

THE FREEMASON.

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

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

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

VOL. XXXIV. NO. 1395.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1895.

[PRICE 3D.]

CONTENTS.

LEADERS—	PAGE.
United Grand Lodge ...	661
The Approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ...	662
An Old List of Lodges ...	663
United Grand Lodge of England ...	663
Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire ...	664
Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex ...	664
Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire ...	665
Grand Council of the Allied Degrees ...	666
Centenary Meeting of Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 214 ...	666
Lodges and Chapters of Instruction ...	667
Ancient and Accepted Rite ...	667
Secret Monitor ...	667
Masonic Notes ...	669
Correspondence ...	670
Craft Masonry ...	670
Royal Arch ...	673
Our Portrait Gallery ...	673
Mark Masonry ...	674
Masonic and General Tidings ...	676

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

Business of an important character will be brought before Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next. There is, in the first place, the scheme for the reconstruction as a single Board of the present Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board. Then there will be the usual nominations for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, the appointment and investiture of a President of the Board of Benevolence, and the election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the same, as well as of 12 Past Masters to serve thereon during the ensuing 12 months. There is an appeal against the act of a District Grand Master in appointing a President of the District Board of General Purposes on the occurrence of a vacancy during the year. Lastly, there is a notice of motion by Bro. W. F. LAMONBY against canvassing for an elective office or for a Board or Committee of Grand Lodge, of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of a private lodge. As regards the reconstitution of the Boards of General Purposes and for Colonial affairs as one Board, it will be in the recollection of our readers that the question was first presented at the Communication in March last, and that Grand Lodge, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, then referred it to that Board for its consideration, and with a view to its making such arrangements as would allow of the change being effected. In June, in accordance with this reference, the Board brought forward its scheme for the constitution of the new Board in place of the existing Boards, but, after a long discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, that the question should stand over for six months, and that in the meantime the Grand Secretary should place himself in communication with the District Grand and private lodges in the Colonies and abroad, with a view to ascertaining their views and feelings in the matter. This has been done, and the Board now submits its scheme for the approval and acceptance of Grand Lodge, accompanying its proposals with the information that, in reply to the communications addressed to District Grand Lodges and about 450 private lodges the answers received are only five in number. As for the scheme which is now presented for the acceptance or rejection of Grand Lodge, it is practically the same as was recommended in June, but with one important addition. As regards the constitution of the new Board, it is proposed that Article 254 of the Book of Constitutions shall be amended so as to provide that the Board shall consist of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, a President, Past Presidents, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and 24 other members, while

Article 255, as amended, will provide that the President and six six of the other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master, and the 18 remaining other members shall be elected annually by Grand Lodge from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges. The Board, as now constituted, consists of the Grand, Pro Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Wardens of the year, a President, and 24 other members, while the President and 10 of the other members are annually appointed by the Grand Master and the 14 other members elected by G. Lodge from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges, and of these not more than seven are to be Past Masters. As for the Colonial Board, which will no longer exist, it consists, under Article 282, of 10 members, of whom, "when practicable," three shall be "Past Masters of Colonial Lodges" (Article 283), and the Board is constituted—see Article 284—by the election of seven out of the 10 members by Grand Lodge and the nomination of the remaining three by the Grand Master, who also elects out of the Board, when thus constituted, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It follows that the one new Board will consist of 13 Grand Officers, including the President and Past Presidents of the Board, and 24 other members, while of the existing Boards, that for General Purposes consists of six Grand Officers, including the President of the Board, and 24 members, and that for Colonial business of 10 members. Moreover, while the official and appointed sections of the new Board will consist of 19 members, including the President, the elective section will consist of 18 members instead of 14. But whereas in the June scheme, as to Article 271, which provides for the appointment of "Sub-Committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board," it was only proposed to amend this by substituting the word "Committees" for "Sub-Committees," it is now recommended that the Article shall read as follows: "The Board shall appoint from amongst its members a Committee of seven to consider all Colonial, Indian, and Foreign matters that may be referred to it, whose duty it shall be to report their proceedings to the Board at its next meeting. Such Committee to be composed, as far as can be, of Masters or Past Masters of Colonial, Indian, or Foreign Lodges under the English Constitution. The Board may also appoint Committees for specific purposes, who shall report to the Board in like manner." We think there can be very little doubt that the scheme as now recommended is a great improvement on that which was submitted in June. It leaves it to the Board to appoint the Colonial Committee, but it states precisely the number of members of which it shall be composed, and at the same time it lays it down that it is "to be composed as far as can be of Masters or Past Masters" of Colonial and other English lodges abroad. It appears to us that the scheme as now presented is an excellent one, and that Grand Lodge will do well to accept it. A single Board of 37 members will be as competent to deal with the home and Colonial business of the Craft as two separate Boards of 30 and 10 members respectively, of which the larger one deals only with home and the smaller only with Colonial affairs; while every care has been taken that the interests of our Colonial and other Lodges abroad, so far as they may be held to be separate and distinct from those of the English Craft, shall be properly safeguarded, especially when it is remembered that District Grand Lodges under Articles 106-115 have more extensive powers than those of our Provincial Grand Lodges at home.

It only remains for us to say with reference to Bro.

LAMONBY'S motion to put an end to canvassing for office, we shall be very glad if Grand Lodge sees its way to adopting it. The practice is now carried to such an extent as to be a public scandal, and the sooner steps are taken to put an end to it the better it will be for the interests of Freemasonry.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Several months have elapsed since it devolved upon us to call our readers' attention to the Festivals of our Institutions. There have been occasional announcements either as to the ultimate totals of those which took place in the first half of the current year, or to the effect that this or that distinguished brother had kindly offered his services as Chairman at one or other of the anniversaries which will be held in 1896. There have, too, been the constant references in our reports of Provincial and private lodge proceedings which are to be found there as regularly as one year succeeds another, or either as to what those Provinces or lodges have done in the past or what they are anticipating the pleasure of doing in the future. But the claims which our Institutions have upon the support of the Craft, though ever present to our minds, have not been the subject of any special article, nor have we made any urgent appeals to our readers for that support to which one and all of our Charities are entitled. The time, however, has now come when it is necessary we should bestir ourselves and invite attention to the first of the three great Festivals which will take place, as usual, in 1896. This is the Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held on Wednesday, the 26th February, under the presidency of Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. It will not be his lordship's first experience as a Masonic Festival Chairman. He presided in 1890, some time before he was installed in his present office, at the 92nd Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. But the circumstances—to which we need not particularly allude—were not favourable to a large subscription, and though his lordship was supported by a fairly numerous Board of Stewards, the Returns were less than £10,000. On the present occasion the circumstances are altogether clear. In the first place, the needs of the Benevolent Institution, which is, in fact, two Charities under one management, will be greater in 1896 than were those of the Boys' School in 1890. In the next place, it is not, as the Boys' School then was, in the unfortunate position of being in a kind of gulf between the close of an old régime and the commencement of a new one; and lastly, his lordship, instead of being merely a Past Grand Warden of England is the Grand Master of a strong and influential Province, from which, during the time he has presided over it, he has won the esteem and respect of the lodges and their members. There is yet another circumstance in connection with his lordship's Chairmanship which inclines us to be hopeful as to the result of his advocacy. It has been known for a long time that he had accepted the invitation to preside on this occasion, and as soon as the last Festival of the current year had taken place, the brethren of Middlesex set about making the needful preparations for supporting their chief worthily. Hence as regards the Anniversary we are alluding to, the prospects are most encouraging. There will be an experienced and influential Chairman, and the strong Province he has ruled over for close upon four years will support him loyally, and, if we may judge from what it has done on previous similar occasions, to very good purpose. It is as well that it is so. The requirements of the Benevolent Institution are very great. There are 200 annuitants on the Male Fund receiving £40 each, and 240 annuitants on the Widows' Fund receiving £32 each, and the sum required annually to meet the obligations of the Institution towards these 440 Old People is no less than £15,680. In addition, there are some 30 widows in receipt of half their late husbands' annuities. The sum distributed amongst these is £600, so that the total amount disbursed by the Institution in annuities alone is £16,280. To this must be added the sum required for the expenses of management—that is to say, for the salaries of the Secretary and his very limited staff, postages, printing, stationery, rent of offices, &c., &c.—and the maintenance of the Asylum

at Croydon. This may be set down as averaging about £3000, so that the total annual expenditure which must be provided amounts in round figures to £19,000. Per contra, the assured income, with which to meet these liabilities, does not greatly exceed £5000, and comprises annual grants—by United Grand Lodge, £1600; and by Grand Chapter, £150; interest on invested moneys (say), £3600; giving a total of £5350. It follows then that to make both ends meet and leave a small margin over for contingencies a sum of quite £14,500 must be raised from the Craft by means of donations and subscriptions, and the main hope of obtaining this enormous amount rests with the annual Festival. If this sum is obtained actually or approximately next February, the Institution will be able to pay its way; if more is obtained, it will be in a position either to increase the roll of its annuitants or augment the total of its invested capital; but if the sum obtained is substantially less, it will be under the necessity of curtailing its expenditure or trenching upon its capital. Either of these courses would be a regrettable—we may almost venture to say, a calamitous—one, nor do we think the general body of English Masons will ever, intentionally, be so far forgetful of its obligations to this Institution as to place its Committee of Management in the unfortunate position of choosing between the alternative courses we have mentioned. However, as far as this particular Festival is concerned, the indications, as we have said, are very favourable. There have been years when, only a few weeks before the day appointed for the celebration, our worthy Bro. TERRY has been at his wits' end to find a Chairman, or when, having enlisted the services of some distinguished brother in that capacity, he has found it a task of exceptional difficulty to enrol a Board of Stewards strong enough to support him well. This year matters have gone more smoothly. The Chairman was obtained early, and as the Chairman's Province of Middlesex has been long busying itself in making the necessary preparations to back up their chief, there are already some 200 brethren who have given in their names to serve as Stewards, and it will be "hard lines," indeed, if this number is not very materially strengthened in the time that remains for completing the arrangements.

It will, indeed, be a subject for congratulation to Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON and the ladies and brethren who may help him, if, by his and their instrumentality, such a result is obtained as will justify the Committee of Management in slightly reducing the list of candidates, of whom at the close of the election in May last there were some 40 men and 30 widows remaining on the lists. These numbers have been considerably augmented since, and there is every likelihood that when in January next, the last of this year's petitions have been dealt with by the Committee, the list of approved candidates will turn out to be as formidable as they were for this year's ballot. There were then 61 men and 51 widows, or together 112 candidates, who claimed to be admitted annuitants on the Funds, and amongst them were several poor old brethren and widows whose names had been before the electors several years. But though five fresh annuities were created on the Male Fund, it was only possible to elect 20 men and 20 widows, including, in each case, the three chosen to fill vacancies as they arose after the election was over. And as there is every prospect of the lists of candidates being as numerous as they have been of recent years, so, unfortunately, from all we hear, is the paucity of vacancies to be competed for in May next, likely to be as conspicuous. Here, then, we have additional reasons of the utmost importance why the strongest possible efforts should be made in order to ensure the success of the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The small permanent income, and the large permanent expenditure are alone sufficient to justify the urgency of our appeal, but when there must be added to these a long roll of candidates, and a paucity of vacancies, the necessity for the appeal becomes still more obvious. We, therefore, address ourselves to our readers in the hope that many among them will be influenced by our appeal. If they have not tendered their services as Stewards let them do so forthwith, or let them rally round those who have undertaken to represent Provinces, lodges, and chapters, with a view to ensuring that the lists of those representatives shall be as productive as they can be made to be

of big figures. It is a formidable task to make good a deficit of some £14,000, especially when you know that there are two other equally deserving Institutions in the field which are equally under the necessity of raising large sums of money required for their maintenance. The utmost energy is needed in order to meet these heavy demands, and we sincerely hope that the needful energy will be successfully exhibited on behalf of the "Old People's" Charity.

AN OLD LIST OF LODGES.

Through the courtesy of my friend, Bro. G. W. Bain, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, I have recently examined another "List of Regular Lodges," which is found at the end of a book whose title I am unable to give, the first sheet of 12 pages with the title page at least being missing. The book is a small square 12mo., with signatures C to Z, sheets A and B having disappeared. The bulk of the volume is occupied by a variety of songs alphabetically arranged according to the initial letter of the first line. A few Masonic songs are interspersed amongst the others, which are mostly amatory and in many cases somewhat coarse. There is no pagination whatever, the songs extending to U of the signatures. Then follow four pages of "Toasts and Sentiments;" 10 pages on "The art of Swimming;" five pages containing "A short account of River and Pond Fish, with the best manner of catching them;" two pages of "Rules to be observed by the Players of Cricket;" concluding with "A List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution, by order of the Grand Master," which occupies the last 18 pages of the book.

This list will apparently indicate the date of the publication, namely, 1770 or 1771, but its peculiarity consists in its being mainly, though not exclusively, taken from an Engraved List of 1769, probably the last edition known of that year, with which it substantially agrees as to the places of meeting recorded. The enumeration throughout is that of 1755-69, the numbers and dates of all the 60 erased lodges being inserted. The list, however, comprises lodges of the following year, 1770, the last number being "472, Hare and Hounds, Barnard Castle, Durham"—which was a lodge constituted in November, 1770.

From a careful inspection and analysis I have arrived at the conclusion that this list was *mainly* compiled from the *second* edition of the Engraved Lists of 1769, as from No. 1 to No. 352 the lists (except in respect of some inexact interpretations) are identical. Then, however, come the divergences.

No. 353 in this list is "King's Arms Punch House, Shad Thames," which was really No. 362, and Nos. 354-6 should be 353-5. The correct No. 356 "Lodge No. 1, Bencoolen," is omitted altogether. Nos. 357-361 agree with the Engraved List. No. 362 of this list being put at 353 (as above) makes all the numbers wrong from 362 to 390, which should be 363-391. No. 391 in this list is "The British Society Lodge at a Private Room in Newman Street, Soho Square," which is given a *second time* in its correct place under No. 396, whereby the numbers from 392 to 425 again agree with those in the Engraved List, except that this list has "Ninth Lodge of India at Patna," at No. 421, which does not appear in the Engraved List until 1770. No. 426 is blank, apparently in error, hence the numbers get wrong again; 427-8 being actually 426-7. No. 429 is really 421, "Tenth Lodge of India at the Factory, Burdwan." Nos. 428, St. Christopher, and 429, Castle, Marlborough, in the Engraved List are omitted altogether from this list. From No. 430 the lodges agree with the latest 1769 Engraved List down to No. 458, "Woolpack at Manchester," which was the end of that enumeration. This list, however, runs on to No. 472 (No. 465 being blank), giving 13 lodges, Nos. 459 to 464, and 466 to 472, which were not in the 1755-69 enumeration, but were Nos. 394-406 in that of 1770.

It is somewhat difficult to account for numbers based on the 1755-69 enumeration being assigned to these 13 lodges, except on the hypothesis that they were added to a list of 1769 from some extraneous source. I am confirmed in this view, partly, from the fact that the last four lodges in this list have no dates of constitution, whilst the Engraved List of 1770 has the dates of two of them inserted; but chiefly from the fact that the earliest edition known of the Engraved List of 1770 was pub-

lished *prior* to this list, and contains the new numbers, the lodges therein terminating with No. 402 of 20th September, 1770. It is a coincidence, perhaps, that the last lodge in this list numbered 472 (No. 406 of 1770) was the last lodge in the *Second* known edition of the Engraved Lists of 1770, but I can scarcely conceive it possible that the whole was taken from any one Engraved List in view of the several discrepancies in the numbers.

That the early part of the list was copied from an Engraved List is further confirmed by the fact that the interpretation of the Engraved signs is in some instances erroneous. For example, No. 79, "Rising Sun," is given as "*Moon*;" No. 108, "Crown and Ball," is given as "Crown and *Pearl*;" No. 172, "Prescot," is wrongly copied as "*Preston*;" No. 192, "Chequers," is stated to be "*Draught Board*;" and No. 339, "White Hart," is described as "*Slag*."

An error not so easily explained occurs at No. 200, where "Great *Searle* Street," "Seven Dials," is inserted for "Great *Earl* Street."

There is, of course, a possibility that other Engraved Lists may not have been preserved, and it should not be forgotten that Benjamin Cole's Engraved List of 1767 contained *some* of the same errors as are found in this new list, and which are indicated in my "Handy Book," p. 72, but it is hardly likely, however, that these unofficial Engraved Lists would have been continued so late as 1769 or 1770, William Cole having superseded Benjamin Cole in the year 1766.

I shall be glad of any information relative to the title of the book above referred to, and am always ready to hear about any old list of lodges not previously noted or described.

JNO. LANE.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	£ 50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505, Liverpool	150 0 0
A brother of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, Ealing	50 0 0
Eight children of a brother of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 494, Axminster	75 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, V.W. Bro. Robert Grey, for the courteous manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.
The Board beg to report that, in compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th March last, viz.: "That the Board of General Purposes be requested to submit to Grand Lodge proposals for the purpose of bringing the jurisdiction of the Colonial Board under that of the General Board, and unifying the affairs of the general Craft, as was the case before 1838;" and in compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 5th June last, that the consideration of the proposals of the Board of General Purposes at that meeting submitted to Grand Lodge be deferred until the meeting of Grand Lodge in December, in order to give the Colonies an opportunity of considering the questions, they recommend the following alterations in the Book of Constitutions:—

- (1) That Rule 254 Book of Constitutions be altered to read as follows:
The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens of the year, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, a President, Past Presidents, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and 24 other members.
- (2) That Rule 255 be altered to read as follows:
The President and six of such other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Grand Lodge in June, and the Grand Lodge shall on the same day elect the remaining 18 members from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges. A Master and Past Master, or more than one Past Master, of the same lodge, shall not be elected on the same Board, but this shall not disqualify any Past Master being a subscribing member and Master of another lodge from being elected for and representing such other lodge as Master.
- (3) That the word "elected" be inserted before the word "members" in Rule 256.
- (4) That rule 271 be altered to read as follows:—
The Board shall appoint, from amongst its members, a Committee of seven to consider all Colonial, Indian, and Foreign matters that may be referred to it, whose duty it shall be to report their proceedings

to the Board at its next meeting. Such Committee to be composed as far as can be of Masters or Past Masters of Colonial, Indian, or Foreign lodges under the English Constitution.

This Board may also appoint Committees for specific purposes who shall report to the Board in like manner.

(5) That rules 282 to 287 be repealed.

The Board have further to report that copies of the Reports of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at its meetings on the 6th March and the 5th June were, in due course, sent to every District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, and District Grand Secretary of the 28 District Grand Lodges, and also to the Worshipful Masters of all lodges in India, the Colonies, and foreign parts, numbering about 450, and that the only communication in reference to the above proposals received from any of the District Grand Lodges or lodges in foreign parts have been—

- (1) From the District Grand Secretary of South Africa (Western Division), pointing out the desirability of having brethren with Colonial experience on the newly-constituted Board.
- (2) From the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, expressing an opinion that the abolition of the Colonial Board was undesirable, and recommending that in the event of the proposed change being carried the Board should contain five Pastors having Colonial experience.
- (3) From the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, stating that it appeared to it to be a matter of perfect indifference whether the affairs of lodges abroad are administered by a Colonial Board, the Board of General Purposes, or a Sub-Committee of the latter.
- (4) From the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, expressing its approval of the proposed alteration.
- (5) From the Cambrian Lodge, N.S. Wales, expressing an opinion that the Colonial Board should be continued.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Two Old Masonic Aprons (Scotch) ...	John Lane, P.A.G.D.C.
Bound Volume of Prov. Grand Lodge Reports (Suffolk) ...	N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec.
Old Masonic Apron (Scotch) ...	G. W. Bain, P.P.G. Reg. Durham.
Old Prov. Grand Officer's Clothing and sundry other Relics ...	F. F. Schnitger, P.M., &c.
The Alnwick MS. Reproduction and Transcript ...	The Newcastle College, per Bro. Schnitger.
Minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge North Wales and Shropshire ...	W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.
Historical Sketch of St. John's Lodge, No. 279 ...	Walter D. Grant, W.M. No. 279.
Masonic Apron of the late Charles Matthews ...	Will. E. Chapman, P.P.S.G.W. Bucks.
Seven Old Masonic Certificates ...	Barnard Levy, Sec. No. 1502.
Freemasonry in Northern China and Shanghai ...	F. M. Gratton, P.D.S.G.W.
Proceedings in an Indian Law Case with Old Printed Ritual in evidence ...	Major G. W. Mortimer, Sec. No. 112.
Illustrated Guide to Rosslyn Chapel and Castle ...	R. S. Brown, G.S.E. Scotland.
Sketch of the History of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44 ...	Nathan Heywood, P.M. No. 44.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £860y 1s. 5d., and in the hands of Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

20th November, 1895.

9. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Board beg to report that they have received from the District Grand Master of Natal, South Africa, a formal notification that St. John's Lodge, No. 1886, Kokstad, had, under the authority delegated to the District Grand Lodge of Natal, by Article 106 of the Book of Constitutions, been duly erased from the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, and that the warrant of the said lodge had been returned to the Grand Secretary.

(Signed) GEO. D. HARRIS,
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, 5th November, 1895.

10. APPEAL BY BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON, Senior Vice-President District Board of General Purposes—

From a decision of the District Grand Master in appointing Bro. G. A. Derrick as President of the District Board of General Purposes, on the occasion of a vacancy during the year arising from the resignation of the former President.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY W. BRO. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 962 and 1924—
That the following addition be made to the Book of Constitutions to follow Article 75.

75A. Canvassing by or for a candidate for any elective office, or for a Board or Committee in Grand Lodge, a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or private lodge, is unconstitutional and therefore not to be permitted. Any brother or brethren so offending, shall be dealt with as the Board of General Purposes, or similar District, or Provincial authority may decide.

By R.W. BRO. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.—

That the sum of 200 guineas be given from the Funds of Grand Lodge towards the proposed establishment and permanent endowment of a Scholarship in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the funds for which are now in course of being raised.

12. Names of brethren nominated to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence:

Bros. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., and David Dixon Mercer, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., and Charles J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

13. Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:

Bros. George Granby, P.M. 834; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; George R. Langley, P.M. 2381; George B. Chapman, P.M. 27; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; William Fisher, P.M. 834; James Bunker, P.M. 1158; William Vincnt, P.M. 1194; Sinion H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Robert A. Gowan, P.M. 2029; Robert H. Evans, P.M. 1139; and William Kipps, P.M. 1275. And no more than 12 were nominated.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2582, The Lewisham Lodge, Smethwick.
 " 2583, The St. Thomas Lodge, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.
 " 2584, The Queen Victoria Lodge, Manchester.
 " 2585, The Doornfontein Lodge, Doornfontein, South Africa.
 " 2586, The St. Nicholas Lodge, Scarborough.
 " 2587, The Radnor Lodge, Folkestone.
 " 2588, The Beauaraba Lodge, Pittsworth, Queensland.
 " 2589, The Borough Lodge, London Bridge.
 " 2590, The Nirvana Lodge, Ghazipur, Bengal.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, the 22nd instant. There was a very large gathering of influential brethren. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, occupied the chair, supported by

Bros. E. Ashworth, P.G.D., as D.P.G.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England (Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution); John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; J. T. Newbold, P.P.G.W. (Vice-Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution); James Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec. (Secretary of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution); James Heelis, P.P.S.G.W., acting Prov. S.G.W.; H. Whitehead, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Barritt, Prov. S.G.D.; A. Middleton, Prov. S.G.D.; J. B. Goulbourne, Prov. S.G.D.; T. D. Foreman, Prov. G.D.; R. T. Sutcliffe, Prov. G. Reg.; Rev. John Kely, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. J. Challenor, Prov. A.G. Chap.; J. Wrigley, Prov. G. Treas.; A. S. Millar, Prov. G.D.; J. W. Millward, Prov. G.S. of W.; A. H. Duffin, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Bee, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. W. Woolmer, Prov. A.G.D.C.; F. W. Wollaston, Prov. A.G.D.C.; T. Rigby, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Bear, jun. (who unfortunately was abroad at the last regular meeting in May, was invested at this meeting by Bro. Col. Starkie as Prov. G.S.B.); T. W. Wolstenholme, Prov. G. Org.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; Henry Nall, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. West Lanes.; Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; Thos. Pike, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Bromley, P.G.S.B.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. East and West Lanes.; W. Forrest, P.P.S.G.D.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Cliffe, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Beardmore, P.G.S.; F. Hilton, P.P.G. D.C.; and S. F. Butcher, P.G.S.

The roll of lodges was called, and all, with three exceptions, were represented.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Denton in May last were taken as read and discussed.

On the subject of a resolution affecting the procedure of the Finance Committee, the Prov. G.M. selected a Committee to undertake the object and report to the next meeting. The Committee consisted of Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W.; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.G.R.; S. F. Butcher, P.G.S.; J. B. Goulbourne, P.J.G.D.; and C. S. Allott, of the Shakspeare Lodge.

Three Auditors were elected.

A report of the proceedings of the Charity Committee was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Committee for their services.

Bro. SILLITOE replied.

Bro. JAMES HEELIS, P.P.S.G.W., proposed, Bro. JAS. ANDREWS, seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—"That 50 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec. R.M.I.G., thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for its generous gifts.

There were invitations from brethren at Darwen and Rawtenstall to hold the next annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at those places. It is 20 years since Prov. Grand Lodge held its meeting at either of them.

This being the whole of the business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was declared closed.

Apologies were received for non-attendance from Bros. Lord Stanley, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. Taylor Evans, W. H. Norton, J. Kenyon, G. Jackson, and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., S.G.D., Deputy P.G.M. In the absence, through illness, of the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. W. E. Morrison, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, P.P.S.G.W., acted as P.S.G.W., the chair of P.J.G.W. being occupied by Bro. Sir Joseph Ewart.

The Provincial Grand Officers present included—

Bros. R. Wood Loosemore, P.G. Chap.; J. M. Reed, P.G. Treas.; W. Carless, P.G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; C. E. Saunders, P.S.G.D.; R. Piper, P.J.G.D.; H. Pearce, P.J.G.D.; E. Histed, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Longman, P.D. G.D.C.; A. E. Lamette, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Weston, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Creighton, P.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Edwards, P.G.S.B.; B. Burfield, P.A.G. Sec.; C. J. King, P.G. Purst.; J. N. Masters, J. H. Whatford, W. A. Raper, J. Wood, and R. Percy Clowes, P.G. Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, P.G. Tyler.

The following Grand Officers and Past Provincial Grand Officers were also present—

Bros. W. E. D'Albiac, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Briscoe, P.P.A.G.P.; F. Bellingham, P.P.G.W.; C. Belton, P.G.D.C. Eng.; J. Barnett, P.P.G.S.B.; R. C. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; Geo. Cole, P.P.G.O.; G. E. Chapman, P.P. A.G.P.; W. H. Caffyn, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Cardwell, P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Campion Coles, P.P.G.D.; E. R. Currie, P.G. Chap. Eng.; J. H. Cole, P.P.A. G.D.C.; W. Hayes Dunn, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; J. Easter, P.P.G.O.; James Farncombe, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Glass, P.P.G.S.B. West Essex; R. B. Higham,

P.P.A.G.P.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W.; C. H. Haine, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. A. Head, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Howard, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. T. Jordan, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lloyd, P.P.G.D.C.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Lewis, P.P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Pearce, P.P.G.S.B.; T. MacQueen, P.P.G.D.; B. Roberts, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Russell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Stillwell, G. Stwd. Eng.; T. Trollope, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.; C. Warwick Tomes, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. H. Wright, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Wright, P.P.G.W.; C. Bampfylde Warre, P.P.S.G.D.; T. R. White, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Whatford, P.P.G.W.; W. L. Wallis, P.P.G.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.A.G.P.; and a large number of other brethren.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, highly satisfactory reports of the Board of Finance and the Charities' Committee were adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read statistics showing the present strength of each lodge, the entire province numbering 1389 members.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next addressed the brethren as follows: Once more, brethren, I am pleased to greet you all after another year of quiet progress and steady prosperity. I find the number of initiations is up to a fair average, but there are a great many resignations, leaving the actual increase in numbers only five; as far as I know nothing has occurred to interrupt the harmony of our Masonic proceedings. I have much pleasure in holding the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge in this beautiful town of Eastbourne—a town in whose progress and rapid growth I take a sincere interest. My desire is that the annual meeting of our Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at different times in the different towns of importance in the province, and I intend that next year it shall be held at the ancient and historic Borough of Hastings, the brethren of whose lodges I have been informed, are anxious to receive Provincial Grand Lodge. I have received a petition for a new lodge at Shoreham, and considering the circumstances under which the Burrell Lodge was removed to Brighton, I certainly did not, at first sight, think it either desirable or expedient to recommend the petition. I found, however, upon inquiry that the removal was purely a local matter, and, when the first Master, who is an old and respected member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, gave his assurance that there were several persons in the town of Shoreham who were willing to become Masons, that the Town Hall was available for the meetings with every prospect of a permanency, that the necessary funds had been provided, and that there was no doubt of a successful future, I could not refuse to recommend the petition, and have, this day, signed it and hope the result will prove that I have done right, and that the lodge will progress without drawing members from neighbouring towns in which there are other lodges. I understand also that another petition will shortly be presented to me for a lodge at Bexhill; when I receive it I shall certainly severely scrutinise the signatures, as although a rising town like Bexhill may fairly be expected to provide a lodge, I should be very sorry to see one established if likely to do harm to any of the existing lodges in the neighbourhood. His Royal Highness added: I regret very much the serious indisposition of my Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Morrison; he is so universally esteemed, and his services to Masonry have been so great, that I trust the Great Architect of the Universe will spare him to us for some time longer. I should like the Secretary to write to him, and say how much we missed him, and how sincerely we sympathise with him in his affliction, and look forward to his further presence amongst us. You are kind enough to send me many invitations to attend your installation meetings, but you will quite understand that my time is so taken up by my profession and other engagements, that I can seldom spare a day to attend a meeting in Sussex, but whenever it is possible I will come and visit you, and even to-day I was forced to interfere with one of four lodge meetings, but I could not help it. Rest assured I take the deepest interest in all that concerns Masonry in the province, but I am obliged to leave the greater part of the business in the hands of my Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who I am glad to find restored to health after his recent indisposition, and I congratulate him on his appointment as Senior Grand Deacon of England. I am pleased to hear that the Masonic Club established at Brighton has proved a success, and that many brethren from London have joined it, thus giving an opportunity of exchanging Masonic votes and receiving and giving information without bringing Masonry to the front in presence of those who do not belong to the Craft. I cannot conclude without expressing extreme satisfaction at the numerous attendance to-day, and with the cordial reception I have received both from my brethren in the Craft and the local authorities. I can only repeat that my services are, as far as lies in my power, at the disposition of Masonry, and rest assured that if I do not visit you as often as I should wish, your affairs have my earnest attention.

Bro. J. M. Reed was re-elected Prov. Grand Treas., and was warmly congratulated by the Prov. Grand Master upon the honourable and successful manner in which he had carried out his duties. The Prov. Grand Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices, as follows:

Bro. E. W. Stillwell, G. Stwd., P.M. 2483	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Canon Cooper, P.M. 1619	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. H. Langford-Sainsbury, J.W. 1726	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. P. Clowes, P.M. 2201	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" J. N. Masters, P.M. 341	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. H. Whatford, P.M. 916	...	Prov. G. S. of W.
" W. A. Raper, P.M. 1184	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Wood, P.M. 1636	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. W. Broad, P.M. 311	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. E. Beach, P.M. 38	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Randell, P.M. 40	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Howe, P.M. 1465	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Harry Kent, P.M. 315	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. D. Sapey, P.M. 1141	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Pulman, W.M. elect 56	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. J. Carpenter, P.M. 1829	...	
" G. Fowler, P.M. 1110	...	
" T. Wickham, P.M. 2187	...	
" F. C. Parsons, P.M. 271	...	
" S. Denman, P.M.	...	
" J. Turton, P.M. 811	...	
" H. L. Staffurth, P.M. 1726	...	
" H. W. G. Abell, P.M. 1797	...	
" B. F. Meadows, P.M. 1842	...	

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Prov. Grand Master, who opened the toast list by briefly proposing "The Queen and the Craft." In submitting "The M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," he said he was sure the toast would be received with greater cordiality than usual, for all would congratulate the Prince on the recent engagement of his daughter.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past." His Royal Highness said it was highly satisfactory to see the great interest taken in the welfare of the various provinces by the officers of Grand Lodge, and it gave him great pleasure to see Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Col. Egerton, Rev. E. R. Currie, and other Grand Officers present. On the other hand the officers of Grand Lodge fully appreciated the manner in which they were supported by the provinces.

Bro. Rev. E. R. CURRIE (Dean of Battle), P.G. Chap., in acknowledging the toast, said the provinces owed much to Grand Lodge, and the latter were indebted to the provinces inasmuch as it was made up of Masons from the various provinces. Sussex, he said, was the only province presided over by a Royal Duke, and so long as the province had such a Grand Master the brethren need have no fear of Freemasonry in the county.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, next proposed "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." The brethren in Sussex were always delighted, he said, to have their Prov. Grand Master with them. They all knew the many duties his Royal Highness had to perform, and they were therefore the more grateful to him for visiting them that day. In many countries Freemasons, he said, were suspected by those in power, but here there were no more loyal body of men than Freemasons, who were united by a bond of brotherly love. Masonry united all classes, and at their head was the Royal Family.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He said he was extremely grateful for the kind reception given to the toast, and he felt happy in being able to be with them. In the lodge he had spoken, he said, of his many engagements of a military and social character, and though those duties prevented him from being a frequent visitor amongst them, he could assure them that he took the deepest interest in the welfare of the province. The *resumé* given in the lodge of the work of the past year he regarded as very satisfactory. He was pleased to see so large an attendance of the brethren, and thanked Bro. Alderman Skinner (Mayor of Eastbourne), and those who had assisted his Worship in giving him such a hearty welcome to the town. Alluding to the bond of brotherly love uniting all classes, he said his relative, Prince Leopold of Prussia, had been much struck by the loyalty and union which characterised English Freemasons, and wished to see the English and German Freemasons in closer union. The Prince of Wales had conferred upon Prince Leopold the honour of Past Grand Master. Before sitting down he wished to propose "The W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., S.G.D., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." His excellent friend, Sir William Marriott, had worthily occupied his place during his absence on many occasions, and had ably carried out the great work imposed upon him. He was sure Sir William took great interest in the province, and warmly congratulated him upon his appointment in Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was warmly received, said he could not plead one-tenth of the engagements of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as an excuse for his absence from the province, but he regretted that recently he had been in the hands of that despot, the doctor, who, at one time, had absolutely forbidden him from attending to his Masonic duties. Loyalty had, however, characterised the brethren of Sussex, and, in the hands of Bro. Freeman, the province had been perfectly safe. Indeed, no province, he said, had a better Secretary than Sussex had in Bro. Freeman. He hoped, with renewed health, to be able to attend the various lodges as usual. He then submitted "The Visitors," to which Bro. Colonel FITZGERALD responded.

In proposing "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," Bro. Jos. FARNCOMBE embraced the opportunity of making sympathetic allusion to the severe illness of Bro. Morrison—a brother who was beloved throughout the Province of Sussex, he said, had done well in the past in the support of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and he hoped the brethren would rally round the Duke of Devonshire, who intended acting as the President of one of the Masonic Festivals next year.

Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., in responding, said Sussex had done nobly in the past with regard to the Masonic Charities, and had a splendid representative in Bro. J. M. Reed. During the past year the province had subscribed nearly £1300, and he hoped the Sussex brethren, whom he heartily thanked, would continue their excellent support of the Benevolent Institutions.

At this stage of the proceedings the Prov. Grand Master left to catch his train, and the vacated chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Masters of the Lodges in the Province."

Bro. LLOYD responded.

Bro. E. R. CURRIE gave "The Stewards," eulogising them for the admirable arrangements they had made for the meeting and banquet.

Bros. J. H. WHATFORD and W. A. RAPER acknowledged the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought the gathering to a close.

An especial word of praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. J. W. Masters, J. H. Whatford, W. A. Raper, J. Wood, and R. P. Clowes, who did all that was possible to ensure the comfort of those present.

During the evening a pleasing programme of vocal music was sustained by the Lewes Orpheus Glee Union, who rendered several glee in good style, while Messrs. W. N. Barnard, A. Barnard, and E. T. Hall also contributed songs. The duties of director and accompanist were in the able hands of Mr. Percy Starnes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter met at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on the 22nd inst., under the banner of Chapter No. 112, the Principals of which are Comps. James F. Ralling, M.E.Z.; H. Jerman, H.; and E. H. Shorto, J.; In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent (Lord Ebrington), Comp. W. G. Rogers took the chair. Among those present were—

Comps. Maj. G. G. C. Davie, P.G.S.E. and P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. F. Ellerton, P.Z. 1125; E. M. Moyle, P.Z. 1125; H. Marley, P.Z. 1358; J. Taylor, P.Z. 328; J. Wills, P.Z. 106; J. H. Gilbert, P.Z. 1284; Frank Hubber, M.E.Z. 1284; W. Ridge, H. 1284; J. Stocker, P.Z. 112, P.P. 1st A.G.S.; W. H. Chesterman, P.S. 112; Andrew Hope, S.E. 112; H. W. Pengelly, P.Z. 1099; Capt. J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., P.Z. 954, P.G.J.; J. Gidley, P.Z. 1205; J. T. Allingham, P.Z. 954; Courtenay H. Edmunds, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; E. H. Littleton, P.Z. 230, P.G.P.S.; J. Albert Orchard, P.Z. 847, P.P.G.P.S.; C. H. Fulford, P.Z. 112; Francis Luget, 112, P.G. Org.; J. F. Ralling, M.E.Z. 112; E. H. Shorto, J. 112; W. R. Lisle, P.Z. 112; W. H. Kelland, P.Z. 112; W. Packham, P.Z. 112, P.P. 1st A.G.S.; W. Pearse, P.Z. 515 and 2195; W. Easton, P.Z. 112, P.P.G.S.N.; John Algar, P.Z. 112; R. Hooker, 112; T. S. Eyre, P.Z. 1247; J. R. Lord, P.Z. 70 and 1247, P.P.G. Treas. and P.G.D.C.; A. Truscott, P.Z. 1284, P.P.G. Treas.; E. G. Dyke, M.E.Z. 70; S. Jones, P.Z. 112; W. S. Vickery, 112; W. Locke, P.Z. 444; E. W. Locke, M.E.Z. 444; J. Lane, P.Z. 328, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; E. Bennet Maye, P.Z. 710, P.G.T.; A. W. Searley, P.Z. 328; J. S. Swann, P.Z. 847 and 494, P.P.G.J.; W. Hudson, 106; W. Forward, P.Z. 494; R. F. Kingdom, P.Z. 106, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Pierpont Roberts, S.E. 1358; F. Sanders, P.Z. 1284, P.P.G. Reg.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.Z. 189, P.P.G.J.; R. H. W. Foss, 1138; A. P. Reece, P.Z. 494, P.P.G.S.B.; H. L. Friend, P.Z. 303, P.P.G.O.; G. Hall, P.Z. 1125; J. B. Crabb, 1125, P.G. 1st A.S.; W. H. Mayne, M.E.Z. 1247; W. J. C. Hannaford, P.Z. 223; C. G. Whithell, P.Z. 2025, P.P.G.S.; G. Dunsterville, M.E.Z. 189; R. H. Grimbley, P.Z. 1138; W. T. Palmer, 1247; R. H. Loosemore, P.Z. 1125, P.G. Reg.; F. R. Hearn, P.Z. 1284; W. Allsford, P.Z. 202, P.P.G. Treas.; Maj. Tracy, P.Z. 1247; W. D. B. Symons, S.E. 105; W. Sweet, P.Z. 2025; J. Du Pre, P.Z. 70, P.P.G.P.S.; and F. C. Frost, P.Z. 303, P.P.G. Treas.

The officers appointed for the ensuing year were :

Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. A. Roberts, 251	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Lock, 444	...	...	Prov. G. S.N.
" W. R. Lisle, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Forward, 494	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. H. Grimbley, 1138	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" T. S. Eyre, 1247	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. T. Allingham, 954	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. F. Dunsterville, 189	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. H. Fulford, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. W. Searley, 328	...	...
" H. W. Pengelly, 1099	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" J. R. Lord, 1247	...	...
" W. J. C. Hannaford, 223	...	...	Prox. G. Org.
" F. R. Hearn, 1254	...	...
" H. Marley, 1358	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" S. C. Daniel, 1255	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" R. Harper, 251	...	...
" H. Shooter, 112	...	...

Comp. W. Bennett Maye presented a very satisfactory balance sheet. A sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, 20 guineas to the Devon Masonic Education Fund, and 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Chapter No. 112 for their reception of the Provincial Grand Chapter in Exeter.

Comp. RALLING, M.E.Z. 112, who had made all the arrangements on behalf of the chapter, replied.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

The annual meeting of the above Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, 33°, Grand Master. The brethren present included :

Bros. Brig.-Surg. J. B. Cockburn, G.S.W.; R. Loveland Loveland, Deputy G. Master; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, P.D.G.M.; A. Woodiwiss, P.G.W.; Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; W. Vincent, G.D.C.; Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., G.S.B.; F. Bevan, G. Org.; R. Clowes, and F. F. Schnitger, G. Stwds.; G. Powell, P.A.G.D.C.; R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.J.G.W.; C. Belton, P.S.G.W.; Col. A. B. Cook, P.S.G.W.; Earl of Portarlington, C. E. Keyser, J. Hill, 16; H. Thomson Lyon, W. J. Ebbetts, Rev. V. P. Wyatt, W. Briant, A. Molony, S. L. Kilpin, Rev. C. E. Wright, Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.B.; and J. Gibson Hall.

The Grand Council was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the report for the year, showing that 110 brethren had been received into the Allied Degrees—a number considerably more than that of any previous similar period—the total number registered being 1051. The report further stated that the Sovereign College of the Allied Degrees for the U.S.A. had made formal complaint to the M.W. G.M. that the body styling itself the Grand Council or Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor for Great Britain and Ireland, &c., had, in defiance of all Masonic law and etiquette, violated the territory of the United States by granting a warrant or charter empowering certain brethren in the town of Rockland, Maine, to confer the Degree of Secret Monitor. Enquiries having failed to elicit any satisfactory explanation, the Sovereign Grand College, U.S.A., had most reluctantly been obliged to sever all connections with the body referred to, and had also proclaimed them to be a spurious body. The Sovereign Grand Master, U.S.A., also gave authority to the M.W.G.M. of the Allied Degrees, England, &c., enabling him to legally assume the government of the Degree of Secret Monitor. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Mark Masons' Hall in June last, when a proclamation was authorised and commanded, there being only one dissentient voice, calling upon all regularly registered members of the various Degrees owing allegiance to the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees to withdraw from all connection with the body styling itself the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the United Kingdom, &c., and prohibiting any brother or companion from holding Masonic communion with any of the several conclaves of that body. Authority was given, under letters patent from the Sovereign Grand Master for the United

States, to the councils under the Grand Council to induce duly qualified candidates into the Degree of Secret Monitor. Since the issue of the proclamation the Degree had been conferred by certain of the councils, and the Degree of Grand Tyler of King Solomon had also been included among the Degrees under the supervision of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees. The report concluded with a sympathetic reference to the deaths of Bros. J. L. Mather, P.D.G.M., and H. Hotham, who was admitted to the Degree of Red Cross of Babylon so far back as 1839.

The report as read was received and unanimously adopted, as were also the Grand Treasurer's accounts, showing an increased balance of £70 10s. 1d.

The M.W.G.M. re-appointed Bro. R. Loveland Loveland as D.G.M., and he was proclaimed and saluted.

Bro. Gordon Miller was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the following appointments were made :

Bro. Lord Valentia	...	...	G.S.W.
" Major C. W. Carrell	...	...	G.J.W.
" C. F. Matier...	...	...	G. Sec.
" Gordon Miller	...	...	G. Treas.
" Rev. C. E. Wright	...	...	G. Chaps.
" Rev. V. P. Wyatt	...	...
" George Powell	...	...	G.S.D.
" W. Platt	...	...	G.J.D.
" Wm. Vincent	...	...	G.D.C.
" A. B. Ackerman	...	...	A.G.D.C.
" Capt. Geo. Hearn	...	...	G.S.B.
" G. Ingleton Phillips	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" F. Bevan	...	...	G. Org.
" J. Usher	...	...	G.I.G.
" S. L. Kilpin...	...	...	G. Stwd.
" E. J. Mills	...	...	G. Tyler.

The GRAND SECRETARY announced that prior to the meeting of Grand Council, the Order of Grand Tyler of King Solomon was conferred upon several candidates, the ceremony being beautifully worked by Bros. Vincent, Voisey, Smith, Thomson Lyon, and Hall, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The Grand Council was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, which was numerously attended.

CENTENARY MEETING OF LODGE HOPE AND UNITY, No. 214.

The Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Saturday, the 16th instant, was the scene of a most rare occurrence, that of commemorating the centenary of the above lodge, an honour only possessed by three other lodges in the Province of Essex, viz.: the Angel Lodge, No. 51; True Friendship, No. 160; and also Good Fellowship, No. 276, and the next held would be 40 years hence. A numerous and distinguished company attended, among whom was Bro. A. R. Meggy, W.M., supported by—

Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; Matthew E. Clark, P.G.D.; Lennox Browne, P.G.D.C.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Ramsey, I.P.M.; Colonel Lockwood, M.P., Prov. S.G.W.; the Ven Archdeacon Stevens, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. F. Haslock, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. W. Quennell, Chap., P.P.G. Chap.; C. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec. Herts; J. J. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Corble, P.P.J. G.W.; Col. W. J. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Quennell, P.M. and Treas., P.P.J.G.W.; F. B. Page, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Wills, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. G. Wingrove, Prov. G. Org.; A. C. Durrant, P.P.J.G.W.; A. R. Chamberlayne, P.P.G. Reg.; James Speller, P.P.J.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys; E. Shedd, P.P.G. Reg.; F. H. Meggy, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Bailey, P.P.A.G.D.C.; N. Fortescue, Prov. G. Treas.; Millner Jutsum, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Kershaw, P.S.G.D.; J. J. Briginshaw, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. G. Hammond, jun., P. Dep. G.D.C.; R. Pitt, P.G.S.B.; W. A. S. Staley, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Williams, P.A.G. Sec.; F. J. Cumine, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. Humphreys, P.P.S.G.W.; H. G. Hobson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Symonds, P.M., S.W.; A. Green, P.M. 211; T. Trehearne, P.M.; B. Evans, W.M. 1421; J. M. Knight, W.M. 2154; J. E. Johnson, W.M. 2005; A. Miller, W.M. 2077; Edwin Gauntlett, P.M. 1901; F. Landon, P.M. and Sec.; H. Becker, W.M. 51; R. Orttewell, W.M. 1024; T. O'Neill, W.M. 1977; R. Stebbing, P.M. 2063; A. W. Wallis, P.M.; H. Mann, W.M. 2467; G. C. Morant, P.M.; R. H. Lyon, P.M. 1201; Dr. Hinton, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Spencer, 765; E. Gilbert, J.W. 173; F. B. Townend, I.G. and Org.; J. Colson Phillips, 1195; J. L. Quennell, J.D.; F. W. Smith, 1437; C. Gray; Owen Perry, 969; G. E. Parker, 180; Paul Waterlow; Frank Davies; J. Thompson; H. Harris; A. Darby, S.D.; W. F. Sarjeant; Malcolm Hubbard; J. Wild, 1437; Marx Gross, Tyler; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The lodge was opened and the Grand Officers saluted. The W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. giving permission for holding the present meeting, which having been done, he asked Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., Prov. S.G.W., to present the centenary warrant, which he did somewhat in the following terms :

He said it was indeed a very great honour and one which would be much appreciated by him, being the first he had ever been called upon to do, and therefore he would perform it with much pleasure. He could not but feel a regret at the absence of the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Warwick, who was engaged in his civic duties at Warwick, and also of the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Philbrick, for all knew how they lived in the hearts of the brethren. In handing the warrant to the W.M. he could not help repeating the few but simple words in the ritual, that he would "hand it on to his successors pure and unsullied as you now receive it," being fully convinced that that would be so. Also to every thinking Mason those tenets should teach him how serious his duties were, first to God, and secondly to his neighbour, and the more he saw of Freemasonry and its principles carried out the more he was assured England would never lose her greatness. The W.M. had a great responsibility thrust upon him and it should be his aim to impress upon the brethren the duty of upholding those glorious traditions and carrying them out to their utmost. The lodge had gone through its trials and troubles, and he now congratulated the brethren on the success and high honour it had attained in the province. He wished the G.A.O.T.U. might spare the W.M. and

that his year of office might be one of great usefulness. He had very great pleasure in handing to the W.M. the centenary warrant.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, stated that he had great pleasure in receiving the same in the name of the lodge, and it would be his aim to keep it pure and unsullied, and he trusted all those who followed would do the same.

Bro. RAMSEY, I.P.M., rose and said it gave him very great pleasure in presenting the lodge with a silver case to hold the warrant, which the W.M. accepted, most heartily tendering the thanks of the brethren, and specially himself personally, for all knew Bro. Ramsey's great kindness and the hard work bestowed upon the lodge, and that that kind act was another finishing touch.

The Worshipful Master next presented the centenary jewels to the brethren present entitled to wear them.

One gentleman's name was proposed for initiation, and many apologies were tendered for inability to attend and wishing the lodge every success.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarking at the present time it deserved special mention, as Freemasonry had flourished to a great extent during her beneficial reign; also the toast of "His Royal Highness, M.W.G.M.," which was duly honoured, the W.M. stating the great interest H.R.H. took in the Craft, and the number of new lodges which had been formed, thereby showing his earnest care for its welfare.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," the W.M. said the lodge was greatly honoured by the presence of several Grand Officers whom he enumerated, which showed the great zeal they always took in the welfare of the Craft.

In reply, Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., said he assured the W.M., speaking on behalf of the Grand Officers, that they greatly appreciated the honour done them. He quite agreed with the W.M. that in their Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. they had two noblemen who took the deepest interest in Masonry. It was also deeply gratifying to the other Grand Officers with him to be present, and although the lodge had gone through many vicissitudes he trusted it would go on and prosper. He congratulated the W.M. upon his position at such a time, which he should consider a very great honour.

Bro. MATTHEW CLARK, P.G.D., also replied, thanking the brethren for their kind remembrances in asking him to the lodge, at which he was deeply touched. He was proud to think the lodge had carried out the principles of Freemasonry as faithfully as any in the province. He was afraid when he came to mention how well and kindly he had been treated by his fellow Prov. Grand Officers he should cause a little feeling of jealousy. However, he most cordially thanked them for such a reception.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Earl of Warwick, the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in most becoming terms, which was received most enthusiastically.

Bro. Col. LOCKWOOD, M.P., Prov. S.G.W., said he had already expressed regret for the absence of the Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M., and he was convinced that after the labour of the lodge their comforts had been studied to the fullest, inasmuch as an excellent banquet had been provided with such delightful harmony. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, all wished that in the lodge's voyage it would weather the storm, and go on and prosper under all its future Masters.

Bro. T. J. RALLING, P.A.G.D.C., also replied, and said that he was very pleased to be present on that auspicious occasion. They congratulated the lodge on attaining its centenary, which very few lodges could boast, and one and all wished the lodge every prosperity.

The toast of "The W.M." was next presented by Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in high terms of commendation, which he considered the special toast of the evening. He asked the brethren to carry their minds back, if possible, 100 years. Freemasonry then was emerging from its chrysalis state. The Speculative Mason at that period knew all but nothing, but when it became that the Royal Family showed great interest in Freemasonry, and in 1795, H.R.H. George IV. followed by the Duke of York and the Duke of Somerset, it made rapid strides. From the year 1843 to 1875 there was no mention of the Royal Family taking part with them. The late Earl Zetland had the honour of installing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.P.G.M., and all knew the condition of Freemasonry under his able rule. During the whole career of the lodge it had been under the sway (for the most part) of members of the Royal Family. He also spoke of many of the Past Masters of the lodge, whom he eulogised, and trusted that the younger brethren would emulate, and that the lodge he hoped would be the centre of attraction for time to come. He congratulated the W.M. on the honour conferred upon him, holding that position at the present time, and felt convinced that he would carry out the duties and maintain the prestige of the lodge. He would again give the toast—"Prosperity to the Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, and the Health of the W.M."

The toast was drunk with very great enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, said he felt it indeed a great honour in being the centenary Master, and he had hoped that the late highly esteemed Bro. Cooper would have held the position, and he would have most willingly served under such a worthy brother; but such was not to be. However, being W.M. he was very proud, and he hoped that he might be a worthy successor to his uncle, who some years ago held high office in the province. The lodge stood in an unique position, as no centenary of a lodge could take place for another 40 years, and he trusted that some of the younger brethren might be spared to see that. He most cordially thanked the brethren for so hearty a reception.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next presented by the W.M. in most cordial terms, and very ably responded to by Bros. LUCKING and A. GREEN, P.M. 211.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge." He said the lodge had a most efficient body of Past Masters, who were always ready to perform whatever duties devolved upon them. The officers, too, were most capable. He most heartily thanked the Secretary, and last but not least Bro. Ramsey, I.P.M., for their most valuable services rendered in bringing that centenary meeting to such a successful issue.

Bro. RAMSEY, I.P.M., in reply, regretted the absence of several Past Masters. In what he had done for the lodge it was not a labour, but a pleasure. It had always been his endeavour, whatever he took in hand, to perform; no such word as "can't" was in his vocabulary. He was delighted the centenary meeting had proved such a success. He trusted the Past Masters would continue their hearty support to the lodge, and maintain its prestige with the united efforts of all the officers. It was at the instigation of their late Bro. Cooper he had joined the lodge, being then a town member, and he trusted he should long continue to be a member of the lodge.

The SECRETARY also replied, thanking the W.M. for such kind words, and said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure in doing all he could for the lodge, and he was delighted to see such a grand meeting that evening.

The S.W. next gave the toast "In memory of the Departed Brethren of the Lodge," which was drunk in silence.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening.

An excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., P.P.G. Org. Middx., ably assisted by Mr. Sidwell Jones, Bros. Ernest Marriott, Selwyn Davies, and Egbert Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, who sang a new song, "Friends and Foes," composed by Bro. Hinton, Mus. Doc., which was well received. Bro. Hinton ably presided at the piano.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Lightfoot, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Nichols, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Holland, P.M., S.D.; Fleming, J.D.; Markland, I.G.; Ambler, Beauchamp, Cooke, Colli, Marriott Matthews, Weller, Westron.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bates, P.M., being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising it was proposed by the Preceptor and seconded by Bro. Holland, P.M., that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner he had occupied the chair for the first time in the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Thomas Baker, W.M.; Thwaites, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; David Haslett, P.M., acting Preceptor; M. A. Krellwitz, W.M. 511, Treas.; E. P. Luke, Hon. Sec.; T. Pringle, S.D.; Whitehead, J.D.; Kelly, I.G.; E. Kraus, P.M.; Bayfield, Barlow, Sandland, and Moss.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Third Lecture having been worked, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. In the course of the evening the election of Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary took place. In proposing that Bro. David Haslett, P.M., be elected Preceptor, Bro. Krellwitz remarked that it was only due to that brother that he should now occupy that position after having performed the duties of the office for some considerable time on behalf of Bro. Farwig, who, through ill-health, had been unable to attend the meetings of the lodge. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously, as also was the proposition that Bro. M. A. Krellwitz be elected Treas. The Secretary, Bro. E. P. Luke, having stated that the calls upon his time would prevent his again accepting office, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that Bro. A. B. Bayfield be elected to act as Hon. Sec. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. Nicole, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; C. T. Rayner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., and J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptors; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; R. P. Upton, S.D.; A. F. Hardymont, J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; D. C. Ritchie, C. Weston, A. L. Langton, S. Cload, W. A. Goring, G. T. Peall, P.M.; V. R. J. Longman, G. A. Hopkins, R. W. Nicole, J. Amand, H. Rackham, A. Oldrey, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. T. Hoare, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, S. Lewes, and W. Rapley.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. Bro. Clarke then took the chair, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hoare being the candidate. Bro. North was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. C. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Nicole for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER, No. 753.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., when there were present Comps. M. Spiegel, M.E.Z.; R. T. Redfearn, H.; G. Lane J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; H. J. Thomas, S.N.; and J. C. Kruse, P.S.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Parsons acting as candidate. Comp. Redfearn was elected M.E.Z. for the next fortnight. One of the installations may be worked the last Thursday in each month. Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 8th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., 30°, M.W.S.; L. Steele, 30°, Prelate; Dr. V. Jagielski, 2nd Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Biddlecombe, Captain of the Guards; Capt. Baldwin, Herald; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Dr. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. Grimwood, J.P., P.M.W.S.; H. Adams, and Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Carrick, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly perfected by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner. The Recorder read a letter he had received from Mrs. Williamson, acknowledging the vote of condolence passed by the chapter on the demise of her husband, the late Ill. Bro. Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., who was at the time of his death M.W. elect. Communications regretting their inability to be present were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; C. W. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°, Org.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°, and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and an excellent banquet was partaken of at the Café Royale.

The M.W. presided most ably. The members heard with regret that he was not likely to preside at the next meeting of the chapter, as he was going abroad for an indefinite period.

During the evening Bro. Egbert Roberts sang an effective song, composed by the M.W., and set to music by Comp. Dr. Hinton. Other contributions were given by Bros. Carrick, F. W. Driver, and Dr. Hinton. A most agreeable and pleasant evening was passed.

Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave, No. 1.

A meeting of the above conclave was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. W. J. Spratling, G.R., as S.R.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.T., as G.; A. Stewart Brown, P.G.V., C.; W. G. Lemon, P.G.S.R., Treas.; John J. Pakes, P.G.V., Sec.; J. Pickle, G. Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.S.R.; H. W. Roberts, P.G.B.B.; and Freeman, Sentinel.

Bro. Alexander Stewart Brown, P.G.V., was regularly installed in the chair of S.R. by Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.G.V. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Tickle, G. Treas., C.; A. Gamman, G.; W. G. Lemon, P.G.S.R., Treas.; John J. Pakes, P.G.V., Sec.; H. W. Roberts, P.G.B.B., Stwd.; R. Roy, 1st V.D.; and S. Gamman, 2nd V.D. A letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to a P.S.R. of the conclave, who had sustained a severe domestic affliction. Letters of apology were received from several members, and a Committee was appointed to obtain the views of the members as to the advisability of re-arranging the days of meeting.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN
FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEMOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

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

Registered Address for Telegrams:—
CLEMOW, LONDON.**FOR ECONOMICAL AND RESPECTABLE FUNERALS** at stated charges.

To cover all expenses, exclusive of cemetery fees.

BRO. C. G. HATT,
UNDERTAKER,

82, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, W.

CREMATION AND EMBALMING.

Distance no object.

Orders by post or telegrams promptly attended to.
Price Lists free on application.**BREE'S ROYAL HOTEL, JERSEY**Healthiest situation in St. Helier.
20 degrees cooler than the sea front.

BED AND BREAKFAST 5/6 AND 6/-.

FULL BOARD, ROOMS & SERVICE, 8/6 & 9/- per day.

Telegraphic Address—"BREES, JERSEY."

THE SHIP AND TURTLE.

Proprietor, Bro. C. J. PAINTER.

Best and oldest house in London for recherché Masonic Banquets, Private Parties, and Dinners.

OUR TURTLE "THE ELIXIR OF LIFE,"
Vide faculty.Purveyors to H.R.H. Prince of Wales, H.I.M. Emperor of Russia, Dukes of Saxe Gotha, Connaught, Cambridge.
Manager, Bro. E. ASHBY.**COALS. COALS. COALS.**COCKERELL'S (LIMITED),
13, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

For Prices, see Daily Papers.

Trucks direct from the Colliery to every Railway Station.

Telephone No. 2879.

Established 1808.

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

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

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

Send for Illustrated Price List Free.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & COMPANY,
37 & 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.
(Opposite Chancery Lane).

Law Writing Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

MASONIC SONG.

"IN THIS OUR CALM RETREAT,"By Bro. THOMAS SAMPSON,
Late 329, &c., &c.

Price 2s. per copy net.

GEORGE KENNING, 16 Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

J. W. BERNHARDT, D.C.L.
(Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music),
Lectures on "Vocal Methods," &c.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SINGING, PIANOFORTE, HARMONY AND
COMPOSITION.

MODERATE FEES FOR LESSONS AND LECTURES.

"Vox Humana" (novel and complete method), 5s.

"A Singing Lesson" (Illustrated lecture), 6d.

For Books at Reduced Prices and Fees, address—

MM. DE LA CROIX (Hon. Sec.),

47, BERESFORD ROAD, CANONBURY, N.

NOW READY.

MASONIC CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CARDS.

Beautifully Executed. New Designs.

Selection of 12 varieties, 3s., post free.

SPECIAL DESIGNS SUITABLE FOR MASTERS OF LODGES.

GEORGE KENNING,

16 & 16A Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

President, Sir George Williams. Founded by the Huguenots, 1685. For Gospel Preaching in Workhouses, Lodging-houses, Casual Wards, Mission Halls, and Open Air. Night Shelter, Free Meals for the Homeless. Employment found for Widows and Husbandless Women. Holiday Homes for Gutter Children. Help, much needed, will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. JAMES ATKINSON, 28, Enfield-road, Kingsland, N.

Price 7s. 6d.

A HANDY BOOK to the Study of
the ENGRAVED, PRINTED, and MANUSCRIPT
LISTS OF LODGES of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of England ("Moderns" and "Ancients") from
1723 to 1814, with an Appendix and Valuable Statistical
Tables. By Bro. JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Past
Senior Grand Warden of Iowa, Past Prov. Grand Registrar
of Devonshire, &c., &c., &c., Author of "Masonic Records,
1717-1886," "Masters' Lodges," &c., &c., and dedicated
to Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. England.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16a, Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

Illustrated Tariff Post Free.

FUNERALS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

LONDON NECROPOLIS Co.,

188, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,

2, LANCASTER PLACE, STRAND.

THOMAS MORING,

Established 1791.

SEAL ENGRAVER, HERALDIC PAINTER, &c.

52, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES IN THE BEST STYLE.

MASONIC AND HERALDIC BANNERS.

Send for Specimens of High Class Stationery, Visiting
Cards, and Dies gratis.Also gratis on application:—Book of Examples of Monu-
mental Brasses, and Specimen Book of Brass Door Plates.

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

ÆOLIAN VOCAL QUARTETTE.

Miss MAUDE BALLARD, Soprano.

Miss LILLIAN CLOSE, Contralto.

Mr. HERBERT STOCKWELL, Tenor.

Bro. CARL BRANDT, Bass.

May be engaged for Concerts, At Homes, Installation
Banquets, &c., &c. Complete Programmes provided.

For terms, please address:

Bro. CARL BRANDT, 12, St. Mark's Villas, Dalston, N.E.

FRANK HASWELL

(ESTABLISHED 1817).

SIGN AND GLASS WRITER TO THE TRADE.

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

ARTISTIC WRITER TO THE
FINE ARTS.

TESTIMONIALS A SPECIALITY.

MASONIC PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY,Giving the Pronunciation and Definition of every word
susceptible of a mispronunciation, used in the work of
Initiation, Installation, Consecration, and Funeral Service,
in the Craft Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, and
the Supreme Council, in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite, by

REV. JAY A. FORD,

Past Master, and Masonic Lecturer, and Prelate of Battle
Creek Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16a Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

Price 2s. 6d. Post Free, 2s. 7d.

NEW DEPARTURE IN INSURANCE.**ACCIDENT INSURANCE Co. (Limited).**

Founded 1849.

Write for Prospectus of COMPREHENSIVE POLICY covering
ACCIDENT AND DISEASE.

10, St. Swithin's-lane, London, E.C. THOS. POTTER, Sec.

MONTAGUE MANSION
(Opposite the British Museum Entrance),

GREAT RUSSELL STREET, W.C.

Most conveniently situated for Business or Pleasure. Cab
Fare from "Montague Mansion" is One Shilling to nearly
all Railways, Theatres, and the Royal Courts of Justice.
Omnibuses to all parts for a few pence.Bedroom, Bath, Breakfast, and Attendance, 5s. and 5s. 6d.
Night Porter. Telephone 2906. Terms Moderate.

ESTABLISHED 1865.

BLADON AND HUMPHREYS,
MANUFACTURING

MASONIC JEWELLERS.

APRONS, COLLARS, FURNITURE, AND
REGALIA.

7, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.,

AND

16, CLERKENWELL ROAD, E.C.,
LONDON.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW, LIMITED

86, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

(late 17, New Broad Street, E.C.),

12, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,

93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,

AND

86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest
Stock in London of the Very Best Quality at Lowest Prices.

HIGH-CLASS PROVISION STORES (NOW OPENED),

50, 51, and 52, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL,
EAST MOLESEY, HAMPTON COURT STATION
(Adjoining the RAILWAY, and facing the RIVER and
PALACE).

BRO. JOHN MAYO

has ample accommodation in the new wing of this old-
established and noted Riverside Hotel for Banquets for any
number up to 100. Every convenience for Ladies' Gather-
ings. Spacious landing to river, whence Steam Launches
can start. Specimens of Menus, with prices, sent on
application. Five Lodges meet at the Castle Hotel, and
reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the
catering, &c.**THE MASTER MASON'S HAND-**BOOK, by Bro. FRED. J. W. CROWE, with an
Introduction by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., &c. The
Master Mason's Handbook is a compendium of all informa-
tion necessary to a knowledge of English Masonry, com-
prising—An Historical Sketch of Freemasonry—The Grand
Lodge: Its Origin and Constitution—Private Lodges,
Metropolitan and Provincial—Visiting Private Lodges—
Titles, their uses and abbreviations—The Great Masonic
Institutions—The "Higher" or additional Degrees, and
how to obtain them.

GEORGE KENNING, 16, Great Queen-st., London, W.C.

NEW WORK BY BRO. J. HUGHAN.

ONLY 250 COPIES FOR SALE.

**"THE OLD CHARGES OF
BRITISH FREEMASONS,** including a Repro-
duction of the 'Haddon Manuscript,' and particulars of all
the known Manuscript Constitutions
FROM THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY."

By Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,

Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c., &c.

WITH 19 ILLUSTRATIONS.

8vo.; blue cloth, gilt; 200 pages.

LONDON: GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16a Great Queen St.
Price 12s. 6d. a copy, or 13s. post rec.**MONEY PROMPTLY ADVANCED**
ON BILLS OF SALE,And other Securities, at moderate Interest, repayable by
instalments or otherwise.

Office Established 1856.

G. J. SHIPWAY,

3, TAVISTOCK STREET, STRAND.

ARMFIELD'S SOUTH PLACE HOTEL,

FINSBURY, LONDON, E.C.,

Entirely Re-built and Handsomely Furnished; in addition to its very central position, introduces, for the comfort of its guests, at very moderate charges the most recent hygienic and sanitary improvements. Passenger lift to each floor. SPECIAL CONVENIENCE FOR MASONIC LODGES, DINNERS AND CINDERELLAS.

STAGE LADIES & GENTLEMEN

desirous of entering the Theatrical Profession in Drama, Comedy, Comic Opera, or Music Hall, apply for terms to

Mr. CARLTON ST. AUBYN,
Late Manager Olympic Theatre, Royal Aquarium Theatre, Theatre Royal, Scarborough, &c. (Letter for interview).
Mr. CARLTON ST. AUBYN,
School of Dramatic Art, 87, New Oxford-street.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Dedicated by permission to
THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, Esq., M.P., Prov. Grand Master.

By G. BLIZARD ABBOTT,
W.M. GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385, BARNET.

WITH PORTRAITS.

London.—GEORGE KENNING, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-st. Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

LONDON & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

BIRMINGHAM CATTLE, POULTRY, AND DOG SHOWS.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, a Cheap Excursion will leave London (Euston) 7.20 a.m.; Chalk Farm (N.L. side), 7.20 a.m.; Kilburn, 7.30 a.m.; Willesden Junction, 7.40 a.m.; Broad Street, 6.40 a.m.; Dalston Junction, 6.45 a.m.; and Highbury 6.49 a.m., for BIRMINGHAM, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick, Dudley, Dudley Port, Walsall, Wednesbury, and WOLVERHAMPTON for ONE AND FIVE DAYS.

For fares and full particulars see small bills, which can be obtained at any of the Company's Stations and Town Offices.

FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

London, November, 1895.

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS OF

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY will be found complete in all the arrangements, and the charges moderate.

MIDLAND GRAND

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

The new

VENETIAN ROOMS

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

ADELPHI

(Near Central Station), LIVERPOOL.

QUEEN'S, LEEDS.

MIDLAND, BRADFORD.

MIDLAND, DERBY.

MIDLAND, MORECAMBE.

Tariffs on application.

Telegraphic Address—"MIDOTEL."

WILLIAM TOWLE, Hotels, &c., Manager.

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

LAURENT-

PERRIER'S

"SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

1889 CHAMPAGNE.

THIS IS THE CHAMPAGNE

WITHOUT ANY ADDED SUGAR OR ALCOHOL WHATSOEVER.

THE PURE PRODUCT OF THE FINEST

CHAMPAGNE GRAPES.

LAURENT-

PERRIER'S

"SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

1889 CHAMPAGNE.

HERTZ & COLLINGWOOD,

38, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, E.C.,

Sole Consignees.

GAIETY RESTAURANT, STRAND.

LUNCHEONS (HOT AND COLD)

At Popular Prices, in BUFFET and RESTAURANT (on First Floor), also

Chops, Steaks, Joints, Entrées, &c., in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTERNOON TEA,

Consisting of Tea or Coffee, Cut Bread and Butter, Jam, Cake, Pastry, *ad lib.*, at 1s. per head, served from 4 till 6 in RESTAURANT (First Floor).

DINNERS IN RESTAURANT,

From 5.30 till 9, at fixed prices (3s. 6d. and 5s.) and à la Carte.

In this Room the VIENNESE BAND performs from 6 till 8.

Smoking after 7.45.

AMERICAN BAR.

THE GRILL ROOM

is open till 12.30.

PRIVATE DINING ROOMS for large and small Parties.

SPIERS & POND, Ltd., PROPRIETORS.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Established 1836.

LONDON: 1, MOORGATE STREET, E.C.
ABERDEEN: 1, UNION TERRACE.

INCOME AND FUNDS (1894).

Fire Premiums	...	...	...	£701,000
Life Premiums	...	...	...	232,000
Interest	...	...	...	171,000
Accumulated Funds	-	-	-	£4,444,000

To Correspondents.

The following communications have been received:

CRAFT—

Industry Lodge, No. 48.
Phoenix Lodge, No. 173.
Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.
Goldfields Lodge, No. 2478.

MARK—

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS—

Prince Leopold Council, No. 238.

Also several reports of Lodges of Instruction.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

On glancing at the agenda paper set down for the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next there will be found a motion by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., to grant the sum of 200 guineas in aid "of the proposed establishment and permanent endowment of a Scholarship in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." This is good news for those who have proposed and are engaged in carrying out the scheme, to which we took occasion to refer in our "Notes" of last week. The first list of subscriptions which appeared in our advertisement columns was a large one, and we may hope that with close upon £250 promised within the first week after the announcement of the scheme and the motion to be brought forward by so prominent a Mason and one so well disposed towards our Institutions in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the success of the Scholarship Fund is already in a fair way of being ensured.

It appears from the same list of agenda that warrants for nine new lodges have been granted since the

September Communication. Of these one—the Borough Lodge, No. 2589—will meet in London; five in the Provinces, namely, Lewisham Lodge, No. 2582, Smethwick; the St. Thomas, No. 2582, Tibshelf, Derbyshire; the Queen Victoria, No. 2584, Manchester, in the Province of East Lancashire; the St. Nicholas, No. 2586, Scarborough, in North and East Yorkshire; and the Radnor, No. 2587, Folkestone, in the Province of Kent. The remaining three are located abroad, namely, the Doornfontein, No. 2585, meeting at the place from which it derives its name in South Africa; the Beauaraba, No. 2588, Pittsworth, in the District of Queensland; and the Nirvana, No. 2590, Ghazipur, in the District of Bengal. These raise the total number of new lodges for which warrants have been granted since the Quarterly Communication in December, 1894, to 52—a goodly addition and one that includes several that, even in these early days of their career, have already made their mark.

* * *

The published Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham for the year 1895 make an interesting pamphlet, showing clearly that the lodges in this influential province exhibit great attachment to the Craft, and fulfil their duties ably and with regularity. The reports that were submitted at the annual meetings of these two bodies in September testified to this, as well as to the liberal support which is annually forthcoming in behalf of the Central Charities and of the Durham Educational Fund, which has been in existence for some years, and at the present contributes towards the maintenance and education of 16 children, the average payment per child being not far short of £10 a year. There are 36 lodges on the roll of the Province, and, from the returns made up to the 31st December, 1894, which were recently laid before Provincial Grand Lodge, it appears that the aggregate membership of these lodges is 2749. As regards Royal Ark Masonry, there are 12 chapters on the roll, with an aggregate membership of 462, as compared with 436 the previous year. The Transactions include reports of several lodge meetings, at which banners were presented and unfurled by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and of a special meeting of St. John's Chapter, No. 80, Sunderland.

* * *

The Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 3rd prox. From the report of the General Board, which will be then submitted, we learn that warrants for two new lodges—the Dramatic, No. 487, London; and the Goulburn Valley, No. 488, Shepparton, Victoria—have been issued since the previous meeting of Grand Lodge, while during the three months ending the 30th September last there were issued 205 Mark and 73 Royal Ark Mariner certificates, raising the total number registered in the former Degree to 34,678 and in the latter to 4664.

* * *

We also learn from the same source that Bro. John Locke has been appointed to succeed Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., who has quitted the station and resigned in consequence, as Dist. Grand Master for the West India Islands, while the patents of the Prov. G. Masters for Berks and Oxon, Cornwall, East Anglia, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, North Wales, and West Yorkshire have been, in each case, continued for a further period of three years.

* * *

We are further informed that the respected Prov. Grand Master for Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, who had held the office for 16 years, has died, to the great regret of his Province and Mark brethren generally, and that Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., after having officiated as Prov. Grand Master for South Wales for 12 years, has tendered the resignation of his office. These Provinces will for the present remain in charge of their respective Deputy Prov. Grand Masters.

* * *

Two lodges—the Ramsay, No. 180, Murree, and the Joppa, No. 312, Delhi, having been reported as having ceased to meet for several years past, the Board recommend that their last known Worshipful Masters should be summoned to show cause why such lodges should not be erased from the roll of Grand Lodge. The Board further proposes that a brother who has been expelled from Craft Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Tasmania should be expelled likewise from the Mark Degree.

* * *

Beyond the consideration of the report of the General Board, the only business of moment to be transacted is the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year, and of a brother or brethren to fill the office of Grand Treasurer during the same period.

Correspondence.

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

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Wednesday, the 4th December, will see the election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the above Board for the ensuing year, and no more than 12 having been nominated, the election of the brethren named in the agenda paper for the next quarterly communication is thus secured.

Permit me, however, to say that one lodge should be satisfied with one representative. I notice that Lodge No. 834 has two brethren representing it in the persons of Past Masters Bros. George Granby and William Fisher. It may be that they are Past Masters of a lodge other than No. 834, in which case the alternative number might have been given.

With such a large number of lodges in the Metropolis, it would, I think, be fairer to confine the representation to one brother from each lodge.

I am glad to find that it is proposed, on the 4th December, to alter Rule 255 of the Book of Constitutions bearing on this point.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD PAST MASTER.

BANQUET TO POOR CHILDREN AT GUILDHALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Corporation has again granted the use of the Guildhall upon some evening in January next for the purpose of giving a banquet and entertainment to some 1500 poor children of the Ragged School of the Metropolis.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have signified their intention of attending on the occasion, and Lord Compton, the President of the Ragged School Union, hopes to be present.

The cost will be defrayed by public subscription, and I appeal to your readers for the necessary funds. Should the amount subscribed exceed that which is necessary, I will hand the balance to the Ragged School Union.

Last year I was able to hand rather more than £100 in this way to this deserving Institution. I hope this year to do better.

Subscriptions should be sent to me hereat once.—Fraternally yours,
W. P. TRELOAR, Alderman.

Ludgate Hill, E.C., November 28th.

Craft Masonry.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

At the last regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, which was largely attended, the W.M., Bro. F. Reynolds, presented, on behalf of the brethren, to Bro. Randell, P.M., a handsome bracket clock, in oak, suitably inscribed, on his golden wedding. The W.M. spoke feelingly of the services rendered by Bro. Randell to Masonry and in other directions, and congratulated him and Mrs. Randell most heartily. These expressions were endorsed by several of the Past Masters present, and Bro. Randell, who was visibly affected, thanked the brethren in suitable terms.

The clock bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. A. Randell, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., on his Golden Wedding, 11th Novr., 1895. With the fraternal regards of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, 663."

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

The installation meeting of this well-known and important lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 18th inst., and was well attended by the members, and a large number of visitors. There were present: Bros. G. H. Wavell, W.M.; Wm. Bradford, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. H. T. Jarvis, J.W.; S. Godden, P.M.; Treas.; J. Irvine, P.M.; Treas. Ben. Fund; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; H. Kemp, S.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D.; A. Clarkson, I.G.; A. V. H. Pouncefort, P.M., Org.; W. G. Butler, A. J. Hollebone, A. T. Chamberlain, A. J. Curtis, E. Müller, J. T. Southgate, A. J. Taylor, W. H. Godden, C. E. Müller, T. J. Collis, P.M.; G. Green, P. J. Driver, R. S. Spencer, T. H. Harrison, F. W. Lowe, F. Heywood, J. H. Taylor, J. B. Bennett, F. Guanziroli, G. Palmer, P. Day, R. W. C. Palmer, T. W. T. Taylor, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; George Read, P.G. Std. Br.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., V.-Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes; Oscar Barrett, W.M. 2127; C. E. Tinney, P.M.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M.; F. Sanford, G. Appleton, H. Sime, Rutter, J. C. Tilt, A. Le Claire, H. J. Burt, S. K. J. Smith, A. C. Bull, W. J. Poole, S. Jennings, W. H. Weeks, R. Gregory, T. Boyce, Frank Boyton, J. C. Hayes, C. A. Walter, R. J. Symonds, H. Longman, F. H. H. Orchard, W. J. Baker, F. J. Smith, H. Hicks, S. H. C. Rumball, E. Painter, S. McLean, J. Curtis, H. M. Woodward, M. H. Newton, J. S. Bradford, W. Heriot, W. A. Tinney, S. W. J. Wade, L. Steven, C. F. Macher, E. W. Ransom, A. H. Scurrah, Herbert Wright, W. Crouchin, H. S. Bennett, J. E. Hambleton, J. E. Rutten, E. Davies, W. Cheeseman, E. W. Woods, Kempton, E. F. Gratwick, A. L. Fryer, and R. T. West.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted, Bro. A. V. H. Pouncefort, P.M., at the request of the W.M., who was not in the best of health, initiated Messrs. Percy Day, George Palmer, R. W. C. Palmer, and T. W. Taylor. The next important business was the installation of Bro. William Bradford, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and this duty was performed by Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., in a manner that made it impossible to have been better carried out. The new W.M. then appointed and duly invested his officers.

The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., and he is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. H. Gérard.

At the conclusion of the feast the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," were proposed in brief but very eloquent terms by the Worshipful Master.

The W.M. gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He stated that they were fortunate in having two great lights present—Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., and Bro. Geo. Read, who had gained their high honours for the great things they had done for Freemasonry, and the lodge was honoured with their presence.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., on rising, was received with acclamation. He said that it was an honour to have to respond to the toast, and he could not speak too highly of the great services of Bros. Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgcumbe. He regretted the absence of his colleague, the Grand Sec., Bro. Letchworth, as there was no one more genial, honest, and kind, who could have acknowledged the toast in better and happier terms. He was glad to have been present to see his old friend and eminent Mason, Bro. Irvine, act as Installing Master, and, as an old Preceptor, he (Bro. Stiles) had never seen better working than that of Bro. Irvine. The W.M. was also another very old friend, and he was delighted to have seen him installed in the chair, and in conclusion he referred to the great efforts the members had made on his behalf to secure his election as Grand Treasurer, and which he should never forget.

Bro. George Read, P.G. Std. Br., stated that for the last 18 months he had had the privilege of responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," but he had no idea that he would have been called upon that evening. He spoke in eloquent terms of the great things many of the Grand Officers did for the Craft, and, having been on the Board

of General Purposes for six years, he felt he could testify with confidence to the work done by Grand Officers, not forgetting Bro. Stiles, whose great efforts in Freemasonry were so well known. He was proud to be present at the installation of the W.M., and, concluding, he paid a tribute to the excellent working of the Installing Master, Bro. Irvine.

The I.P.M., Bro. G. H. Wavell, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it needed very little from him to extol his many virtues, because they were so well known, and they were unanimous that he would make a good Master and be one of the very best. He was not very well, and he felt that he could not give adequate justice to the toast.

Bro. Wm. Bradford, W.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He said he could not sufficiently thank them for the very hearty manner the toast had been received, but it was very difficult for a diffident man to respond to his own toast. He was more than proud to be Master of the Whittington Lodge, but, being in that high position, he would do his best to uphold the dignity and great prestige of the lodge, and he hoped to hand it down to his successor without the slightest flaw. The members had always been kind to him, and if they could say at the end of his term of office, well done, good and faithful brother, it would be ample return for the little he might do, and would be gratifying to him.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master, the Immediate Past Master, and Past Masters," the W.M. stated that those who had been present in the lodge had had a great treat in the working of Bro. Irvine, the Installing Master, who was simply perfect in everything he did in the ritual. He referred in kindly terms to the I.P.M., Bro. Wavell, for what he had done for the lodge, and he had left him (the W.M.) a bed of roses. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel for his valuable services, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. G. H. Wavell by the brethren of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, in recognition of his efficient services as W.M. during his year of office—1894-95." Then, as to the Past Masters, the great success of the lodge was due to their efforts, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. Irvine, Installing Master, and G. H. Wavell, I.P.M.

Bro. G. H. Wavell, I.P.M., responded. He said that he hardly knew how to thank them for the handsome jewel, but he had carried out his duties to the best of his ability. The jewel was the second to come to his family, as his father received a similar jewel 32 years ago. He would shortly introduce his son into Masonry, and he hoped some day to see him honoured with a Past Master's jewel. His interest would remain in the lodge, and he should ever recollect the happy time he was the Master, and the kindness he had received at all times from the members.

Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., who was enthusiastically received, stated that he appreciated his name being associated with the toast, and if what he had done that evening as Installing Master had given satisfaction, he was more than honoured; he was delighted when he was asked to act in that capacity. Many of those present knew that he belonged to another Craft lodge, but he loved the Whittington, his mother lodge. The lodge was well favoured with other Past Masters, and they were all able to do the installation ceremony in a manner that it should be done. So long as he had health he should always make a point of attending the lodge, and since his initiation he had only missed a few meetings, which were occasions when he was abroad. The W.M. had been the S.W. for three years running, and the brethren knew the reason why he was not installed two years ago. He was kind and genial, and no one was more respected, and at the end of his tether as W.M. they would all say that he had been the right man in the right place.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates." He said that he was fortunate to start his year of office with four initiates, and they all appeared to be of the right sort. Bro. Percy Day was the son of an old Past Master of the lodge, who was now deceased. He also referred to Bro. George Palmer, who was well known in the City of London. He urged the initiates to follow what they had heard that evening, and if they did they could not go wrong in any way, and would never regret joining the great institution of Freemasonry.

In response, Bro. Geo. Palmer said that he was then only an apprentice, but he hoped to become a useful member of the lodge and the Craft.

Bros. Percy Day and R. W. C. Palmer also acknowledged the toast.

The W.M. gave in eloquent terms "The Charities," remarking that he was going up as Steward for the Old People, and with the great assistance of the members he hoped his list would be very large in amount. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., who was on the directorate of the Boys' Institution.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., responded. He said that the toast of the Charities should always be given at Masonic gatherings. After giving some interesting details of the three Institutions, he stated that he had the honour of being on the Board of the Institution for Boys, and could testify to the worth of Bro. McLeod, who was one of the best of Secretaries. He thought that about £60,000 had this year been collected for the Charities. He was glad that the W.M. was Steward for the Old People, and that both he (Bro. Scurrah) and Bro. Stiles, the Grand Treasurer, were also going up as Stewards for that deserving Institution. He earnestly urged the members to do their utmost to support the W.M.'s list, and he felt that he could not resume his seat without referring to the excellent work of the Installing Master, Bro. Irvine, who was a most distinguished Mason and an ardent worker in the cause of Charity.

The W.M.'s list was then handed round, and he subsequently announced that it amounted to upwards of £70.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that the lodge, in addition to its other virtues, was always glad to receive and entertain their guests. Many of them were from Devonshire, and were his friends of boyhood, and he thought their presence was a great compliment to him. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Oscar Barrett, S. H. C. Rumball, F. H. H. Orchard, and H. Wright.

Bro. Oscar Barrett replied. He said it was the second time he had had the pleasure of attending the lodge, and he was beginning to feel quite at home. He did not know why the lodge was named Whittington, but being connected with the Pantomime Lodge he was curious to ascertain. The bells there seemed to say return again Barrett and not Whittington, but return Barrett, and he should.

Bro. F. H. H. Orchard stated that he and the other visitors from Devonshire were much pleased to be present at the installation of their good friend the W.M. The business of the lodge had been conducted splendidly, and he thought that he had now seen a perfect installation. He had been 25 years in the Craft, but had never witnessed better working. He congratulated the lodge on having so excellent and genial a Master, and the way he had grasped the work showed that the members would never regret their choice.

Bros. S. H. C. Rumball and H. Wright also responded in happy terms, thanking the W.M. and the members for their great hospitality to the visitors.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master observed that they were the backbone of the lodge and he could not speak too highly of the Treasurer. Then as to the Secretary, he was their guiding star and philosopher and one of the best of friends, and they could not do without him.

Bro. S. Godden, P.M., Treas., responded. He said that it was now 25 years since he first joined Masonry and that was his mother lodge, in which he had filled every office, with the exception of that of S.W. He was honoured by being again appointed Treasurer and he hoped to have ample funds and that the W.M. would have plenty of initiates.

Bro. J. Weaver, P.M., Sec., stated that Bro. Oscar Barrett had asked a question that night that had never cropped up before, why the lodge bore the name of Whittington, and he was glad to be able to inform him and the members the reason why. The lodge was formed in 1861 by City men. Bro. James Brett and the father of the I.P.M., Bro. Wavell, were two of the founders—and they adopted the name of Whittington because the founders were all of the City of London. He hoped the lodge would prosper as in the past and he thanked the W.M. for the way they had received the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers," remarking that not only had he quality but quantity. They had worked hard in the lodge and their efforts he had no doubt would give every satisfaction. He joined with the toast the names of the S.W. and J.W., who both responded that they would do their utmost to support the W.M.

The Tyler's toast ended a night of nights, and it is pleasing to record that the whole of the proceedings were carried out without the slightest hitch.

The W.M. had provided an excellent concert, in which Madame Cecile Newling (who received a well-deserved encore), Madame Annie Buckland, Bros. Lawrence Fryer, J. E. Hambleton, P.M.; Kempton, P.M.; and C. E. Tinney took part, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, P.M. But special praise is due to the two ladies for their sweet singing.

The portrait of Bro. Wm. Bradford, the W.M., appears in our gallery of Worshipful Masters of this issue.

Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

On the 26th instant, there was a good representation of the members at the place of meeting, the Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, and work started at 4 p.m., in order to get through it in reasonable time. It consisted of the initiation of two accepted candidates and the raising of five F.C.s; but, by the unavoidable absence of one of the latter, there was a reduction in the amount of time reckoned upon as needed. The W.M., Bro. Tom Wilkinson, was detained by business in the West of England, and so the work devolved upon the Past Masters, Bros. Bond, I.P.M., Chapman, and Levy sharing it between them. Every subordinate officer was fully equal to his duty, and the ceremonies were worked throughout admirably. There was a strong array of visitors, and all expressed their pleasure at seeing such excellent working. Since its formation the lodge has not had so successful a year as 1895 has proved to be, and the members gave promise of being good men and true. One proposition was made for joining and another for initiation, so that the new year bids fair to open well.

The party at dinner fell but two short of 40, and, with few speeches and short and plenty of music, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.

The remarkable progress of the above powerful and flourishing lodge since its migration from the East-end of London to within the boundaries of the City, has for many years been commented on in our columns. It has progressed both in numbers, in the personality of its members, in its Charity—it being at the present moment a Vice-President of all the Institutions—while the excellence of its working, both in the ordinary ceremonies and more especially in its installation ceremony, has been acknowledged by all who have had the honour and opportunity to be present at its annual festivals.

The installation meeting was on Thursday, the 14th instant, and was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. There was a goodly array of the brethren of the lodge and visitors present, and after Bro. W. H. Ware, the W.M., had initiated a candidate, Bro. C. R. Sayers, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Tapley, P.M., who for many years past has acted as D.C., presented the candidate with all that dignity that so well becomes the occasion, and the W.M. in due course, with the usual ceremony, placed Bro. Sayers in the chair of K.S., when he was saluted by a Board of Installed Masters, and afterwards by the brethren in the Three Degrees. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Ware, I.P.M.; J. T. Oates, S.W.; C. R. Higgins, J.W.; J. Dorton, Treas.; J. J. Roberts, Sec.; T. H. Maple, S.D.; T. S. Greene, J.D.; H. C. Wormald, I.G.; W. Viney, D.C.; D. Ringrose and T. E. Whittaker, Stwds.; M. H. W. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turberville, Tyler. Bro. Ware then gave the usual addresses, and completed an admirably rendered ceremony. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be expressed on vellum, suitably mounted and framed, and presented to him at the next meeting of the lodge. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for both of which favours he returned his best thanks. Some other lodge business ensued, and then the lodge was closed.

Among the others present were Bros. W. Dorton, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M.; T. Watkins, P.M.; W. C. Crow, P.M.; J. Tytheridge, P.M.; F. C. Ward, P.M.; J. Cook, C. Ingram, A. J. Cooper, S. Tring, J. Stile, E. V. Crute, W. Davidson, G. Buffery, E. Wormold, F. C. Carter, J. Reynolds, V. Stockvis, R. W. Magrath, B. H. Spencer, R. Brown, W. Weight, A. Yates, and S. Hiller, of the lodge. C. Cockburn, P.M. 20, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; T. Dexter, P.M. 158; W. Reynolds, J.W. 2184; G. J. Vanderpump, 1807; G. Vanderpump, 171; C. Martin, 65; J. Ferguson, 1445; W. Fisher, 2411; A. Dennis, 2411; F. Pritchard, 1974; J. C. Broadhurst, 141; C. Wilkinson, 1287; C. Handley, 475; G. Buffery, C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, W.M. 2184; and others.

The banquet was a real "Capper," and all those who have been privileged to partake of a "Capper" banquet know what that means. It was served under the direct supervision of Bro. Mersham, who is an adept at his business.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been drunk most heartily, the I.P.M. rose to propose to the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said it was his first pleasant duty to take up the gavel and propose to them in that grand gathering of the lodge and its visitors, the health of their esteemed W.M., Bro. Sayers. Their W.M. had been a member of the lodge for the last 15 years, and from the first had endeavoured to win for himself "a crown that will never fade." Their W.M. was to his, Bro. Ware's, knowledge, a brilliant worker, and he felt sure that if, during his year of office, they found him plenty to do, his words would be proved. It was not worth while to attempt to "gild refined gold," but it was to drink their W. Master's good health, and he asked them to do so with all the enthusiasm and honours it deserved—and they did.

The Worshipful Master, in rising to respond, was heartily cheered. He said it had always been to him a much easier matter to propose a toast than to respond to one proposed to himself, and more especially was it to the one so eloquently and feelingly put that night by their I.P.M., and so cordially received by them. It was not the mere matter of saying "thank you," but to respond adequately, and in such a manner as would show them how much he appreciated and esteemed their hearty good wishes. He felt the responsibility of being the head of such an important lodge, even for one short year. He trusted his year of office would be as successful as that of their I.P.M., Bro. Ware's, had been, so that at its end they might be enabled to say that he had given them every satisfaction. As their I.P.M. had said, it was 15 years ago since he became a member of that lodge, and he could safely say that during the whole of that time he had endeavoured to do all in his power to increase the prosperity of the lodge. He trusted to have their hearty co-operation, and then he felt sure his year of office would not be served in vain. He should endeavour to imitate the bright examples set him by his predecessors, the Masters of the Capper Lodge, and while thanking them for their hearty reception of the toast, should always remember with pride their kindness and hearty good wishes.

"The Initiative" was toasted and suitably responded. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," heartily welcomed them, and spoke of the Capper Lodge as one that was very pleased to see visitors round their social board.

Bros. Pritchard, Cockburn, and Jolly returned thanks.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" was drunk in bumpers, and Bro. Ware, in response, spoke of the valuable assistance he had received from the Past Masters of the lodge, especially Bro. Tapley, P.M., and expressed his determination to assist the W.M. by every means in his power.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "Officers" followed, and then the Tyler's toast finished an excellent day's labour and refreshment.

The musical portion of the proceedings were under the management of the Organist, Bro. Sherwin, and the contributors were Bros. H. C. and E. W. Wormold, and A. Weston, Mr. V. Opperman, Miss Hannah Hotton, Mr. Harry Hawks, and B. F. Tagg, who, in their several efforts gave unlimited pleasure.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

The first meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the presidency of Bro. Arthur Cox, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. Loomes, I.P.M.; J. A. Blount, S.W.; D. C. Ritchie, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Harrison, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; C. Horst, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; W. Taylor, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. B. Harding, P.M.; G. E. Walker, G. A. Hopkins, W. A. Goring, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, F. Meyer, D. C. Attwater, E. A. Wagstaff, G. Yexley, T. E. Newman, T. Spotswood, W. J. Barnes, A. Pope, J. Amand, W. Pannell, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Pardoe, P.M. 1585; R. W. Nicole, W.M. 2278; W. H. Tilley, 1567; H. R. Bower, 2278; and R. Chenery, 87.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Henning was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. J. Johnson was passed to the Second Degree, and, after a favourable ballot, Mr. James Lefever was initiated, the W.M. giving the usual Charge. The business being completed, the lodge was closed.

After the dinner which followed the usual toasts were given.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," expressed the pleasure he felt in welcoming them on that occasion, he was very pleased to see the visitors from the Kingswood Lodge, which was so intimately connected with theirs.

Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M. 2278; Tilley, 1567; and Bower, 2278, replied. Bro. T. E. Newman had, as usual, arranged a good programme, with contributions from Bros. Amand, Goring, and Harding. Bro. Henning gave the prologue from

"Paghacci" and "The Miller's daughter;" Bro. Attwater "The sailor's grave," and "Once again," and as an encore, by desire, "The Holy City." Two visitors also kindly assisted Bro. H. R. Bower giving "The old soldier" and "Funiculi Funicula," and Bro. R. W. Nicole the "Bedouin love song." Bro. Tuck also obliged with a song, and "Auld lang syne" concluded a pleasant evening's entertainment. Bro. H. Stafford, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O., accompanied.

The Secretary, Bro. Blinkhorn, P.M., has prepared an interesting return of the assistance given to the Masonic Charities by the lodge since the formation in 1874. It has been represented by 24 Stewards at the various festivals, the total of their lists being £1876, apportioned as follows: Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £222; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £529; and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £1125.

It was announced that the annual dinner of the Islington Lodge of Instruction would be held on Wednesday, the 4th prox., Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., in the chair.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, in the presence of numerous members and visitors, including: Bros. J. H. Rutherglen, W.M.; E. Rogers, P.G.S., I.P.M.; G. A. Williams, S.W.; J. M. Huish, J.W.; Reuben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; H. Foskett, S.D.; J. French, J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; W. R. Hatton, P.M., I.G.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; H. Hart and J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wales, Stwds.; Capt. T. W. Heath, P.M.; J. Bartle, P.M.; J. Woodmason, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; Edward Lee, P. D. Millen, J. G. Heath, Henry Dallaway, Chas. J. Burt, J. W. Ingledew, Frederick King, Henry Armfield, Thos. Gray, Henry Holmes, P.M., P.G.D. Herts; W. G. Dickinson, L. H. Chocquell, Herbert L. Jones, Leslie Standing, E. W. T. Rogers, J. P. Williams, W. B. Rotheroe, M.D.; S. Ransom, T. P. Rider, W. J. Price, George Passingham, G. T. Caré, W. A. Thompson, E. W. Beard, and Tilney Rising, B.A. Visitors: Bros. John Mason, P.M. 1567; S. T. West, 1612; George English, S.D. 901; T. W. Cuffe, P.M. 511; P. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; Thomas P. Tipton, J.D. 2550; J. W. Belsham, 1614; W. Weaver, P.M. 1238; C. A. Duke, S.W. 1608; L. C. Chandler, W.M. 1793; F. M. Pritchard, 1635; W. T. Millington, 2246; Henry Nathan, S.W. 2246; T. Middlewick, 1614; W. Clark, Org. 733; E. T. Edwards, 1891; E. J. Day, 1641; W. Middlewick, 1793; Percy Beard, 1000; J. T. Hasley, 1838; and others.

After the usual formal business of reading the minutes of the last regular meeting and proposing 20 guineas to be placed on the list of the W.M. elect, for the R.M.I. for Girls, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. M. Huish, J.W., was then presented, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. John H. Rutherglen, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner, after which the following officers were appointed: Bros. John H. Rutherglen, I.P.M.; H. Foskett, S.W.; J. French, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Reuben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; G. Davies, P.M., S.D.; W. R. Hatton, P.M., J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wales, I.G.; H. Hart, A.D.C.; W. H. Handover and S. Ransom, Stwds.; and John Bull, Tyler.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren, to the number of over 60, adjourned to the banquetting room, and assembled round the festive board under the presidency of their new chief. The banquet was simply perfection, and was partaken of in the large and elegant assembly room of the hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured,

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Rutherglen, and met with an enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Huish, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and said he would do his best for the interest of the lodge and advance its position in every way, and in the name of the lodge, he presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and after speaking highly of the way in which Bro. Rutherglen had performed his duty, pinned it on his breast, and trusted it would carry pleasant memories of his term of office.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was next given, and ably responded to in well-chosen words. Bro. Rogers said when he was proposed as W.M. he thought that his official duties would interfere with his Masonic duties, but happily that was not so. His year of office had been a great pleasure, and the memento of the jewel would remind him of it, and hinted that a new lodge, named after a good Bro. Sir Hugh Owen, was in course of formation, and he was asked to become its first W.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily honoured, and was responded to by several brethren, including Bro. John Mason, of the R.M.B.I., who said whilst advocating in his genial way the claims of that noble Institution, he trusted that the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would do their very best to carry the case of Mrs. Murlis, the widow of the late Bro. Murlis, to a successful issue at the next meeting.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given and ably responded to, Bro. Parkhouse mentioning something very pleasing to hear, and a credit to the lodge in particular.

The son of a deceased member named Sinclair Broad having been voted to the Boys' School, and having shown signs of good scholarship, a letter was read from Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.B.I., mentioning such to the effect that a further term of 12 months in the School is likely to be awarded him. Who can say but that this promising boy, after an Oxford or Cambridge University training, will become a brilliant scholar. Something to be proud of to all the members of No. 1642.

"The Past Masters," "Officers," and finally the Tyler's toast, brought this successful and happy meeting to a close.

It will be long before the installation of 1895 will be forgotten by the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge and their visitors.

The proceedings throughout were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Frederick King, which gave the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. "The Crichton Part Singers," sang in splendid style, The National Anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," "The Danes," "Annie Laurie," "When evening's twilight," &c. Other items on the programme were "Good morning, gossip Joan," beautifully sang by Miss Pattie Hughes; "Ashore" (Darling), by Madame Alice Sampson, was perfection; "Mona," by Mr. Arthur Burford, was received with cheers; "The battle cry," by Bro. F. King and Mr. W. Dyer was well received; "Queen of the earth," cornet solo, by Capt. T. W. Heath, was received with cheers; and "Genevieve," was beautifully sung by Madame Alice Sampson. Bro. C. A. Sanger, R.A.M., presided at the pianoforte and proved himself a very efficient accompanist.

Prudence Lodge, No. 2069.

A large gathering of the members of the above lodge and visitors assembled at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, the 18th instant, the occasion of the installation of Bro. Fredk. Geo. Dimery, P.M. 1755, Prov. C. Purst. Somerset, who had been unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. in the Prudence Lodge at their previous regular meeting. Bro. B. Sykes Bailey, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. E. Ellis, S.W.; R. W. Smithson, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, P.M., Chap.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.G.W., Treas.; Jas. Buckley, S.D.; W. B. Abbott, Sec.; J. C. Kirk, J.D.; Tom Atkinson, P.M., D.C.; H. Appleyard, Org.; Robt. Jones, I.G.; and J. H. Newton, Tyler. Among the Past Masters, members of the lodge, and visitors were Bros. A. Butterworth, P.M.; L. F. T. Watson, W. Brown, Jas. Armitage, Chas. Middleton, T. A. Hall, G. Boden, 1522; Joseph Matthewman, 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; R. J. Smith, S.W. 1042; W. Cockerlyne, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Blackburn, W.M. 306; H. Banks, W.M. 1042; J. Barker, 1102, P.P.G.S. of Wm. A. Cookson, 289; W. H. W. Nettleship, 1311; José Rickard, P.M. 304; Benjamin Pounder, 304; W. Baldwin, P.M. 630; Geo. Hainsworth, W.M. 304; J. F. Bromley, I.P.M. 1214; J. H. Craik, 1214; T. H. Cockerlyne, Org. 304; J. Butler, P.M. 304; J. Last, P.M. 2321; Chas. Scriven, 1211; A. J. Fonkin, P.M. 1755; Harold Bonser, P.M. 400, P.P.G. Std. Br. Notts.; Geo. Suddick, I.P.M. 304; Henry Child, P.M. 1221; and others.

Among several apologies were those from Bro. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.G.M. W. Yorks, and Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been submitted and confirmed, the chief business of the day was at once proceeded with, and Bro. F. G. Dimery, P.M., was installed as W.M. in due form, the ceremony being ably performed by the out-going Master, Bro. Ben. Sykes Bailey, assisted by Bro. Tom Atkinson, and others. The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. A. Smithson, S.W.; H. B. Abbott, J.W.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; B. Sykes Bailey, I.P.M. and Treas.;

Jas. Buckley, Sec.; J. C. Kirk, S.D.; Robt. Jones, J.D.; Tom Atkinson, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Rendell (who was unavoidably absent by deputy), as I.G.; Hy. Appleyard, Org.; L. Watson and T. A. Hall, Stwds.; and J. H. Newton, Tyler.

After some business of a formal character, the lodge was closed, and the W.M. presided over the banquet that followed.

The W.M. submitted "The Queen—Patron of the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were heartily received.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., the Deputy P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was suitably and ably acknowledged by the P.S.G.W., and the Prov. G. Chaplain.

Bro. Mason, P.G.W., submitted "The Worshipful Master," which was heartily and enthusiastically received. He said: We know Bro. Dimery was initiated in Somersetshire, in which province he served as W.M. previously to coming to Leeds. Soon after arriving in these parts he joined Prudence Lodge, and has since been an active and useful member. Of course, it seldom follows that a Past Master of another lodge reaches the chair of a lodge in which he becomes a joining member, but it is the pleasure of No. 2069 that he does so upon this occasion, and it will be the pleasure of West Yorkshire that he will be on their roll of Past Masters. We are very delighted to see Bro. Dimery in the high position of W.M., and we wish him health and strength to carry out the work.

The W.M., who was received with loud and long-continued applause, returned thanks, and explained that he was in the position of W.M. through the S.W. not seeing his way clear to go forward, and in consequence the choice of the brethren fell upon him. He continued: I shall feel that I am bound to carry out the duties of this high office to the best of my skill and ability, and that I study the best interests and welfare of the lodge in all things. I am glad that I joined the lodge some eight or nine years ago so that I have had the opportunity of seeing the work and progress of the lodge. You have a list of Past Masters highly honoured in this city of Leeds and in this province, and I shall endeavour to follow in their footsteps so closely that in the second week in November in next year I trust to be able to hand over the office to my successor as pure and unsullied as I now receive it. But I look to, and must rely upon, my Past Masters and brethren for their support and assistance in all undertakings. If candidates come forward I promise the work shall be creditably performed. Bear in mind we dare not seek members, and if they be introduced let them be gentlemen of whom we shall be proud. The success of our lodge must not be gauged by our numerical strength. I stuck firmly to this principle during my previous experience in the chair, and with advantage and benefit. Whilst we do not seek members we shall be delighted to receive into this lodge worthy and true men who may wish to join Freemasonry. Brethren, I thank you for the honour done and confidence placed in me; I shall do my utmost to merit both, and to perform my work and duties to your satisfaction.

Bro. Atkinson proposed "The Sister Lodges of Leeds," giving the representatives thereof a hearty greeting.

The toast was spoken to by Bros. Hainsworth, W.M. 304; Blackburn, W.M. 306; Banks, 1042; and Nettleship, 1311, all testifying to the good fellowship existing between Prudence and the other Leeds lodges.

Bro. Buttersworth, P.M., next gave "The Visiting Brethren," and alluded to the devotion to Freemasonry on the part of a Somersetshire brother who had journeyed some 200 miles to be with them.

Bro. A. J. Tonkin, P.M. 1755, returned thanks and referred to the pleasure felt by Lodge 1755 that one of their initiates was called to preside over an important lodge in Leeds. He spoke of the excellent work done by the W.M. during his Mastership in Somerset, and thanked the brethren for their kind and hearty reception.

The toast was also acknowledged at length and in suitable terms by Bros. Child, Rickard, Butler, Lawson, Bonser, and Last, all of 2321.

"The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Charities" having been duly honoured, Bro. Middleton spoke to the latter sentiment, and said that during its short life Prudence Lodge had given between seven and eight hundred pounds to the Charities—upon an average £70 a year.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," which was ably replied to by the S.W. and the J.W., and the Tyler's toast closed the list.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was performed.

Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester. There was a very large gathering of brethren, and, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. S. Kinnell, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Wm. Booth, P.P.G.D.C. When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Dumville, P.M., resumed the chair, and performed the ceremony of the Second Degree very impressively indeed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Chas. Turner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Goldstone, P.M.; R. Rudman, S.W.; T. Matthews, J.W.; N. Dumville, P.M., P.P.G.S., Treas.; Wm. Dumville, P.M., Sec.; John Jackson, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; Thos. Kay, I.G.; S. Bryan, G. H. Cunningham, J. E. Kaye, F. Collyer, John Nichols, E. D. Taylor, Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.; C. T. Dewhurst, G. H. Gagg, Nelson Stokes, James Johnson, G. Yates, C. Tenby, T. Dodd, and W. B. Flower. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs., and G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs.

Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

All those brethren who were fortunate enough to be present at the installation meeting of this prosperous lodge, held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 14th inst., were able to congratulate themselves on having spent a very enjoyable evening. The installation ceremony in the lodge was rendered by Bro. Wm. Thomas, P.M., in a dignified and impressive manner that was appreciated by all present, whilst the hospitality afterwards displayed at the festive board, combined with an excellent musical programme, left nothing to be desired. The members in attendance included Bros. J. W. Dixon, P.M., W.M.; W. Thomas, I.P.M.; W. Lawrence, P.M., S.W.; R. J. Smerdon, J.W.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; J. Nash, P.M., S.D.; W. Mackie, P.M., I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; J. Corbett, P.M.; G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C.; Nathan Robinson, P.M.; W. Bradford, A. Ingram, and many others. There were also present a large number of visitors.

After the opening of the lodge and the transaction of routine business, the installation ceremony was at once proceeded with, and Bro. W. Lawrence, P.M., having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair by the Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Thomas, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. J. Smerdon, S.W.; J. Nash, P.M., J.W.; Wm. Thomas, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; Wm. Mackie, P.M., P.Z., S.D.; Robert Gregory, J.D.; W. Bradford, I.G.; Sam. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G.O. Essex, Org.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., and John Muriison, Stewards; and R. H. Goddard, P.M., Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. G. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., for his valuable assistance in securing the election of the daughter of the late Bro. Mostyn into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The customary toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed the pleasure their visit had afforded them, and said he had listened to the splendid delivery of the addresses by the Installing Master, Bro. Thomas, well knowing of what he was capable. He was sure Bro. Lawrence would prove himself an excellent Master over that distinguished lodge, which was named after one of the Past Grand Treasurers, one well known as a philanthropist in London, and who had carried out Charity—not only in Freemasonry—but in all walks of life. The Grand Officers tried their utmost to uphold the prestige of the Order, and in maintaining its utility. He was delighted to find that lodge stood well in the hearts of the Brotherhood, as it did when it was first consecrated under the name of the Derby Allcroft Lodge. With such an array of Past Masters—and a Master like Bro. Lawrence—the lodge would go on and prosper and uphold the prestige of the Order throughout future generations.

Bro. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., also briefly replied.

Bro. J. W. Dixon, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said he could say nothing but what they already knew. It was a great pleasure to see Bro. Lawrence in the chair of the lodge in which he was initiated. There had been several brethren who had passed through the chair, who were Past Masters of other lodges, which always happened in a new lodge; but it was a proud position for Bro. Lawrence to be

in that evening. Although only a very young mason, very few brethren were better acquainted with the working of Freemasonry than their W.M., who was a P.M. of the Hamden Lodge.

Bro. W. Lawrence, P.M., W.M., returned hearty thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been received. It was difficult to respond, for he could not tell them all he felt in becoming the W.M. of the lodge in which he was initiated. He had always experienced kindness and assistance from the brethren, and he felt a great responsibility in being called upon to discharge the duties of the chair with satisfaction to himself. If he could do that, he knew he could give satisfaction to the members. He was the 10th Master of this lodge, which held a high position among London lodges, in liberality to the Charities, in the working of the lodge and also in the Masonic feeling pervading the members. He thanked them again sincerely, and assured them he would do his best to uphold the prestige of the lodge and maintain its honourable position. He wished to announce his intention of serving as Steward for the Boys' School, and hoped to collect as large an amount as the present Treasurer did two years ago.

The Worshipful Master's list was handed round, and resulted in promises of nearly £100.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, replied for "The Masonic Charities," and congratulated the lodge on keeping up the reputation of the name it bore. The Institutions were doing splendid work—the Benevolent Institution in providing annuities for some 450 Old People, the Girls' School in educating some 265 girls, and the Boys' School in maintaining some 278 boys. He was sure the brethren would support their W.M. in his list and maintain the high reputation gained by that lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and said that Bro. Dixon had performed his duties in the lodge and worked hard as a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and took up a goodly sum. In presenting the I.P.M. with a small token of their appreciation and regard in the shape of a P.M.'s jewel, they trusted he would live many years to wear it.

Bro. J. W. Dixon, I.P.M., thanked the members for the extreme courtesy and kindness extended to him ever since he became a member. He believed he had the esteem and regard of all the brethren. He was proud indeed to be a Past Master of that lodge, and was also a Past Master of another Metropolitan lodge—the Egyptian, No. 27. He was also proud to receive the jewel as a mark of their respect, and should always endeavour to promote the best interests of the lodge.

Bro. Manuel, P.M. 1196, acknowledged "The Visitors," and said they entertained in its most intense form the feeling of brotherly love towards all the members over whom the W.M. so worthily presided. Bros. Knight, Saillard, and Moss also replied.

"The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who said he would also include "The Treasurer and Secretary." They had witnessed the splendid manner in which Bro. Thomas had performed the ceremony. Some of them had heard him before, and were prepared for his excellent working. As a Treasurer, they could not have chosen a man who would fill the position better than Bro. Thomas. The Secretary, Bro. Cummings, P.M., had won their admiration by the way in which he had performed his duties, and would doubtless support the W.M. during the coming year.

Bro. W. Thomas, P.M., Treas., said all the members regretted that the necessity had arisen to elect another Treasurer. Their good old friend, the late Bro. Jolliffe, was revered and loved by every member, and none expected he would be called to the Grand Lodge above so soon. Having been elected he (Bro. Thomas) would do his best to carry out the traditions Bro. Jolliffe had established in the lodge. He would give them a good entertainment with a due regard to the financial position of the lodge. With regard to the duties of Installing Master, he had undertaken them with a great deal of pleasure, feeling he had been honoured by installing such a worthy Master. He should, at the next meeting, ask the lodge to give 25 guineas to support the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School.

Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec., expressed his great gratification in seeing the W.M. in the chair he was so well qualified to fill. He was responsible for the W.M.'s entry into Freemasonry, and he might say Bro. Lawrence was the second initiate of the lodge who had reached the chair. He could only add that whatever he could do to support the W.M. would be cheerfully and willingly done.

Other toasts were given and the proceedings terminated.

Bro. J. F. Haskins, the Schartau Part Singers, and Mr. F. Upton were responsible for a capital selection of musical items.

Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Morton Palmer, W.M., W. Mason Varley, I.P.M.; John Rogers, P.M.; Dr. Geo. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P. G. Org.; H. R. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; Z. Tetlow, S.W.; Rev. T. S. Bates, Chap.; R. Hampson, Treas.; John Waus, Sec.; J. H. Howarth, S.D.; Thomas Cooper, J.D.; W. H. Howarth, Org.; W. W. Glover, I.G.; J. Binns, W. Hibbert, and J. H. Hatfield, Stwds.; James Ryder, Tyler; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. Slyman, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M. 1134, P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; F. G. Boden, P.M. 779, P.P.A.G.D.C. Leicestershire; Geo. Calderbank, J. Dougill, W. J. Slater, J. Fletcher, T. Hope, J. Clarkson, Thomas Eddleston, F. M. Palmer, jun., R. Harrison, John Wood, James Dent, J. E. Jackson, J. H. Hatfield, T. Mitchell, W. Balwin, F. Thornham, James Kay, Ralph Bates, James Coulthurst, P.M. 128; R. E. Mann, J.D. 950; A. B. Pilling, I.G. 266; J. Urmston, J.J.W. 1723; T. Shorrocks, Stwd. 1723; H. Greenhalgh, S.W. 1126; H. Staveley, W.M. 1723; John Seddon, 221; J. Jones, 1723; Geo. Leeming, P.M. 344; John Waring, P.M., Sec. 1134; B. Eckersley, P.M. 1134; J. C. Varley, W.M. 277; and T. Daniels, 1213.

The lodge was opened at an early hour for the dispatch of regular lodge business, when Mr. John Cronshaw was initiated by Bro. John Rogers, P.M., and the various other items on the agenda paper were disposed of. The W.M. elect, Bro. Zachariah Tetlow, was then presented to Bro. W. M. Varley, I.P.M., the Installing Master, by Bro. J. Rogers, P.M., and he was installed in the most perfect and impressive manner, Bros. John Slyman, P.P.G.D., acting as S.W.; John Waring, P.M. 1134, as J.W.; and J. C. Varley, W.M. 277, as I.G. The working tools were presented in each Degree by Bro. J. Rogers, P.M. The investiture of the officers was performed by Bro. H. R. Thornton, P.M., also the delivery of the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a masterly manner. The following were invested: Bros. Zachariah Tetlow, W.M.; John Evans, S.W.; John H. Howarth, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; Rev. T. Storey Bates, Chap.; Hawthorn R. Thornton, Sec.; Thomas Cooper, S.D.; W. H. Howard, J.D.; W. M. Varley, P.M., D. of C.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. W. Glover, I.G.; Jas. Ryder, J. D. Burns, T. H. Hatfield, and T. Mitchell, Stewards; and George Calderbank, Tyler. It was a very successful gathering of brethren from the Provinces of West and East Lancashire, Cheshire, Leicestershire, and Derbyshire. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. Thomas Forrester, P.G.S.B., P.P.J.G.D.; Murray, P.G. Treas., P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; and several others.

The installation banquet was held in the commodious lodge room. Too much could not be said in praise of all the excellent arrangements for the numerous guests, nor of the cuisine, under the able management and direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft, the proprietors of the Bridge Hotel. Nothing whatever was needed to enhance the enjoyment of all present, and the menu afforded ample choice for every taste. It was in all respects a most successful endeavour to meet the general requirements, and the veriest gourmet could have found no fault with either viands or wine as to quality or quantity.

Afterwards the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

During the evening a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. Morton Palmer, I.P.M., by the Worshipful Master, who stated that the jewel had been unanimously voted by the brethren, and he trusted he might continue to wear it for many years, and look upon it as a token of their love and esteem. He wished him long life and health.

Bro. Palmer, in reply, said he was quite at a loss for adequate words to respond for such kind expressions that had fallen from the W.M. He might say that when he was elected to the chair to look forward seemed almost overwhelming, but to look back was a great pleasure. He had had such excellent support from the Past Masters and all the officers. It had been a great honour to him to fill the position of W.M. of the Horwich Lodge.

During the evening a handsome timepiece was presented to Bro. Thomas Hope, on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by Bro. H. R. Thornton, P.M., Sec. Bro. Hope very suitably replied.

Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.P.G. Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and was assisted in a good musical programme by Bros. Bates, Urmston, and Shorrocks.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Royal Arch.

St. George's Chapter, No. 140.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Green Man, Blackheath, on Thursday, the 14th instant, when there were present Comps. A. Stewart Brown, M.E.Z.; W. G. Lowe, H.; W. H. Drinkwater, J.; J. J. Pakes, P.Z., S.E.; W. Rowley, 1st A.S.; G. S. Criswick, P.Z., 2nd A.S.; G. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; H. W. Roberts, P.Z., Stwd.; and J. Gordon, M.D., I.P.Z.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. W. G. Lowe, M.E.Z.; W. H. Drinkwater, H.; W. Rowley, J.; J. J. Pakes, P.Z., S.E.; G. W. Taylor, S.N.; G. S. Criswick, P.Z., P.S.; E. Shalless, 1st A.S.; A. Thomas, 2nd A.S.; W. F. Dennant, P.Z., Treas.; G. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; and H. W. Roberts, P.Z., Stwd. The usual P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. A. S. Brown for his valuable services during the year, and a grant of £5 was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the family of a late member.

At the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Starkie Chapter, No. 934.

We had the great pleasure of visiting this chapter on Thursday, the 14th instant, at Adelphi House, Salford. It was the annual installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. W. H. Southern, M.E.Z., presided, and opened the chapter. As soon as the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Comp. Fletcher Armstrong, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., resumed the chair for the purpose of installing Comps. John Williams, as M.E.Z.; E. Meggitt, as H.; and W. R. Sharp, as J. A Board of Installed Principals was formed in the three stages, and the whole of the ceremony was admirably rendered by our talented friend, Comp. Armstrong. The Principals were proclaimed by Comp. E. Williams, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., and they were duly saluted under his direction. The ceremony throughout was excellent, and the surroundings of the chapter generally tended to make the beautiful ceremony very impressive. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. H. Southern, who had faithfully done his duty the preceding year. Comp. C. Turner, P.Z., presided at the organ.

The following were amongst those present: Comps. W. H. Southern, M.E.Z.; E. Meggitt, J.; G. W. Howe, S.E.; W. R. Sharp, P.S.; E. Williams, P.P.A.G.S.; John Williams, Chas. Turner, P.Z.; F. W. Lean, P.Z.; T. Southern, P.Z.; J. J. H. Ormerod, F. Dicks, C. Tenby, A. Collins, W. H. Munro, H. Rushworth, J. Pearson, and A. Hibbert. Visitors: Comps. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Nathan Heywood, H. 641; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; and D. Conway, P.Z.

John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260.

The installation meeting of this well known and flourishing chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and a goodly number of P.Zs. and companions attended to celebrate, amongst other things, the 25th anniversary of the chapter. After the chapter had been opened and the minutes read, a conclave of First Principals was formed, and in a very impressive manner Comp. Gilbert Bartholomew installed Comp. J. Robertson Reep into the chair of M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. then installed Comp. C. J. Wilkinson Pembury as H., and Comp. Pembury installed Comp. Deputy Goodinge, C.C., as J. The following investiture of officers was made, viz.: Comps. G. Bartholomew, I.P.Z.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.S.B., Treas.; A. C. Goodinge, S.E.; J. Foss, S.N.; W. C. Fox, Principal Soj.; F. Varley, 1st A.S.; J. Dangerfield, 2nd A.S.; and Edmunds, P.Z., Janitor. The announcement of the death of one of the oldest members of the chapter, Comp. P. P. Hill, was received with great regret. The M.E.Z., on presenting the P.Z.'s jewel to the I.P.Z., reminded the companions of the successful year of office Comp. Bartholomew had had and that for many years past no M.E.Z. in the chapter had secured so many exaltees. The I.P.Z., in responding, wished in recording his thanks, to testify to the great interest he took in Royal Arch Masonry, and said it was due to his zeal and interest in that branch of Masonry that he had been able to impress others with the necessity of coming in and taking the Degree. He was in ill-health and in being present that evening had disobeyed his doctor's orders, but he had felt that he could delegate to none the pleasure he had experienced that evening in placing his old friend and tried Comp. Robertson Reep into the chair of M.E.Z. he had just vacated. As it was the silver wedding year of the M.E.Z., so it might be said to be the silver wedding day of the John Hervey Chapter, and he cordially wished that all prosperity might attend the ceremony performed that day. The M.E.Z. proposed the names of two members of the mother lodge as exaltees.

After some further business had been transacted relating to accounts, certain communications, &c., the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet with their visitors, 30 staying to partake of an ample and *recherché* repast.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and that of the Janitor's brought to a close a very pleasant and cordial evening. Old friends met and toasted one another and good fellowship excluded every discordant note, if we except the regret felt at the death of the oldest member of the chapter.

Among those present in addition to the officers already named, were Comps. F. Dangerfield, P.Z.; Rosedale, P.Z.; Col. Heaton, P.Z.; Salmon, P.Z.; Halsey, P.Z.; Evans, P.Z.; James Dangerfield, Owen, Leigh, McLean, Stuart, Cameron, Monckton, Geo. Godwin, H. Godwin, Dr. Worthington, Pitt, Smith, and White. The visitors included Comps. J. H. Hawkins, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Middx.; F. Inskipp, P.Z. 141; and F. Gellion, 834.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Dr. Haskins, P.G. Org. Essex, assisted by Miss Hermione Hamilton, Miss Coles, and Bro. De Pleege.

St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th instant. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G.S.B., in the chair; W. H. Nuding, H., M.E.Z., elect; R. Evens, J., H. elect; H. Clemow, P.Z., J. elect; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; W. Farrington, acting S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; and T. Farthing, P.Z. Amongst the visitors were Comps. H. Jay, M.E.Z. 174; J. Glass, P.Z. 453; Tilt, M.E.Z. 834; and W. Parkinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lardner ably installed Comps. Nuding as M.E.Z.; R. Evens, as H.; and H. Clemow, as J., the ceremony being admirably performed. Comp. Capt. T. C. Walls was invested as S.E., and Comp. W. Farrington as S.N. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Installing Officer. The presentation of a Past Principal's jewel to Comp. C. Moore, C.C., P.Z., was postponed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Moore, P.Z.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z.; and others.

A banquet followed.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Principal," the M.E.Z. paid a well-deserved compliment to Comp. H. J. Lardner, who had kindly officiated in that capacity. The late Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe had performed the duty for many years, but not better than it had been carried out that evening.

Comp. Lardner having modestly expressed his acknowledgments, a few other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woking, when there were present: Comps. Major G. Collins, Prov. G.S.B., M.E.Z.; C. F. Passmore, H.; J. H. Askham, P.Z., as J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; J. J. Black, S.W.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.S.; C. Pulman, I.P.Z.; Kennett, and Wood. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.A.G. Soj.; and C. T. Tyler, Prov. G.S.E.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. W. S. Jackson, an approved candidate for the Degree, being in attendance, was exalted in a most impressive manner by the M.E.Z., assisted by the other Principals and the officers of the chapter. The officers for the ensuing year were then balloted for and elected as follows: Comps. Passmore, M.E.Z.; J. Webb, H.; J. J. Black, J.; Lancaster, S.E.; Littleboy, S.N.; Askham, Treas.; Morrison, P.S.; Adams and Gale, A.S.;

A. G. Clinton, D.C.; and Kennett, Stwd. Comps. Jackman and Wood were elected Auditors. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Collins for his arduous and unremitting exertions while in the chair, and as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by every member of the chapter.

There being no further business, the chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together, separating at an early hour.

Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. WILLIAM BRADFORD,

whose installation as W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, is recorded in another column, comes of a good old Devonian stock, was born at Exeter, November 7th, 1844, educated at King's College, Exeter, and served his articles with the Town Surveyor of Exeter. He came to London in 1865, and was until 1879 chief draughtsman to a well-known firm of engineers. He started in practice as consulting engineer and architect for breweries, distilleries, and the allied trades first at King William-street, and for the last 16 years in Regent-street, has an extensive practice, and has designed and carried out breweries and distilleries in all parts of the globe, as, for instance, Canada, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Australia, China, South Africa, and almost every important town in the United Kingdom. Our brother was initiated in the Whittington Lodge, in 1877. He is also a member of The Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, companion of the Whittington Chapter, and a member of the Savoy and High Cross Mark Lodges.



BRO. CHARLES F. BRINDLEY, W.M.

Of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, Sheffield.

In our issue of the 9th inst. we published an account of the installation ceremony in connection with the new and vigorous lodge in Sheffield known as the White Rose of York. We have pleasure to-day in presenting a portrait of

its third W.M. Masonic progress and sound Masonic work have characterised the city of Sheffield of late years very prominently, and so long as men like Bro. Charles Frederick Brindley give to the Craft their time, their energy, and their ability in the very prime of their manhood, the reputation which Sheffield has acquired as a brilliant Masonic centre is not likely to be tarnished. In Bro. Chas. F. Brindley we have a typical Yorkshire Mason. Born in Sheffield in 1861, Bro. Brindley did not enter our mystic portals until 1890. Initiated in the Rutland Lodge, No. 1179, his capabilities were speedily recognised, and at a very early period in his career he was able to place his foot upon promotion's ladder. Bro. Brindley, however, was favoured; to him came golden opportunity; he took it at the flood, and we confidently believe it will lead him on to Masonic fortune. In 1893 the new lodge of which Bro. Brindley is now W.M. was projected. Its founders, in addition to age, wisdom, and experience, looked out for energy, ability, enthusiasm, and Bro. Brindley, with others, was invited to join the new venture. Such a chance is given only to few. With discrimination, yet with some diffidence, Bro. Brindley accepted the invitation extended to him, became the first Junior Warden of the lodge, and as a consequence, now occupies the proud position of W.M. after a Masonic life extending over the very short period of less than six years. To his credit it must, however, be said, that he has justified the opinion which the founders of the White Rose of York Lodge formed of him, and that he has shown already, that under his *régime* its reputation so rapidly, yet so deservedly gained, will be maintained to the fullest extent. Like most aspirants for Masonic fame, Bro. Brindley has not stopped at Craft Masonry. It is the fashion now-a-days with some to sneer at what are called the "fancy Degrees," and contemptuously to characterise their somewhat showy regalia as "Man Millinery." To Bro. Brindley, as to other young Masons, probably this aspect of the question has not been presented; in any case, it has not deterred him, for we find that the new W.M. of Lodge 2491 was exalted in the Chapter of Justice in 1892, and has since become a member of the Paradise Chapter, No. 139, which is attached to Sheffield's oldest lodge, and is, numerically, the largest in the Province of West Yorkshire. Bro. Brindley also joined the Mark; is a Knight of the White Rose of York Conclave of Rome and Constantine; holds office in the De Furnival Preceptory; and is also a Knight of St. John and the Holy Sepulchre. To carry out to the full the duties and responsibilities which so extensive a Masonic association involves, at first sight, seems more than the average man in his leisure moments can accomplish, yet Bro. Brindley has also found time like a true Mason to look into that great and important matter which, in its organisation and ramifications, has become so vast in some minds as to dwarf everything else Masonic. We refer to our Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Brindley is already a Life Governor of the Benevolent Fund, and, of course, will not stop there, but will feel it his duty from time to time to give help and sympathy to the Boys and Girls as well as to the Old People. It almost goes without saying that the W.M. of the White Rose of York Lodge, whose Masonic progress has been so rapid, and whose success has been so complete, must have prospered equally well in his commercial life. The one almost involves the other. When we state, therefore, that Bro. Brindley is the senior partner in the firm of Brindley and Foster, organ builders, of London and Sheffield, a firm whose reputation is world-wide, our readers will express no surprise. Brought up to the business, having served an apprenticeship and gone through every stage of the many most intricate processes involved, Bro. Brindley has a thorough practical knowledge of his trade. He is not, however, a mere mechanic. A successful organ builder must be much more than this. The science of acoustics, equally with a sound musical knowledge, is essential. Bro. Brindley has sedulously studied both music and science, and has thus been able to introduce, amongst other improvements, a new method of amplification, by which the effects of certain "stops" may be transferred from one manual to another. This, technically called the "Metechotic System," has led to a great increase in the variety and effectiveness of the instruments constructed, and along with the firm's original tubular pneumatic and interchangeable composition actions, has caused a complete revolution in the building of that king of instruments—the organ. In the prime of life, successful socially, commercially, Masonically, and if he wished it (which the saints forbid!) we are assured he could be municipally—we can only offer our hearty congratulations all round—to Bro. Brindley on the proud position he holds in so distinguished a lodge, and to the members upon their good fortune in securing the services of so able, so conscientious, and so industrious a Worshipful Master.

Mark Masonry.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present: Bros. T. G. Robinson, I.P.M., as W.M.; P. L. Simmonds, G. Powell, T. Cohu, J. T. Rowe, P.M.; Stuttaford, W. Weiss, F. Weiss, J. A. Robinson, P.M.; J. J. Pakes, A. Boswell, C. Robinson, W. Myers, and J. Castello. Bro. Barnes was a visitor.

Letters of apology were received from Bro. Stephens, W.M., and several other brethren. Bro. W. F. Stuttaford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. Powell was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. It was resolved that the usual Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. Stephens. Copies of Bro. George Kenning's very handsome "History of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1," were handed round for the inspection of the brethren and very much admired. The Secretary read a letter received by Bro. Simmonds, in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, graciously accepted a copy of the history. A letter was also received from Bro. George Kenning thanking several members of the lodge for the assistance given him in the preparation of the work. It was resolved that a copy of both letters be entered on the minutes of the lodge.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Truth Lodge, No. 137.

A most successful meeting of the Mark Masons of Huddersfield took place in the Fitzwilliam-street Hall of that town on Thursday, the 21st inst. The occasion was the annual gathering and installation. Truth Lodge is rapidly recovering from a somewhat apathetic condition, and now shows signs of vitality which promise well for the future. This change for the better is largely due, as is invariably the case in such instances, to the zeal of a few. To the efforts of Bro. W. E. Smithies, P.P.G.W. of West Yorkshire and a most active P.M. of the lodge, much of the present improved condition of Lodge No. 137 may be attributed. He has, however, been sustained and warmly supported by the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. John Barker, also a P.M. of the lodge; by Bro. George Jackson, the retiring Master, and by one or two other younger members whose interest in Mark Masonry has been most commendably sustained. Bro. Geo. Jackson on this occasion vacated the chair, which he has very worthily filled for the year, in favour of Bro. Thomas Gaukroger Howell. Bro. Howell, who has served the office of J.W. and has met with rapid promotion, is one of those earnest, zealous Masons who throw their entire energies into the cause, and we prophesy a highly prosperous time for Truth Lodge under his guidance. The W.M. was well supported by his officers and brethren, and the installation ceremony, which was most effectively and beautifully rendered by the Deputy P.G.M., was graced by the presence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason.

Bro. Mason was accompanied by, amongst others, the following Grand and Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. G. H. Parke, P.M. 36, G. Stwd.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, P.G. Std. Br.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 137, P.P.G.W.; R. Williamson, P.M. 137, P.P.G.W.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O.; Richd. Hodgson, P.M. 58, P.P.

G.O.; Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; W. F. Morris, P.M. 58, Prov. G.D.; Alf. Leach, P.M. 110, Prov. G.D.C.; Thos. Robertshaw, P.M. 58, P.P.G.D.C.; and John Brook, P.P.G.Org.; also by Bros. J. T. Last, W.M. Old York (T.I.); Geo. Patchett, W.M. 58; W. S. Milligan, S.W. 58; A. E. Dalzell, W.M. elect 58; R. Bowman, J.W. 110; J. F. Dyson, P.M. 137; and many others.

After the installation the W.M., Bro. T. G. Howell, invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. G. Jackson, I.P.M.; A. Armitage, S.W.; J. Naylor, J.W.; R. F. Rogerson, M.O.; J. H. Dyson, S.O.; B. Naylor, J.O.; W. E. Smithies, P.M., Chap.; H. Shaw, Treas.; J. Brook, Sec.; J. L. Sykes, S.D.; F. Marsland, J.D.; W. Milner, I.G.; A. Rowe, D.C.; W. Beaumont, Org.; R. E. Heaton and A. E. Mitchell, Stwds.; and John Cowgill, Tyler. This done, the next business was the election of a Charity Steward. Interest was attached to the appointment as it is the first that has taken place under the new Provincial by-law. Bro. T. G. Howell, W.M., was unanimously selected. Bro. Howell, it may be mentioned, possesses a double qualification as being a Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, he is *ex-officio* a member of the Charity Committee.

The lodge closed, the brethren sat down, by invitation of the W.M., to a very excellent banquet.

The W.M., in proposing the health of her Majesty, said: Brethren,—Our first toast is, of course, "The Queen." At the age of 76 and after a reign of 58½ years, our Gracious Monarch is still spared to us. Let us drink her continued health, still further length of years, and—God bless her.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. spoke in very high terms of the zeal and energy in the interest of Mark Masonry which he was constantly displaying, and pointed out that amongst the claims upon their gratitude which he possessed, not the least was that he had re-appointed Bro. Chas. Letch Mason as Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire for the next three years.

The toast of "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Euston; the R.W. the Dep. G.M., Viscount Dungarvan; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next honoured. After paying a well-deserved compliment to both the above-named illustrious rulers of the Craft, Bro. Howell went on to show that in West Yorkshire there were several Past Grand Officers. Of these he was proud to say two were present, viz., Bro. John Barker, their excellent Deputy, and Bro. H. S. Holdsworth. Further, continued Bro. Howell, there is with us Bro. G. H. Parke, a Present Officer of Grand Lodge—a Grand Steward, an office which he doubted not was a stepping stone to still higher honours. He pointed out how devoted Bro. Parke was to Mark Masonry, and declared that there were few brethren who had given more of their time, their labour, or their substance for the benefit of Mark Masonry than had Bro. Parke. He should couple his name with the toast.

Bro. Parke suitably responded.

In proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the W. Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he thought that with all respect to those already drunk, that toast was still more important; that to do full justice to the merits of Bro. Charles Letch Mason would take him all night, but that it was quite unnecessary, as they recognised them equally with himself; that West Yorkshire Mark Masons owed much to Bro. Mason, and that they would be ungrateful indeed if they did not acknowledge it. He also made very complimentary allusion to the Prov. Grand Officers, especially noticing the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Barker, and the Past S.G.W., Bro. Smithies, to whom great credit was due for their labours in the province and in the lodge to which they both belonged.

Bro. Mason, Prov. G. Master, was enthusiastically received on rising to reply. After thanking them for the very hearty way in which they had drunk his health, Bro. Mason sketched the present condition of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire, and contrasted it with what some of them knew it to have been some 10 or a dozen years ago. He then went into some detail in relation to the new Provincial By-laws, and pointed out how much they would tend to the advantage of the province by setting on foot an organised system whose object was to take in charge all charitable matters relating to the Mark in West Yorkshire, but more especially to those connected with the Mark Benevolent Fund. Immediate and continued benefit, he felt sure, would result, and he hoped the effect would be shown, as he doubted not it would, in the West Yorkshire list sent in at the next Benevolent Festival, at which, as they were all aware, he had consented to preside. He had had many promises of support, and Bro. Howell, he felt confident, would rally round him all the available help that was possible. On behalf of himself and his officers he thanked them.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. T. G. Howell," was given in very graceful terms by the retiring W.M., Bro. Geo. Jackson.

Bro. Howell, whose popularity was unmistakable, on rising was received with round after round of cheers. Silence being restored, he said: Bro. Jackson, Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and Brethren,—This, I assure you, is a proud moment in my Masonic life. No man who enters Freemasonry who is worth his salt fails to aspire to fill the chair of his lodge. I have aspired, and, through your kindness and the dispensing power of our gracious Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have, perhaps, somewhat prematurely reached it. Proud, however, as I am to be thus placed, I yet, brethren, have great feelings of diffidence. Though no one could be more anxious to do his duty than I am, I am not without misgivings as to my ability to discharge that duty. You will, I am sure, take it from me that I will do my uttermost; that I will give time, labour, and attention to the Lodge of Truth during the year, and that Masonically it shall be my first and chief concern. I cannot promise more, and, relying, as I am sure I may, upon the help of the Past Masters, the diligence and application of my officers, and the indulgence of the brethren generally, I venture to hope that my year of office, if it does not add much to the splendour of the Lodge of Truth, will at least dim no brightness which it may in the past have displayed. It is a source of unbounded satisfaction to me, brethren, to see myself surrounded and welcomed on this occasion by so numerous a body of distinguished visitors. It is not given to all Worshipful Masters to be so privileged, and I assure you I deem it an honour to myself and an honour to the lodge of which I am Master. It should be to us of the Truth Lodge both a warning and an encouragement—a warning because the eyes of those in high places are upon us, and an encouragement, inasmuch as it shows us how willing and ready our superiors are to give us their sympathy, their countenance, and their support. As to the coming year, brethren, I have just put my hand to the plough, and I shall not look back. Next to the prosperity of this lodge, whose destinies you have placed in my hands, I shall give of my energies and of my small means to the welfare of Mark Masonry in general, and West Yorkshire in particular. With that view, I shall consider it my duty, as I trust: you all will to the extent of your resources, to support the Provincial Grand Master when he takes the chair in July at the next Mark Benevolent Festival. This subject will be more fully discussed later, but I take this opportunity of mentioning that, although in past years I have done something, this year I mean to do more. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel; let us increase the hearty sympathy which some lodges so generously show, and let us kindle the glowing warmth of Charity in the breasts of those who have not yet had the important and beneficent Mark Benevolent Fund fairly brought under their notice. The coming year will be an interesting one, for, in addition to the fact that next year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the province of West Yorkshire, it will become more famous, inasmuch as we are determined that the presidency of Bro. Charles Letch Mason shall result in the largest donation yet given in the cause of the Mark Masonic Charity. Brethren, I being the first Charity Steward of this Mark lodge, and being wishful that we should take up the challenge given to us by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston at Leeds, intend to head my list with 20 guineas, which I shall divide thus: 10 guineas to endow the D.P.G.M.'s chair, five guineas in my own name, and five guineas in that of Mrs. T. G. Howell; moreover, we shall both become Stewards. Let me say, in conclusion, that I am especially proud to be W.M. during the eventful year to which we are looking forward, and in that capacity I am also proud to be associated with the good men who are filling the chairs in this province. Amongst those I may mention the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, W.M. 111, and our no less worthy P.G. Secretary, Bro. Joseph Matthewman, recently installed in No. 110, on both of which interesting occasions it was my privilege to be present. Brethren, I most heartily thank you for your kindness in drinking my health so cordially, and I will try to deserve all the good things which my proposer has said of me.

Other toasts followed, which were duly honoured.

"The Mark Benevolent Fund" was received with great favour, and the reply was entrusted to Bro. G. H. Parke, whose zeal in the cause is only equaled by his continued generosity.

Altogether the event may be said from beginning to end to have been one marked success, and we congratulate Bro. T. G. Howell on being installed in the chair under circumstances so enthusiastic and auspicious.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, December 7, 1895.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.**CRAFT LODGES.**

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
60, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.
2581, Empress, Earl's Court.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1056, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

Grand Stewards', Mark Masons' Hall.

SECRET MONITOR.

29, Pentrose Dunbar, Black Horse Hotel, Tower Hill.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.

Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.

Marquess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.

Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.

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, DECEMBER 3.**GRAND MARK LODGE, MARK MASONS' HALL.**

Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
166, Union, Criterion.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-road.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1767, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall, Anerley.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica, Piccadilly.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
2469, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGE.

355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.

Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.

Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.

Constitutional, "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.

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.

Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.

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, Waltham 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, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 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, DECEMBER 4.**QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.****CRAFT LODGES.**

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

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, 44, 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-street, at 8.

Mounture, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.

Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Com-

mons, 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, DECEMBER 5.**CRAFT LODGES.**

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
227, Ionic, Criterion.
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1351, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
2202, Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.
2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monica.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Allerott, 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, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
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, DECEMBER 6.**CRAFT LODGES.**

554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2467, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.
2488, Eccentric, Criterion.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

MARK LODGE.

Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

SECRET MONITOR.

Grand Council, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.

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-alley, 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 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and 4th Friday, at 7.
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, DECEMBER 7.**CRAFT LODGES.**

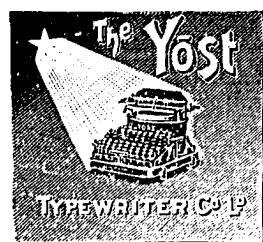
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.
2469, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebory, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.



Trade Mark (Regd.)

YOST

Typewriter

HAS NO RIBBON.

WRITES THREE TIMES AS FAST AS THE PEN.

MAKES SEVERAL COPIES AT ONE OPERATION.

THE No. 4 IS THE LATEST AND BEST MACHINE.

AWARDED TEN GOLD MEDALS.

THE YOST TYPEWRITER Co., Ltd., 50, Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C.

PARIS, 36, Boulevard des Italiens. MANCHESTER, 3, Deansgate. BIRMINGHAM, 73, Temple Row.
LIVERPOOL, 22a, North John St. LEEDS, 21, New Station St. GLASGOW, 112, Saint Vincent St. BELFAST, 9, Rosemary St.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach have left town for Netheravon, Salisbury.

THE QUEEN has conferred the decoration of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India on Lady George Hamilton, wife of the Secretary of State for India.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club, and has written to the club to thank the members for the compliment they have paid him.

HER MAJESTY'S STAGHOUNDS will meet to-day (Friday) at Hawthorn Hill, near Brucknell, and a special train for the conveyance of passengers and horses was to leave Waterloo Station for Brucknell at 9.20 a.m.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR has consented to preside at the banquet, which will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 4th prox., in behalf of the Locomotive Steam Enginemen's and Firemen's Friendly Society.

BRO. DAVID D. MERCER, P.G.P., P.M. 1329, 1641, and 2381, has been nominated for the office of Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Mercer is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Vice-President of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions.

THE RIGHT REV. E. STUART TALBOT, D.D., visited Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and, having been introduced to the Queen by the Lord-in-Waiting, did homage to her Majesty on his appointment. Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., the Home Secretary, was in attendance in his official capacity.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE has very kindly promised to distribute the certificates to the winners of the Scholarships and Exhibitions awarded during the year by the Technical Education Board of the London County Council at a meeting to be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on the 31st January.

PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG, who is going out with the Ashantee Expedition, was present at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor, on Tuesday morning, when Major-Gen. Lord Methuen inspected the detachment of non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards, which has been told off for service in Ashantee.

A SMALL LOAN COLLECTION of pictures, portraits, manuscript and other memorials of, or associated with, Thomas and Jane Welsh Carlyle (including various interesting personal relics), will be opened at Carlyle's House, 24, Cheyne-row, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 4th prox., and will probably remain open for about a month.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES dined at the Imperial Institute on Monday evening, and afterwards presided at an illustrated lecture by Mr. W. B. Harris, in which that gentleman described his recent travels in Persian Kurdistan. On the same day the Duke of York left Sandringham on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney at Diddington Hall, Norfolk.

BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS, Master elect of the Loriners' Company, speaking at the annual dinner of the guild at Cannon-street Hotel, said he was proud to have been selected to preside over a body which, in point of numbers, was the most influential of all the City guilds. During the last 50 years it had included on its roll of membership 10 Lord Mayors and 25 Sheriffs.

A HANDSOME SILVER SERVICE, consisting of a large and four small bowls, a pair of candelabra, and a salver, has been presented to the Rev. R. Duckworth, Sub Dean and Canon of Westminster, in recognition of his services as Vicar of St. Mark's, Hamilton-terrace, for the last 22 years. The service was accompanied by a cheque for 300 guineas, which the rev. Canon said would enable him to instal the electric light in the church.

A NEW commodious home for epileptics, which has been provided by the generosity of Bro. Passmore Edwards, was opened at Chalfont St. Peters, Bucks, on Tuesday by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, who was accompanied by the Duchess. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Passmore Edwards for his gift of the building, and to Bro. the Duke of Devonshire for his kindness in attending on the occasion and inaugurating the Home.

THE WEST NORFOLK HUNT, for the first time for several years, met at Sandringham on Saturday last, and gave a hearty reception to the Royal party consisting of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and Prince Nicholas of Greece. The Prince and Princess entertained the members of the Hunt at breakfast, after which a start was made for the covert side.

THE FIRST PORTION of the sale of the collection of coins belonging to the late Bro. H. Montagu was brought to a close on Saturday last, when it was found that the sum realised amounted to £4221, giving an average of about £5 per lot. The coins thus far disposed of consisted for the most part of single silver pennies of the Anglo-Saxon period, and, as will have been seen from our paragraph last week, some very good prices were obtained.

A TESTIMONIAL is about to be presented to Lady Hallé to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her first appearance in public and the 25th of her debut in England. Miss Lacey Terry Lewis has consented to act as honorary Secretary, and among the members of the Committee are Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Westminster, the Marquis of Lorne, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Kintore, and Earl Carrington, the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, M.P., Bro. Sir Henry Irving, and others.

BRO. THE DUKE OF FIFE presided at the banquet which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday in honour of Bro. John Hare, who is on the eve of visiting America on tour for the first time, while among those present were the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Russell of Killowen), Bro. the Earl of Onslow, the Earl of Wharnccliffe, the Earl of Donoughmore, Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Sir Douglas Straight, Sir C. Rivers Wilson, Viscount Dungarvan, Sir Bruce Seton, Sir J. Puleston, and J. C. Parkinson.

THE FOUR BATTALIONS of Foot Guards in London, with the Horse Artillery from St. John's Wood, and portions of the 1st Life Guards from Knightsbridge, and the 4th Hussars from Hounslow marched to the Putney and Hammersmith Bridges on Saturday last for the purpose of taking part in certain manoeuvres towards the country in the direction of Malden. They had not, however, gone very far before the rain, which had only been slight, came down heavily and the troops were compelled to return home, reaching their respective quarters thoroughly well soaked to the skin.

A FUNERAL SERVICE was held in the Roman Catholic Church of St. James's, Spanish-place, Manchester-square, in memory of Rustem Pasha, the Turkish Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, while his body was interred in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green. At the service in the church the Diplomatic Corps was very strongly represented, while amongst the rest were Bro. the Earl of Lathom, representing her Majesty the Queen; Commander the Hon. Seymour Festescu, R.N., for the Prince of Wales; Lieut. Colin R. Keppel, for the Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha; Bro. Col. Egeiton, for the Duke of Connaught; and Capt. St. John Mildmay for the Duke of Cambridge. Lord Salisbury, the Foreign Secretary, was also represented, while among the others present were Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; Sir Edwin Arnold, and Bro. Sir John Pender, M.P.

THE MARRIAGE OF MR. NEWTON OGLE, with the Lady Lilian Denison, second daughter of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, was solemnised at St. Andrew's, Well-street, on Tuesday. The bride was given away by her father, and the Hon. Claude Hay acted as best man. After the ceremony Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough entertained the bridal party at their residence in Grosvenor-square, among the guests being the Countess of Westmorland, the Earl and Countess of Lucan, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Raincliffe, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., Lady Hothfield, Lady Gray Egerton, and the Hon. Hy. and Mrs. Denison. Subsequently the bride and bridegroom left for Apethorpe, the Earl of Westmorland's seat in Northamptonshire. In the evening Bro. Lord Londesborough and the wedding guests filled nearly three rows of stalls and two boxes at the Royalty Theatre, where a performance was given of the "Chili Widow."

BRO. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been appointed an Ecclesiastical Commissioner for England.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to accept from the veteran songster, Bro. Henry Russell, a copy of his reminiscences, which have recently been published under the title of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer."

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve the appointment of Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Waterford, in the room of the late Marquis of Waterford.

ON WEDNESDAY Princess Beatrice, who was attended by Lady Biddulph, opened the winter sale of the Working Ladies' Guild at 24, Park-lane, which had been kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey.

AN EVENING CONCERT will be given to-day (Friday) at the Dome, Brighton, by Bro. W. Kuhe, who has secured the services of Madame Albani and of Messrs. Ben Davies, Douglas Lott, Johannes Woolf, and other artists.

THE MUNIFICENT GIFT sent by Mr. Richard Cadbury, of Birmingham, brings the Armenian Relief Fund up to £13,000. Sir Philip Currie has been informed by telegram that Mr. Cadbury's gift is available for immediate transmission to the most necessitous districts.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA having returned to Clarence House at the conclusion of his visit to the Midlands, dined on Tuesday evening with Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and afterwards attended the Smoking Concert of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society.

THE TREASURER of Christ's Hospital has caused it to be made known that as there are 23 cases of measles, three of scarlet fever, and three of diphtheria in the school, the parents of the boys are at liberty to remove them at once instead of waiting to the end of the term if they can do so without risk.

THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER distributed the prizes to the successful members of the 2nd (Earl of Chester's) Volunteer Battalion Cheshire Regiment, at Cheshire, on Wednesday, the vote of thanks to her Grace for attending and performing the function being acknowledged by the Duke of Westminster.

THE HUMAN RIVER POACHER, the fish-destroying otter, and the spawn-devouring swan were among the numerous foes to the angler which, in his lecture before the Piscatorial Society at the Holborn Restaurant this week, "Old Izaak" demonstrated that the Thames Angling Preservation Society were largely repressing.

IN AID OF THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND an attractive concert was given in the Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday, the 27th inst. The feature was the performance of an operetta, "The Children's Harvest," specially written and composed by Bro. W. Willoughby, Mus. Bac. The Orpheus Glee Singers also performed.

THE ASSOCIATION OF INVERNESS-SHIRE MEN resident in London dined together at St. James's Restaurant on Wednesday evening under the presidency of Mr. Charles Fraser Mackintosh. It was stated that during the year Lord Lovat, Bro. Lord Burton, Lord Tweedmouth, and other gentlemen of the county had become members.

AMONG THOSE INVITED by Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Lawson to meet the Duke of Cambridge on the occasion of his Royal Highness's visit to Hall Barn were Earl Cairns, Bro. Lord and Lady Burton, Bro. and the Hon. Mrs. Rochfort Maguire, Sir Edwin Arnold, Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Grenfell, Colonel FitzGeorge, and Bro. Montague Guest.

THE MEMBERS of the Army and Navy Club entertained their president, the Duke of Cambridge, on the occasion of his Royal Highness relinquishing the command of the army, at dinner on Saturday evening last. General Sir Arthur Herbert occupied the chair, the guests being composed exclusively of members of the club and personal friends of the Duke.

THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Dairymen's Benevolent Institution will be celebrated at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 5th prox. Mr. G. Titus Basham, son of one of the founders of the Charity and President of the Dairy Trade Protection Society, will preside, and among the guests will be Bros. Lord Addington and W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.

THE FIRST MUSICAL CEREMONY of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, will take place at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, to-morrow (Saturday), at eight o'clock p.m., punctually, with full choir and organ accompaniments. Bro. Hill, P.M. 1305, Preceptor, will occupy the chair. Brethren who are not members of the lodge who choose to attend will be heartily welcome.

A SMOKING CONCERT was given by the "Bohemians" in the Grand Saloon of the Crystal Palace on Wednesday last under the Chairmanship of Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P. A splendid selection of solos and glees was rendered by the members of the Meister Glee Singers and Messrs. Collette, Mortimer, Fagge, and Dalgety Henderson, the humorous contributor being C. E. Nott. Bro. Harry Tipper sustained his reputation as a campanologist in the manipulation of "The Lost Chord."

MISS FLORENCE ST. JOHN made her first appearance as Sylvia in the "Bric-a-Brac Will" at the Lyric Theatre, on Tuesday night last, and scored an instant success. At the fall of the curtain Miss St. John was recalled by a house crammed in every part. Signor Emilio Pizzi's charming music (including some new songs specially composed for Miss Florence St. John), combined with a superb stage production, in which Mr. Hugh Moss has surpassed himself, is now drawing crowded and enthusiastic houses nightly to the Lyric Theatre.

THE LAST GREAT SHOW of chrysanthemums this year by the National Chrysanthemum Society will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th prox., at the Royal Aquarium, when an exceptional display is expected. In addition to the "Mums," there will be a fine display of winter flowering and berried plants, also cyclamen and Chinese primroses. Special arrangements have been made to hold this show without interfering with the cycling track. Visitors will, therefore, be able to witness the novel bicycling races by ladies of France and England, in addition to the Chrysanthemum Show and the entertainments on the Great Central Stage without extra charge.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, Colonel of the Scots Guards, presided at the dinner given at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday evening, by the officers, past and present, of the Brigade of Guards, to the Duke of Cambridge. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was also present, and among others, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Gen. Grafton, Bro. Gen. Sir R. Gipsy, Maj.-Gen. Lord Methuen, Maj.-Gen. Lord William Seymour, Bro. the Duke of Bedford, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, the Marquis of Winchester, Bro. the Earl of Wharnccliffe, the Earl of Albemarle, Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. R. Monck, and Bro. the Earl of March.

BRO. THE EARL OF JERSEY AND THE DRUIDS.—At a meeting of the Druids of Oxford on Wednesday night, an oil painting of Bro. Lord Jersey was presented to Lodge No. 59, as a memorial of many acts of kindness and generosity to the lodge by the Earl. The presentation was made by Past Arch Bæseley, and Bro. Lord Jersey, in acknowledging the compliment, referred to the many Druids he met whilst Governor of New South Wales. There was nothing, he said, which could tend to bring the people who inhabited the different parts of the empire closer together than the knowledge that those who went backwards and forwards belonged really to the same society, friendly or social. The picture is the work of Mr. Gerald Moir.

A FEARFUL GALE raged in the Channel during Saturday and Sunday last, and for the first time within the memory of the oldest sailors the packet service between Dover and Calais was interrupted. One of the packets, an old-fashioned type of vessel, named the Foam, attempted to cross on Sunday, but after a passage across to the French coast, in which the passengers were drenched, the saloons filled with water, and the bows stove in, she found it impossible to enter Calais Harbour, and was signalled to return, reaching the Admiralty Pier about 7.30 p.m., having left Dover at 1.15 p.m. The captain (Masson) and the crew behaved splendidly, and, by the calmness with which they went about their duties, allayed all fears on the part of the passengers. A Dover smack made the harbour successfully and under appalling difficulties, while many casualties have since been reported.

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