called upon to publish also increased in proportion. They had been in debt since 1892, and had not been able to reduce it, and he was afraid that this year the deficiency had increased. That could not go on, and the question must arise—"Shall we reduce the volume of our Transactions and give you less matter, or print it in a less costly form with fewer illustrations, or raise the contributions?" He was pleased to hear that loud "Yes, yes," to the latter part of the question. He was strongly of opinion that the time must come when in justice to themselves, and the aspirations of literary Masonry, they must raise the amount to one guinea. They would lose a few members, of course, but the question was, how many? If they did not lose one half they would make a gain, but if they lost more it would be an injudicious matter to enter upon, and that was the question to be fought out in Committee. He appealed to them—"Was there any other literary society in or out of London which for 10s. 6d. gave them the same amount of printed matter as they did?" Everything connected with the lodge, *qua* lodge, was paid for by the full lodge members, and when they took the subscriptions of the Outer Circle, which were devoted to the literary side only, they found there was a certain surplus over the actual cost of printing, yet the salaries of their servants, rent of offices, cost of library, and posting of transactions more than swallowed up the balance. He did not think the lodge should proceed on a losing system. He was sure the brethren present, and he hoped the great majority throughout the world, would agree that the better way was to raise the subscriptions. If that was done they should not only continue their transactions but better them, and it there was sufficient surplus they could attain their great object—the establishment of a central home for the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—where brethren could write their letters, receive their Masonic friends, consult their library, and transact such Masonic business as they required. He did not think that lodge could be said to have attained its position, and the object with which it set out until that had been accomplished. Very few realised what had been done in their lodge. They had proved to the literary world that there was more in Freemasonry than eating, drinking, ceremonies, and Charity. They had shown that Masonry had an immeasurable past, of which they could not fathom the depth, that there was much in Masonry worth the close study of archaeologists and literary men, and they had been able to produce volumes of transactions which—although he was the editor—he was not ashamed to say could be compared with the transactions of any literary society in the world. It would be their study to continue that course, and bring the Quatuor Coronati Lodge more to the front, and assert more and more its claims as a worthy member of the great literary societies of this great world.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 1st inst. Among those present were Comps. Stevens, M.E.Z.; Larcomb, H.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.S.B., P.S.; Nash, D.C.; Birch, Stwd.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; Radcliffe, P.Z.; Larter; S. Cochran, P.G. Treas.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers then took place as follows: Comps. Larcomb, M.E.Z.; Capt. Walls, H.; Mapleton, J.; Collens, P.Z., S.E.; Lardner, P.Z., S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, P.S.; Nash, 1st A.S.; Birch, 2nd A.S.; Pratt, D.C.; Larter, Stwd.; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The resignation of Comp. G. Heming was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Mapleton, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, 1st A.S.; F. Graves, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the numerous toasts received full justice at the hands of the presiding Principal.

During the proceedings Comps. Thurlie Beale, S. Cochran, Nash, Radcliffe, Weeks, Lardner, and others entertained the companions.

Alexandra Chapter, No. 993.

The annual installation of Principals and investiture of officers took place on Monday, 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The chapter was opened by Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., and the minutes were read and confirmed. Comps. Joseph Mansell Moss, H., M.E.Z. elect; Robert Bresford, J., H. elect; and W. H. Anderson, S.N., and J. elect; were presented to Comp. B. Carr by Comp. Wm. Allitt, P.Z., and they were duly installed into their respective chairs and declared and saluted. The following officers were invested—Comps. H. G. Ward, S.E.; J. Mottram, S.N.; H. Clulow, Principal Soj.; R. E. Walker, 1st A.S.; R. Poole, 2nd A.S.; Wm. Allitt, P.Z., Treas.; and E. H. Flower, P.Z., Janitor. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by Comp. B. Carr in such an admirable manner as to call for much favourable comment by members and visitors. In addition to the names mentioned above the following were present: Comps. C. D. Cheetham, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. H. Peak, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Hurst, P.Z.; J. E. Ridgway, and H. Helliwell. Comps. G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org., and J. Parker, P.Z., were visitors. Before the chapter was closed a very pretty P.Z.'s. jewel was presented to Comp. Allitt.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Prov. Grand Chapter and other chapters, and thus terminated a very pleasant and successful meeting.

Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. SACHS.

We depart from our usual rule this week in order to present our readers with the portrait recently taken of one of the oldest living Masons. The subject of our illustration is Bro. Thomas Ransom Sachs, now residing at Deal, and in his 82nd year. He is P.M. and the ancient of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, of which he was W.M. in 1861—and Hon. Secretary from 1862 to 1872, being presented on his retirement from office with a handsome silver loving-cup, by the then brethren. He has long been widely and honourably known in the fishing world, having fished successfully in most European countries and has been for some years President of the Piscatorial Society, and we think some particulars of the lodge of which he has been a member for 40 years may be interesting to some of our readers. The Salisbury Lodge was founded at Waltham Cross in 1836 under a warrant from the then M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, K.G., and the most noble the then Marquess of Salisbury, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Herts, consecrated it, assisted by 24 distinguished brethren. The first W.M. was Bro. W. Lloyd Thomas. It was removed in 1847 to Enfield, and in 1856, by permission of the M.W.G.M., was transferred to the London district, finally settling, after several migrations, at Freemasons' Hall, in 1878, where it now meets. Bro. Sachs joined the Salisbury Lodge in 1856, Bro. Stohwasser being in the chair, and in 1858 the latter brother, who had occupied the chair for three years, presented the lodge with a superb set of carved lodge furniture, jewels, and collars. Bro. Stohwasser was then also Treasurer, and continued so until shortly before his death at a great age in 1878. In 1864, during the visit to England of General Garibaldi, Grand Master of Italian Freemasons, this distinguished visitor was elected an honorary member of the Salisbury Lodge, and he accepted the position with gratification at an interview he graciously accorded to a deputation from the lodge. No. 435 is also the mother lodge of the celebrated musical composer and conductor, Bro. William Ganz, who duly passed through the chair; he

has been P.G.O. for some years. He always attends the installation meetings of his mother lodge, and delights the brethren with examples of his musical abilities. On the occasion of the jubilee of the lodge, the present Marquis of Salisbury sent a very kind letter of congratulation, wishing the lodge consecrated by his predecessor continued prosperity. At the time of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, the lodge prepared at considerable cost and forwarded to the M.W. Grand Master an address of condolence, which for beauty of design and workmanship is believed to be one of the most beautiful mementoes of that sad occasion received by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who, through his Secretary, very gracefully acknowledged it. The present W.M., Bro. Alex. Schwerzl, is one of the very few brethren of Bohemian nationality residing in England, and it is certain that he is the only brother of that country who has occupied the chair in an English lodge. Amongst the cherished possessions of the Salisbury Lodge, besides the charter above referred to, are a massive silver chain for the Master's collar, provided at the date of its jubilee, on which the names of the subsequent Masters are engraved, and a set of solid ivory gavels, beautifully engraved, of large size and of great value. Any brother seeking to join this old lodge, or wishing to have friends initiated in it, should address the genial Treasurer, Bro. Gustavus Pratt, P.M., whose address is 5 Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, or the Secretary, who has held that position for the last 12 years, Bro. William T. Ball, P.M., 145 Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. Pratt is the principal Founder, and has just passed through the chair of the Colne Lodge, Wyvenhoe, Essex, and Bro. Ball was instrumental this year in founding the Herga Lodge at Harrow-on-the-Hill chiefly intended for residents in that charming locality. Bro. Sachs is a companion of the old British Chapter, No. 8.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 65.

The annual supper of this well-known lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, E.C. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Blake, on the proposition of Bro. Greig, was elected a member. After appointing the following Wednesday for the audit, the lodge was closed.

The following brethren then adjourned to supper under the gavel of Bro. W. C. Thomas, W.M.: Bros. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Harris, P.M.; Talbot, P.M.; Kinipple, Kirk, Tidder, Greig, Drake, Downes, Huckell, Portwine, Fuller, Nake, of the mother lodge; Fisher, W.M.; Smith, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Baker, Robeson, Peach, Sarson, 192; Saunton, W.M. 1423; Allan, W.M. 1716; Silli, W.M. 2362; Thompson, P.M. 1597; Belchamber, 765; Butcher, 902; Beardshaw, Rendall, 1228; Meadows, 1571; Robson, 1310; and Millbourn, 1237.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft," at the hands of the W.M., having had the usual loyal reception,

Bro. HARLOW, in proposing "The W.M.," said it was the one and only toast he had to give during the evening, and nothing could give him greater pleasure. The brethren all knew of the excellent manner, as W.M. of the mother lodge, he carried out the duties entrusted to him, and if the visitors present favoured the lodge at the next meeting to judge for themselves they would readily acknowledge the justice of the assertion; in addition to that they all knew and appreciated him personally as a good fellow all round.

Bro. THOMAS, in reply, briefly thanked all for the evident hearty reception of the toast, and expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding at the festive board on that occasion, supported as he was by the presence of several Worshipful Masters and visitors, to which he again referred in giving the next toast—"The Visitors," at the same time assuring them of the hearty welcome that always awaited visiting brethren, and he could only hope that on a future occasion he might meet them as members. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Allan.

Bro. ALLAN, in response, returned thanks for the reception accorded them. He thought that the value of a lodge of instruction could not be overestimated, as it ensured the necessary perfection and decorum to be observed in the mother lodge; at the same time every brother was allowed to go forward, thus promoting a spirit of emulation, the good effects of which were many.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Preceptor and Assistant Preceptor," felt sure it would receive the enthusiasm it richly deserved; both Bros. Harlow and Greig were anxious to impart to any brother the information desired, and nothing could exceed their zealous efforts for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. HARLOW, in reply, assured them that the work entailed was a labour of love, and without being egotistical, he thought that they produced the best officers possible, a fact the visiting brethren could assure themselves at the next meeting; they had the coming W.M. as Assistant Preceptor, and he wished to acknowledge the valuable services of Bro. Greig as such.

Bro. GREIG also responded, saying that Bro. Harlow was so regular in attendance and so efficient that he was left with very little to do and he was only too pleased to afford all attending the lodge of instruction the information to enable them to become good Masons.

A beautiful illuminated address was then presented by the Worshipful Master to the late Secretary, as a slight mark of esteem in recognition of his services extending over many years.

The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. SARSON, who thanked the brethren heartily for the mark of their favour; only increased business had necessitated his retirement from the office it had afforded him the pleasure to hold, and his services had been always to the best of his ability for the benefit of the lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was suitably acknowledged by Bro. MEADOWS.

Songs, ably rendered by Bros. Huckle, Noakes, Smith, and Fisher, lent additional charm to the enjoyment of the evening.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. A. F. Taylor, W.M.; Maurice Moss, S.W.; T. T. Gething, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Battersby, S.D.; H. G. Danby, P.M., J.D.; R. M. Fleming, I.G.; W. B. Neville, P.M.; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767; T. Pringle, A. J. Clayton, R. H. Meyer, R. Liddiard, W. R. Flack, G. H. Hamilton, and R. Reid.

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, Bro. Meyer acting as candidate. Bros. Hamilton and Liddiard answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked in the lodge on Tuesdays, the 19th and 26th inst. The lodge will be opened, as usual, at 8 o'clock, p.m., Bro. George Read, P.G. Std. Br. England, having kindly consented to act as W.M. on those evenings. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the next meeting after the Section nights. Bro. Hamilton was elected a joining member. The lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes." The fourth series of the "Kensington" Masonic Benevolent Association was commenced at this meeting.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Belchamber, M.E.Z.; Eedle, H.; Benedetti, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Beecroft, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and Cureton.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cureton performing the candidate. Comp. Eedle, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., has been nominated for Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. The election takes place at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on December 4th. We think his many years' attendance at the Board eminently fits him for the position.

BRO. DAVID AND MRS. OSOSKI purpose spending the winter at Davos, Switzerland.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON will preside at a banquet to Bro. Edmund Boulnois, M.P., and Sir Horace Farquhar, M.P., at the King's Hall, Holborn, on the 26th inst.

SIR PHILIP CURRIE, the British Ambassador to the Sublime Porte, who has been on a visit to this country, left Charing Cross for Constantinople early on Monday morning.

BY THE QUEEN'S COMMAND, the Imperial Institute Amateur Orchestra, which numbers about 100 performers, will play before her Majesty and the Court at Windsor Castle to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

A PASSENGER TRAIN was wrecked on the New York Central Railroad, near Albany, on Tuesday, two persons being killed and 10 seriously injured. The disaster was caused by four boys, who deliberately formed their plans for causing the disaster.

BRO. CAPTAIN LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, who is in command of the Medway Dockyard Reserve, has issued a special memorandum directing that all pensioners in the Reserves shall salute naval officers in uniform when passing them.

THE CARDMAKERS' COMPANY have arranged to entertain the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir W. Wilkin), Alderman and Sheriff Pound and Bro. Sheriff Cooper at dinner on Tuesday, the 3rd prox. The meeting will be held in Merchant Taylors' Hall.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING was entertained at a banquet at the Lotus Club, New York, on Saturday evening last, when occasion was taken to present him with a massive silver loving cup. The proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic character.

THE QUEEN has sanctioned the appointment of Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, who has served for some time in India, and who has been detailed for service in the Ashantee expedition. The Prince will leave Liverpool to-morrow (Saturday).

A VERY SUCCESSFUL CONVERSAZIONE was given by the students of the Technical School of Printing at St. Bride's Foundation Institute on the evening of Friday, the 15th inst., when a presentation was made to Mr. R. S. McAllan, who has conducted the classes during the past year.

THE QUEEN has forwarded, through Sir Fleetwood Edwards, a cheque for 50 guineas to Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, as Chairman of the Jubilee Dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, and the member for the City has secured six other donations to his list of 100 guineas each from his own and leading City firms.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION will be held in the Royal Lyceum Theatre this (Friday) afternoon, in honour of the veteran actress Mrs. Keeley, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and the Queen, who had already given her patronage to the performance and reception, has done Mrs. Keeley the additional honour of taking 10 stalls for the meeting.

BRO. THE EARL OF WARWICK has been elected, unopposed, a member of the Warwick Town Council. His lordship was on Saturday re-elected for a second year Mayor of the borough from outside the Council. Lord Warwick's decision to become an elected representative of the municipal body has given general satisfaction in the borough.

THAT FISH POSSESS all the types of teeth which are found in the human jaw—the biting, the piercing, and the milling teeth—together with others which, never occur in mammalia, such as the saw-teeth, the hook-tooth, and the multiple and triple pointed tooth, was demonstrated by Dr. Patterson in a lecture before the Piscatorial Society at the Holborn Restaurant this week.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, arrived at Windsor Castle from Scotland shortly after 9 a.m. on Saturday last, the distance of 589 miles from Ballater having been accomplished in about 19 hours. The Royal party were met at the station by Prince Henry of Battenberg.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to take the chair at the banquet of present and past Trinity men, which will be held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on the 9th prox., in aid of the Trinity College Cambridge Mission Institute, in St. George's, Camberwell, the first portion of which his Royal Highness, accompanied by the late Duke of Clarence, opened on the 6th June, 1891.

FOR THE 10TH YEAR in succession a Bank of England Note for £100 has been placed in the offertory box at St. Mary's Church, Kilburn, by an unknown donor. To the note was attached a slip of paper, on which was a request, in the same handwriting as in previous years and signed "N," that the money should be distributed among the various charitable organisations connected with the Church.

KHAMA and his brother Bechuanaland chiefs were entertained at dinner by the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, at his residence, Prince's Gardens, on Monday evening, a reception being subsequently held. On Wednesday the chiefs travelled to Windsor for the purpose of paying a visit to the Queen, to whom they were presented by the Secretary of State.

THE CUNARD LINE STEAMER, CAMPANIA, which reached New York on Saturday last, experienced very rough weather, and her commander, Capt. Walker, was hauled down the bridge ladder to the shade-deck and partially stunned. Fortunately he was able to cling to a stanchion, and was so saved from being washed overboard. On examination it was found that he had fractured a rib on the left side and was also much bruised.

HER MAJESTY'S twin-screw second-class cruiser Juno was launched from the yard of the Naval Construction and Armaments Company, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday last, the ceremony of christening the vessel being performed by Lady Evelyn Cavendish, wife of Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P. The Juno is the first of a series of nine similar vessels that are being built for the Royal Navy, of which there are three building in the Royal Dockyards, four on the Clyde, and two at Barrow.

PRINTERS' CORPORATION.—An effort is being made by the Council of this Corporation to raise a sum of £10,000 with which to permanently endow the Printers' Almshouses. The latest addition to the Almshouses, which are situated at Wood-green, Middlesex, was opened by the Duchess of Albany. Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales have become Patrons of the Institution. The buildings have been constructed to afford every comfort and convenience to the inmates. Contributions will be gladly received by Mr. W. Clowes, Treasurer, Duke-street, Stamford-street, S.E.

THE FIRST PORTION of the famous collection of coins formed by the late Bro. Hyman Montagu was disposed of by public auction at Sotheby's on Monday, when some exceptionally high prices were realised. A penny of Geolwulf II., supposed to be unique, fetched £50; a penny of Cynthyryth, found in Hampshire, was knocked down for £27 10s.; another of the same nominal value from the Shepherd Collection for £28 5s.; a gold stater of Eppillus for £44 10s.; and a Stater of Epaticus, £42 10s.; a penny of Beornwulf, found in Surrey, £26; and a penny of Cuthred, an unpublished variety, £20 10s.

GREAT ACTIVITY is being displayed in the military and transport departments in connection with the organisation and dispatch of the troops which are to take part in the expedition against the King of Ashantee. Bro. Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief, who had command of the former expedition against the same State, is indefatigable in looking after the arrangements. On Saturday last the first detachment of officers and men left Liverpool for the West Coast of Africa on board the African steamer Angola, which also carried a vast quantity of stores. It has now been arranged that the European portion of the expedition shall be considerably more numerous than was originally intended, one of our regiments that was en route for India having been diverted from its destination with orders to embark on board a transport for Accra, while the number that will be specially organised and sent from England has been increased from 200 to 600.

DURING his recent visit to Brighton, the Marquis of Salisbury was the guest of Bro. Gerald F. Loder, M.P., the senior member for the borough.

MESSRS. BARCLAY, PERKINS AND CO. have forwarded a donation of £500 to Guy's Hospital, and have promised an annual subscription of £200.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Bro. Lord Wolseley) presided at the annual dinner of Foremen connected with the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening last.

AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION of £400 has been received by the Home Secretary of the London Missionary Society for the Centenary Fund, from "A member of the Church of England." The fund has now reached nearly £82,000.

BROS. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord George Hamilton, Sir W. Hume Long, the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on the 16th inst.

ON MONDAY, a new battleship, with a displacement of 15,000 tons, and an estimated speed of 17½ knots, was launched at Clydebank. She is a sister to the Magnificent, and was christened the "Jupiter," by Miss Balfour, sister of the First Lord of the Treasury.

WE ARE ASKED to announce that the winter convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 6th prox., at six o'clock. After the proceedings are closed the brethren will dine together at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of present and past officers of the 4th Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) took place at Limmer's Hotel on Wednesday last; 24 sat down, amongst them being Bros. Col. L. G. Dundas, Col. T. Davies Sewell, Lieut.-Col. Bircham, and Capt. Vickers Dunfee, C.C.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund will be held in Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday, the 27th inst. These concerts, which are organised and carried out by Bro. W. Willoughby, Mus. Bac. Oxon, have been highly successful, the profit on the first three being over £250.

GRAND DAY OF MICHAELMAS TERM, at Gray's Inn, was held on Monday, when the Treasurer and Benchers entertained a number of distinguished guests, among whom were the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Justice Rigby, Sir John Heron-Maxwell, Sir G. Seymour Fitzgerald, and Bro. Judge Lumley Smith, Q.C.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, with the Duchess of Devonshire and the Countess of Warwick, visited Haddon Hall on Sunday last, and then returned to Chatsworth. The Duke of York having concluded his visit to Lord and Lady Iveagh at Elvenden Hall, Thetford, returned to York Cottage, Sandringham, on the 16th inst.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER occurred at Chemulpo some few days since by which the launch of H.M.S. Edgar, on her return from shore, foundered, with the result that 48 out of a crew of 71 were drowned. The news has caused the greatest grief among the inhabitants of Devonport, to which most of those who have lost their lives belonged.

FOUR VACANCIES have recently been caused in the House of Commons, and the Speaker's writs for filling them up have been issued. Three of the seats have been rendered vacant by the elevation of Bros. Sir A. Borthwick, Baron H. de Worms, and Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket to the peerage, and the fourth by Mr. Ambrose's acceptance of office.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET of the Church Choir Guild was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening under the presidency of the Dean of Bristol. There was a numerous company present, and the toast of the evening, which was announced under the newly-adopted title of "The Guild of Church Musicians," was drunk with great enthusiasm.

ACCORDING TO THE Registrar-General's Returns, a great improvement was noticeable in London, the mortality having fallen from 21.2 per 1000 the previous week to 17.9. Influenza, however, seems to be slowly making headway, the number of deaths reported from it during the last four weeks having been four, seven, ten, and eleven respectively.

BY PERMISSION of the Treasurer and Masters of Gray's Inn, Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" will be revived in the Hall of the Inn before the members of the Elizabethan Stage Society on Saturday, the 7th prox. The last occasion on which a performance of this play was given in this Hall was in 1594 by Shakespeare's Company. The revival will be under the direction of Mr. William Poel.

PRINCESS LOUISE, MARCHIONESS OF LORNE, and the Marquis of Lorne, M.P., accompanied by Col. Collins, arrived in Manchester on Thursday night. The Princess will this afternoon receive purses from the lady presidents of the Manchester and Salford branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Town Hall, and in the evening will distribute the prizes at the annual meeting of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Manchester Regiment.

LORD KINSALE died at his residence, Stoketon, Saltash, on the 16th inst., in the 74th year of his age. His lordship was the premier baron of Ireland, his title dating back to the year 1181, and it was to his ancestor, in consideration of his distinguished military services and from his having acted as Champion of England in one of our many disputes of that period with France, that King John is said to have granted the privilege of remaining covered in the presence of Royalty.

BRO. THE REV. HENRY SYKES HUME, a son of Maj.-Gen. Hume, Vicar of St. John's, Lowestoft, has died in his 38th year, from typhoid fever. He was ordained by the late Bishop of Bath and Wells to the curacy of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, and was afterwards Vicar of Wilton and Chaplain to the Taunton Hospital. He did a good work there, and two years ago was appointed to St. John's, Lowestoft. He was an active Freemason and a Past Prov. G. Chap. of Somerset.

THE NUMEROUS FRIENDS of Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. of England, and Deputy Prov. G.M. of Kent, will be glad to hear that, thanks to a sound constitution and a good Providence, he is now out of danger, and there is every hope of his ultimate recovery. Only recently it was feared he could not possibly rally, the specialists and his own medical adviser losing hope. Bro. Eastes may be assured of a very hearty reception and most sincere congratulations whenever he is able to attend a lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES will take the chair at the dinner for past and present Trinity men, to be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 9th December. In June, 1891, the Prince, accompanied by the late Duke of Clarence, opened the first portion of the Trinity College Mission Institute at Camberwell. The whole of the buildings have now been completed at a cost of nearly £12,000, but of this amount £2200 have been borrowed upon the guarantee of individual guarantors. Lord Ashcombe has promised £500 upon the condition that a further £1500 be subscribed by the end of the year. In order to obtain this sum, and to commemorate the completion of this important work in South London, his Royal Highness has undertaken to preside at the dinner.

PROFUSE DECORATIONS, triumphal arches, and large and enthusiastic crowds gave quite a gala character to Eastbourne on Wednesday, the occasion being a visit of Bro. the Duke of Connaught for the annual meeting and banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, of which he is Provincial Grand Master. On the arrival of his Royal Highness at the railway station, the band of the 2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers played the National Anthem. The Mayor and other dignitaries were present, and an address of welcome was read by the Town Clerk. In reply, the Duke said: "I am very sensible of the very kind remarks in the address you have just presented. It is now, I am sorry to say, 18 years since I was last in the town. It was on rather a sad occasion when I was here. I came to see my dear sister, who was already then in very bad health, and who, as you will remember, died a few months after. But we all, in my family, remember the kind reception you gave her at all times, and I am sure her children still remember with pleasure their stay here at Eastbourne. May I ask you to express to the inhabitants my gratitude for the words you have addressed to me?" The Masonic function took place at the Queen's Hotel. In the course of the proceedings, his Royal Highness congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge on its progress and steady prosperity during the past year. It was intended that the annual gathering in 1896 should take place at Hastings. After the banquet his Royal Highness returned to town by special train.

"THE TIMES" Dec. 29, 1894, says in a leading article on "OUR DAUGHTERS,"

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 30, 1895.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**CRAFT LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
2397, Columbia, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

SECRET MONITOR.

Horatio Shirley, Holborn Restaurant, W.C., at 5.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleonor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**CRAFT LODGES.**

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
40, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
165, Honor and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
250, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2108, Empire, Criterion.
2424, St. Stephen's, Green Man Assembly Rooms, Lewisham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.
800, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1305, Clapton Great Eastern Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**CRAFT LODGES.**

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Seven Sister's Hotel.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1818, Clapham, Criterion.
2332, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.
2308, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.
2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, a
Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High st cet, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
706, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Fulham.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2012, Chiswick, Criterion.
2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
2204, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.
2319, Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court.
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1901, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Allicroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
St. John's, Court House, Haresden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 8.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.

CRAFT LODGE.

1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptf r1, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.



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