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FREEMASONRY ABROAD.

It will have been seen from the review of "Freemasonry in 1895," which appeared in our Christmas Double Number of the 7th instant, that, as regards the United Kingdom and the lodges in our Colonies and Dependencies which owe allegiance to its Grand Lodges, the Craft has been very prosperous; and it will be most gratifying to our readers to be informed that, as far as we are in a position to judge from the correspondence and periodicals we have received, Masonry in the numerous other jurisdictions which exist throughout the civilised world has been similarly successful. Directing our attention, in the first place, to those Grand Bodies which have been established on British territory, but are independent of the Grand Bodies of England, Ireland, and Scotland, we find that in British North America there are, as we stated in our recent review, seven of these Grand Lodges, the oldest and most important, as regards membership, being the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario), which has upwards of 360 lodges on its roll and a membership which is considerably in excess of 20,000. Its 40th annual communication was held in Massey Hall, Toronto, in July, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. W. R. WHITE, Q.C., there being some 1300 brethren present. From the various reports that were then presented there is little doubt that the Craft had every reason to congratulate itself on the proceedings of the preceding 12 months, and that, both in respect of its finances and its membership, it had made solid substantial progress. The Grand Master, in his address, spoke very strongly against the practice of canvassing for office, which, from information he had received, appeared to be year by year becoming more and more prevalent, while a resolution was passed by Grand Lodge that no other work should be permitted in the lodges except that which had received the sanction and approval of Grand Lodge, save in the case of lodges possessing special privileges. Bro. WHITE was re-elected Grand Master for a further year, and Bro. J. J. MASON still continues to occupy the position of Grand Secretary, which he has held with such signal advantage to the Craft for many years. The annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in the same city the day previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge, and those privileged to be present had the pleasure of hearing a singularly eloquent address from the M.E. Grand Z., Comp. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, which was subsequently published in full in these columns. In this instance, also, the Presiding Officer had the satisfaction of congratulating his audience on the prosperous state of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction, but, at the same time, he took the opportunity of

throwing out several valuable suggestions which merit the earnest attention both of Grand Chapter and the private chapters on its roll. Comps. ROSS ROBERTSON, T. SARGANT, and HUGH MURRAY were re-elected to their offices respectively of Grand Z., Grand Scribe E, and Grand Treasurer, while Grand Chapter resolved on altering the date for holding its annual meeting from July to January. In August the 12th annual conclave of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was held in St. John's, New Brunswick, under the presidency of Sir Knight E. E. SHEPPARD, Supreme G. Master, but the attendance was not large. The chief reason for selecting this city for the annual meeting appears to have been satisfactory, namely, that many of the fratres were desirous of attending the triennial meeting at Boston, Mass., of the Grand Encampment of the United States, but circumstances proved unfavourable, and hence the paucity of those who were present at the conclave. However, the Grand Master was able to point to an increase in the membership during the preceding year and to speak favourably of the finances of Great Priory, while, on his recommendation, warrants for two new preceptories were ordered to be issued. The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its 25th annual communication in Montreal on the 30th January, and Grand Master JOHN P. NOYES appears to have been able to present a very favourable review of the previous year's proceedings. On the particular matter in which English brethren feel an interest, namely, the relations between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, Bro. NOYES may be held to have described them very aptly as "harmony on sufferance," and as there does not appear to be any hurry on the part either of England or of Quebec to determine the question pending between them as to the English lodges in Montreal, we can only hope that this "harmony on sufferance" may be continued. It is decidedly preferable to anything in the nature of active or even of passive hostilities between the two, and who knows but that, if it is protracted long enough, some beneficial result may not follow? The Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island have well maintained their position, while the Grand Lodge of British Columbia has gained strength, and that of Manitoba is making rapid progress, so that in a few years we may find it in respect of its lodge roll as strong as some of the older organisations in this part of the British Empire. The 20th annual communication of the last-named Grand Lodge was held in the City of Winnipeg in June, under the presidency of Grand Master THOMAS TWEED, and from the tabular statements in the published proceedings, there appear to be just over 50 chartered lodges and four others under dispensation, with an aggregate membership of nearly 2500. During his year of office Grand Master TWEED laid the corner-stone of an Anglican church, in the town of Regina, in the District of Assiniboia, North West Territories, and two days prior to the annual meeting of his Grand Lodge performed the same function in respect of another Anglican church in the village of Hartney, Province of Manitoba. The Grand Master's review of the preceding year was favourable, and the finances of Grand Lodge appear to be in a sound condition. We trust that Masonry in the various jurisdictions we have referred to may become more and more prosperous every year, and that the relations of those bodies with the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom may, at the same time, become more friendly and harmonious.

Of Freemasonry under the banners of the several Grand Lodges in Australasia we can only say that the position does not appear to have altered materially since 1894. The senior

amongst them—the Grand Lodge of South Australia—is presided over by Bro. Chief Justice WAY, and from a report we gave of a large gathering in Adelaide on the occasion of the installation of the Worshipful Masters elect of seven lodges, it is evident that the greatest interest is taken by the brethren in the duties devolving upon them. The reports that reach us concerning the other jurisdictions are also of the usual character, and as our M.W.G. Master is Patron of the four independent Australasian Grand Lodges, the brethren may rely upon our hearty good wishes for a continuance of their prosperity. Occasionally a rumour comes to us that all is not proceeding as smoothly as could be wished in one of the Colonies, but we shall give neither credence nor currency to the rumour until they assume a more real and tangible form.

In the United States of North America, where there are some 50 Grand Lodges, each with sovereign jurisdiction over its own territory, we can only speak in general terms, but the terms are those of hearty congratulation on the good work which, on the whole, is being done by them all. The older Grand Lodges, such as those of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, &c., are not only very strong numerically, but their influence is proportionately even in excess of their strength, and our chief regret is that we are unable to give more than occasional and brief glimpses at their doings. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without condoling, as we do most sincerely, with our brethren of New York on the death, during the year, of Bro. ROBERT MACOY, whose fame as a literary Mason, and also as the Grand Recorder of Knights Templar, is what may, without exaggeration, be described as world-wide; and also with those of Pennsylvania on the loss they have sustained by the death of Past Grand Master the Hon. RICHARD VAUX, one of the ablest of the many able brethren who have presided over their Grand Lodge. Many good men and true in the United States have passed away, but these appear to us to have been their greatest losses. Let us hope that in future years the short but encouraging account we are able to give of Masonry in the United States may be without such painful additions.

QUATUOR CORONATORUM ANTIGRAPHIA*

It is impossible to say more in the way of commendation than has already been said in our columns and elsewhere of this valuable series of Masonic Reprints or of the important services which Lodge Quatuor Coronati is rendering to the Craft by their publication. Many a roll of Old Charges which had never previously—not in modern times, at all events—seen the light of day, has become familiar to the brethren through the medium of these reprints, and it is sincerely to be hoped that encouragement enough will be given to them to secure a continuation of the series until all that is valuable and therefore necessary to a just appreciation of the laws of Freemasonry in the præ-Speculative period has been issued. The reproduction in facsimile of these ancient documents is an expensive process, and it will be a slur on the fair fame of English Masons, if at any time, through lack of support on their part, Lodge Quatuor Coronati should find it necessary in its own interests to bring the series prematurely to a close.

Volume VI., receipt of which we had the pleasure of acknowledging last week, contains, as we then said, three more of these MSS., namely, the "Inigo Jones," the "Wood," and the "Lechmere," and to each is appended an introduction, in which in a few concisely-written paragraphs, the editor, without entering into the merits of any rival theories that may have been hazarded by different experts as to dates and other matters of interest, states what is known or has been conjectured about it. The "Inigo Jones" MS. which is so named from its supposed association with the great English architect of the first half of the 17th Century, is, from a typographical point of view, a work of art. It was published for the first time in full in the "Masonic Magazine" of July, 1881, by the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, while one page of it will be found in photographic reduced facsimile in the second edition of Bro. HUGHAN'S "Old Charges," where there is also

given such a description of the distinguishing points in this as compared with other MSS. as its importance undoubtedly calls for. Bro. SPETH does not take upon himself to decide in favour of any one of the opinions expressed by the experts in reference to the leading points in dispute amongst them. There is, however, an appearance of general agreement between his views and those of Bro. HUGHAN, more especially as regards the year 1607, which appears on the title page and frontispiece of the MS. Both agree in rejecting this as the actual date of production, and both, for similar reasons, decline to believe that INIGO JONES had anything to do with the drawing of the Frontispiece. However, on these and other matters, we cannot do better than, in the first place, refer our readers to Bro. SPETH'S Introduction, and then, following his example, to the several articles in the *Freemason*, and the passages in Bro. HUGHAN'S work, and in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, to which he has thought it desirable to make reference. It will interest our readers to know that this MS. was purchased at the sale of the late Bro. WOODFORD'S library, by Bro. GEORGE KENNING who, in his turn, sold it to Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, and that the latter made it over to the Worcester Masonic Library, in whose custody it now remains.

The "Wood MS.," the reproduction of which in facsimile is also a very beautiful specimen of the typographer's art, is thus named from the fact that it was the property for some 20 years of a Mr. WOOD, from whose hands it passed into the possession of our late Bro. WOODFORD. On the latter's death it was sold to Bro. GEORGE KENNING, and by him disposed of to Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, who handed it over to the Worcester Masonic Library. This MS. was reproduced in the "Masonic Magazine" for June, 1881, by Bro. WOODFORD, and there is one page of it introduced in facsimile in Bro. HUGHAN'S "Old Charges" (2nd edition). It has a title-page, the date on which—1610—does not appear to have been ever called in question, while, what is still more rare, it has a very elaborate Index, respecting which Bro. HUGHAN says "it is the only one I have ever met with of the kind." In his introductory notice, Bro. SPETH tells us that "the whole form of the document is calculated to raise a doubt as to its intended purpose, 'the title-page recording that it was 'Newly Translated'—i.e. copied—'by J. Whytstone for John Sargensonne, 1610,' but the conclusion which Bro. SPETH considers it safe to adopt is that 'John Sargensonne was a collector or antiquary,' about whom, however, he has been unable to obtain any particulars.

The "Lechmere MS.," so called because it was purchased some years since in London by the late Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, and by him presented to the Worcester Masonic Library, was reproduced in the "Masonic Magazine" for December, 1882, by Bro. WOODFORD, but no portion of it has ever before been reproduced in facsimile. It is composed of three slips of parchment stitched together. Of these, the first is incomplete, all that portion which precedes the concluding clause of the Nimrod Charges having been cut off, while the top of the second strip has been damaged by damp, a few of the words being thus rendered illegible. According to the editor in his Introduction, the date "is supposed to be the latter half of the 17th century," while Bro. HUGHAN says that the late Bro. WOODFORD assigned it to "not later than 1646, presumably because it is so much like the 'Sloane MS., No. 3848,' of that year." In this case the editor has very wisely added a "transcript" for the benefit of those who are not expert in deciphering MSS. of two or three centuries ago.

There is nothing to add to the foregoing description of the valuable contents of this Volume VI. of the Quatuor Coronati Reprints beyond a most cordial expression of our thanks to the lodge which is doing such service to Masonic literature, and to Bro. SPETH, the editor, on the exceeding care he has bestowed on the work of reproduction, and the clear and concise form in which the information he furnishes is presented.

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THE DUKE OF LEEDS died at Hornby Castle, his country seat, in the North-West Riding of Yorkshire, on Tuesday. His Grace was born on the 11th August, 1828, and had thus attained the age of 67 years. Through his death the title and estates devolve upon his eldest son, Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P. for Brixton, who was born in 1862. We offer our respectful condolence to the family of the deceased duke.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

The half-yearly meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., when there were present:

The Very Eminent Prov. Prior for Hampshire, E. Knight W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.C.T., on the throne, the Very Eminent Prov. Priors for East Anglia, E. Knight Capt. N. G. Philips, G.C.T.; Lancashire, E. Knight Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G.C.T.; North and East Yorkshire, E. Knight Major J. W. Woodall, K.C.T.; and Somersetshire and Monmouthshire, E. Knight Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, K.C.T. National Great Officers—E. Knights Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.T., as Prelate; R. Loveland Loveland, K.C.T., Chancellor; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., as Constable; Major Geo. C. Davie, Marshal; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., Treas.; and Raymond H. Thrupp, K.C.T., Reg. Officers—E. Knights C. F. Matier, Vice-Chanc.; C. Belton, Sub-Marshal; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Std. Br. (Beauceant); J. E. Le Feuvre, as Std. Br. (Vexillum Belli); R. Clowes, Marshal; Will. E. Chapman, Captain of Guards; Major T. W. Richardson, S.B.; J. Paget Priestley, Org.; and Abraham Woodiwiss, Chamberlain. And the following Past Great Officers—E. Knights Rev. C. E. L. Wright, Prelate; Major-General Hay, C.B., K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor; Ralph Gooding, M.D., K.C.T., J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., and Frederick Lawrance, Heralds; Sir George D. Harris, Std. Br. (Beauceant); H. Harvey George, Std. Br. (Beauceant); Robert Berridge, Std. Br. (Vexillum Belli); Horatio Ward, S. G. Kirchhoffer, K.C.T., and E. Letchworth, S.Bs.; Arthur H. Bowles and James Hillhouse, Capt. of Guards; and Major J. R. Pearson, Gordon Miller, Wm. Tyrer, and F. N. Molesworth, Aide-de-Camps. A large number of sir knights were also present.

The knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the V.E. Prov. Prior for Hampshire, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.C.T., attended by the National Great Officers, entered and took the throne. The National Great Priory was opened in ample form. The minutes of the National Great Priory held on the 14th December last were read and declared to be correctly recorded. On motion duly made and seconded, there was taken as read the following:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

VERY HIGH AND EMINENT GREAT PRIOR,

Your Council have the honour to report that, pursuant to petitions presented to his Royal Highness on behalf of the National Great Priorities of England and Wales, &c., and of Ireland, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to absolve the said National Great Priorities from their allegiance to Convent General, and to declare that Convent General shall, from and after the 19th July, 1895, cease to exist. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has also been graciously pleased to consent to permit himself to be named Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom.

There is now a sum of about £270 standing to the credit of the late Convent General. This sum is entirely made up of fees of honour paid by members of the National Great Priorities of England, &c., and Ireland, who have been appointed Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders of the Order of the Temple. Your Council, therefore, recommend that the balance remaining on hand after payment of all liabilities be divided between the two National Great Priorities in proportion to the amount contributed by the members of each. Your Council also recommend that the plates for patents be kept at the Printers for the use of both Great Priorities.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, was pleased to appoint the following Knights Commanders of the Order of the Temple:

Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., G. Constable.

Sir Henry Thoby Prinsep, Provincial Prior for Bengal.

Augustus Frederick Godson, M.P., Provincial Prior for Worcester-shire.

Robert Isaac Finemore, late Provincial Prior for South Africa.

Lieut.-Col. Alfred Thrale Perkins, Provincial Prior for Somerset and Monmouth.

Col. George Montgomery John Moore, R.A., Provincial Prior for Madras; and

Charles Belton, Sub-Marshal.

You having been pleased, by patent, dated 15th May last, to appoint the V.E. Knight the Rt. Hon. William Hillier, Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Provincial Prior for Kent and Surrey, he was installed into his office by the V.E. Provincial Prior for East Anglia at a Provincial Priory held at the Bridge House Hotel on the 8th July last.

You having been pleased, by patent, dated 15th May last, to appoint the V.E. Knight the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Prior for Cheshire, he was installed into his office by the V.E. Great Sub-Prior at a Provincial Priory held at Chester on the 4th November last.

You having been pleased, by patent, dated 15th June last, to appoint the V.E. Knight Thomas Cook, Provincial Prior for South Africa, he was installed in his office by the V.E. Knight R. I. Finemore, late Provincial Prior, at a Provincial Priory held at Pietermaritzburg on the 17th September last.

You have been pleased, by patent, dated 15th June last, to appoint the E. Knight, J. D. Kay, Provincial Prior for West Yorkshire.

You have been pleased, by patent, dated 22nd August last, to appoint the E. Knight Major George C. Davie, J.P., Provincial Prior for Devonshire.

You have received an application from certain members of the De Tabley Preceptory, formerly meeting at Altrincham, in the Province of Cheshire, the Warrant of which was declared to be forfeited at the Great Priory held on 11th May, 1894.

The former members have now obtained many promises of material support and future assistance, and your Council would recommend Great Priory to rescind the forfeiture of the Warrant, and to remit the dues at present in arrear.

Pursuant to the resolution passed in Great Priory on the 10th May last, the Statutes of Great Priory have been revised, and your Council recommend that the Statutes as revised be adopted.

The E. Knight, F. F. Schnitger, of the Royal Kent Preceptory, has kindly presented some interesting photographs of old Warrants, &c., to the Library.

Your Council have purchased the Certificate of the late Knight Pennings, which bears date 1812.

The Grand Secretary General, 33, having reported the Expulsion of a Brother from the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and he being also a Knight Templar, you have been pleased to suspend him from all privileges during pleasure.

St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, meeting in London, having established to the satisfaction of your Council that it has had a continued existence for upwards of one hundred years, your Council recommend the grant of a Centenary Warrant with permission to the members to wear the Commemoration Jewel.

The E. Knight Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T., has resigned the office of Vice-Chancellor to which he was appointed in 1892, and you have been pleased to appoint to that office the E. Knight Charles FitzGerald Matier, K.C.T., to whom it is requested that all communications and remittances be sent.

Your Council begs to recommend that he commence on a salary of £100 per annum.

Your Council has to report, with deep regret, the death, on the 26th November, of the E. Knight William Tinkler, K.C.T., who for many years filled the office of Vice-Chancellor to the great advantage of the Order.

Your Council recommend that his pension be paid to his widow in full up to Christmas.

The Great Treasurer has purchased £300 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock on behalf of the General Fund, at a cost of £319 6s. 3d., and on behalf of the Benevolent Fund £50, at a cost of £53 4s. 5d.

By Order of the Council,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Chancellor.

28th November, 1895.

On the motion of Sir Knight C. R. N. BESWICKE ROYDS, it was resolved that the report be received and taken as read.

The Chancellor, Sir Knight LOVELAND LOVELAND: I beg to move the first resolution arising out of the report. It will have been observed that there is a sum of about £270 now standing to the credit of Convent General. This sum is made up of fees of honour paid by members of the National Great Priory of England and the National Great Priory of Ireland. His Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to abolish Convent General, and this sum has therefore to be divided. We have been in communication with the Great Priory of Ireland, and they are of the same opinion as ourselves, that the amount should be divided as stated in the agenda. I have therefore to move "That the balance, standing to the credit of the late Convent General, be divided *pro rata* between the National Great Priorities of England and Ireland."

Sir Knight BESWICKE ROYDS: I second that.

The motion was agreed to.

The Chancellor, Sir Knight LOVELAND LOVELAND: With regard to the second motion, most High and Eminent, it will be also in the recollection of Great Priory, that pursuant to a resolution passed seven months ago, it was the duty of the Council to revise the Statutes. Convent General having been done away with, we have lost the benefit of the book which formed, up to the time that Convent General was dissolved, the great portion of our law. Therefore it was thought expedient at the earliest possible moment that we should revise our Statutes so that we may have laws by which to work. Your Council have had many discussions, they have gone not only into the present Statutes of Great Priory, but they have looked up a great many of older dates. The draft has been distributed to every Preceptory and Provincial Priory, and we have had the benefit of a great number of suggestions, all of which I hold in my hand. A great number of these we have been able to adopt at once, but there are certain questions which your Council think of such vital importance that they would like to take the opinion of Great Priory upon them before they are finally settled. With these few remarks I beg, as a matter of form, to move "That the Statutes of Great Priory, as finally revised by the Council, be adopted."

The Registrar, Sir Knight THRUPP: I beg to second that.

In the very long discussion which ensued, Sir Knight Major RICHARDSON drew attention to sundry points, but a motion of his "that Great Priory Officers do not wear collars" found no seconder. However, an amendment by Sir Knight Major L. E. LE FEUVRE, "That the consideration of the Statutes as revised be deferred till the next meeting in May, and that meanwhile a copy be sent to each Preceptory in the Kingdom," with a rider, "and the Great Officers, Past and Present," suggested by Sir Knight BESWICKE ROYDS, and seconded, was declared to be carried.

The Chancellor, Sir Knight LOVELAND LOVELAND: The next motion I have to make is—"That the forfeiture of the warrant of the De Tabley Preceptory be rescinded and the dues remitted to date." The warrant was declared forfeited in May, 1894, but since then material assistance has been promised to that preceptory, and we have every reason to hope that it will now become a strong and flourishing one.

Sir Knight GOODALL seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The CHANCELLOR: We have had an application from the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, meeting in London, asking for a centenary warrant. The Council recommend that the warrant be granted, it having been established that the preceptory has had a continuous existence for 100 years. I therefore move—"That a centenary warrant, with permission to the members to wear the commemoration jewel, be granted to the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, meeting in London."

Sir Knight Major RICHARDSON: I second that.

The motion was put and carried.

Sir Knight Captain PHILIPS: I now beg to move that the report be adopted, with the exception of that part referring to the revision of the statutes.

Sir Knight BESWICKE ROYDS: I beg to second that.

The motion was put and carried.

Sir Knight Charles Belton, Sub-Marshal, was then conducted before the throne by Sir Knight Gordon Miller, and received congratulations on his appointment as Knight Commander of the Temple.

Alms amounting to £3 15s. 6d. were then collected.

Great Priory was closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED SERVICE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 489.

The consecration of this new lodge, which has been started as a head-quarters lodge for the convenience of brethren who have the honour to serve her Majesty the Queen by land or by sea, took place at the Masonic Temple, Criterion, Piccadilly, on Saturday, the 14th inst., there being a large attendance of Service brethren.

Previous to the consecration, by dispensation, Bro. Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D., G.D.C., advanced the following candidates: Bros. Major Henry, Capt. Hanson Le Bailly, Leaver, Lieuts. Fenner, W. E. Richmond Parry, and Conductor R. Johnson.

Bro. Matier and other Grand Officers being announced, were admitted and saluted according to ancient form. Bro. Matier appointed Bros. Major Gordon Miller, as S.W.; G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, D.P.G.M. Norths, Hunts and Beds, as J.W.; the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, as Chap.; Major Carrell, P.A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and R. Berridge, P.G.W., as I.G.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the assembled brethren in a short but most impressive manner on the motive of the meeting.

The CHAPLAIN followed with a beautiful oration, alluding in particular to the birth of a grandson to H.R.H. the Grand Master—a fact that he felt certain would not only be received with acclamation in this kingdom, but more particularly in that new lodge, which was composed of members who had the honour to serve her Majesty and their country.

The consecration ceremony having been brought to a close, Bro. Matier then installed, in his usual most impressive manner, the first W.M., Bro. Captain W. C. Wollett, of the Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers, who invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Capt. Hearn, P.M., G. Steward England, P.D.S.G.W. of Bombay, Prov. J.G.O. Hants and Isle of Wight, I.P.M. and Sec.; Regt.-Sergeant-Major Lee, S.W.; Conductor Hully, J.W.; Capt. Richmond-Parry, M.O.; Quartermaster-Sergt. Shackleton, S.O.; Capt. Hanson, J.O.; Lieut. Marshall, P.M., Reg. of Marks; Thomson-Lyon, P.M., D.C.; Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., P.G.D., G.D.C., Treas.; Master-Gunner Roddy, R.A., S.D.; Capt. Franklyn, R.E., J.D.; Lieut. L. E. Richmond-Parry, I.G.; and Conductor Johnson, Capt. Le Bailly, and Lackland, Stwds.

A cordial vote of thanks having been given to the Consecrating Officer, he was, with the other Grand Officers present, elected honorary members of the lodge by acclamation.

The names of several brethren having been proposed for joining and advancement, the lodge was closed.

The following is a list of the founders: Bros. Major G. H. Bridges, 18^o, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; Capt. H. Clowes; Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., 32^o, P.G.D., G.D.C.; Lieut. P. Collinson; Cpt. J. L. Down, P.M.; Major F. J. Easterbrook, 18^o, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Surrey; Capt. C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., D.G. Stwd. Gibraltar; Sergt.-Major Gardiner; Capt. Geo. Hearn, 30^o, P.M., G. Stwd., &c.; Conductor F. Hully; Sergt.-Major W. Johnson; Regt.-Sergt.-Major J. V. Lea; H. Thomson-Lyon, 18^o, P.M.; John Maitland, 30^o, P.M.; Lieut. R. A. Marshall, P.M., Prov. G.M.O. Surrey; Quartermaster-Sergeant C. E. Mulgrue; Capt. H. H. Parry; Capt. F. C. Richmond-Parry, 18^o; Master-Gunner W. M. Roddy, Quartermaster-Sergeant Shackleton, and Capt. W. C. Wollett.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Percy Matier, 406; Edward Mills, G. Tyler; Major Probyn, G.S.B.; A. Stewart Brown, P.G.D.; and several others.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most sumptuous repast was partaken of under the personal supervision of Bro. Mantell.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the most noticeable one being "The Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by Bro. Brigade-Surgeon J. BALFOUR COCKBURN.

Bro. CARRELL, in reply, asked the new lodge to appoint a Steward for the approaching Festival.

The W.M. having signified his willingness to act as Steward for the lodge, no less a sum than 40 guineas was immediately subscribed.

The other toasts having been given, a most enjoyable and instructive evening was brought to a close.

This lodge, founded, as it has been, as a head-quarters lodge for all members of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces, with small fees and subscriptions, ought, with the strong support it has already got and should get in the future from those who serve their Queen and country, to be a valuable addition, not only to Mark Masonry in general, but to those brethren for whose especial benefit and convenience it is founded.

CONSECRATION OF THE DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 487, OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The above lodge was solemnly consecrated by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, at Mark Masons' Hall, on Thursday, the 19th inst. The brethren having assembled, lodge was opened at the appointed hour of 3 p.m., and the following candidates who had been duly approved by the founders, namely, Bros. Lestocq Boileau Wooldridge, Henry George Danby, Alfred Benedict Tapping, Thomas Fraser, John Francis Crook, John Arthur Harrison, William Henry Akerman May, Charles William Foskett Frere, Ernest Huntly Paterson, Leonard Herbert Foskett, John Woodyatt, and Henry Hyman Vincent Barnett, were advanced, by dispensation, by Bro. G. C. Wentworth Fitz-William, Deputy Prov. G.M. Northants, Hunts and Beds. Lord Euston, as Consecrating Officer, then assumed the chair, and having appointed as his officers *pro tem*. Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx., as S.W.; Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. W. Cree, G. Chap., as Chaplain; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., as D.C.; and Richard Clowes, Past G.O., as I.G., the ceremony was proceeded with, and the brethren having been arranged in order, the petition and warrant were read, and approval of the officers designated in the warrant having been signified in the usual manner, Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, as Chaplain, delivered the following Oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution:—
Brethren,—I consider it a very great privilege and honour to be asked to give the oration in my capacity of Grand Chaplain of Mark Master Masons of England, on the occasion of the consecration of your new lodge. And more especially is it a pleasure to me to do so, when I remember the special qualification which I understand is required for the membership of your lodge. I have always held

the profession to which you belong in the very highest regard, not merely from the great pleasure and amusement which everyone must derive from witnessing those performances with which you favour us, but from a belief that your profession is, or ought to be, a kindred one to my own. There were times when certain pious, well-meaning people looked upon the profession with anything but favourable eyes. Attendance at theatres was to be avoided by all who would be accounted religious. Nay, there are still some who look upon the presence of a clergyman at a dramatic performance as absolutely incompatible with the sacred nature of his calling. Such strange, mistaken notions are, I am glad to say, dying out; but, like all heresies, they are hard to kill. For my own part, I look upon the Drama, like our noble Brotherhood, as a mighty instrument for good. Horace, in his *Ars Poetica*, says:

"Segnius irritant animos dimissa per aures
Quam quæ sunt oculis subjecta fidelibus, et quæ
Ipse sibi tradit spectator."

"What we hear

With weaker passion will affect the heart,
Than when the faithful eye beholds the part."

And that is the very difficulty which we preachers have to deal with. However eloquent a man may be, however the modulation of his voice and the style of his delivery may attract his hearers and keep them attentive, the fact still remains that more can be taught and retained by the eye than by the ear. It is quite certain that it lies in the power of members of your profession to do more towards the raising of the moral tone, the feeling, the sentiments, the aspirations of the majority of our fellow countrymen than is possible for the moralist or the preacher. But now, brethren, as to the object for which we are assembled here this afternoon. What I have been saying with regard to the dramatic art applies also to Masonry. There are, no doubt, some among the vast numbers who range themselves under its banners who are attracted to Masonry by the social, or even convivial, advantages which it offers. I do not altogether blame them. I know no place where a more friendly and enjoyable evening can be spent than at a Masonic banquet. But there is, I hope and believe, an evergrowing number who, after their initiation, are attracted by the esoteric teaching of Masonry. How full of meaning it is! How deeply interesting! How the ritual of its various degrees, when properly performed, must appeal to the histrionic tastes of us all! Some of the uninitiated and popular world sneeringly tell us that it is the dressing up in grand clothing which attracts people to Masonry. No doubt there may be some who are satisfied with what I may be allowed to call the "peacockry" of Masonry, that is, the mere display of jewels and badges and so forth. But I cannot believe their numbers are many. Take for instance the ritual of the Third Degree in the Craft, where there is no necessity for dressing up in any extraordinary grandeur. How solemn, how intensely dramatic, how full of the highest and noblest teaching it is! Who can fail to be impressed by it? Who but the most frivolous and empty-headed can witness that scene and not profit by its solemn teaching? From his admission among Masons in a state of helpless indigence till he reaches the Chair of Adoniram, or that of the Royal Solomon, the course of a Mason is ever guided by the principles of moral and intellectual truth, such as cannot fail, and if he takes them to heart, to make him a better citizen and a more faithful servant of the Most High. Brethren, when the Grand Overseer of the Universe placed us upon this sublunary abode, He gave to each of us our work to do. He never intended us to spend our time in simply building up a temple for the worship of our own selfish desires. He meant each one of us to help in the raising of a Temple to the glory of His great Name, and for the happiness and improvement of our fellow-creatures. It is a spiritual Temple, of which we are, at the same time, in a true sense, both the builders and the stones for the building. The Temple which the Lord God has commanded His servants to build, is the advancement of the whole human race. And we, as Masons, must not be content with merely working indefatigably ourselves, but we must do everything we can to help and cheer on our fellow workmen. And if the work which the Grand Overseer has allotted to any of you seems but small and insignificant, do not let it trouble you. Be sure it is equally important for the completeness of the design. Remember it was "the stone which the builders rejected, which became the head of the corner." On the stage it is only a few to whom the chief parts are allotted, some have but a subordinate part, while others are almost hidden by the wings, nevertheless, each part is important for the effect as a whole. I remember some years ago being very much struck with a company which at the time was performing in London. It was not remarkable so much for any special excellence of the principal players as for the uniform perfection of the whole cast. So it is on the world's stage. And if in the building of this temple the Grand Overseer allot to you the task—not of a Mark Master, nor even of a Menatschim, or Overseer—but simply that of a Mark man, still take care that the stone which is given you to shape shall be such as shall not only win for you the praise of your fellow Craftsmen, not only make you not ashamed of your mark which you have placed upon it—but such as, when you shall present it for acceptance by the Grand Overseer, shall receive His mark of approval, and shall gain for its workman a high place in the Spiritual Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—So mote it be.

The consecration was then completed, and the lodge having been constituted, Lord Euston vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Secretary, who forthwith installed Bro. Harry Nicholls in the chair of A.

Bro. Nicholls having been saluted in accordance with ancient custom, then appointed his officers for the year: Bros. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, as acting I.P.M.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, S.W.; W. S. Penley, J.W.; C. C. Cruikshanks, M.O.; W. A. Tinney, S.O.; W. J. Holloway, J.O.; W. E. Chapman (elected), Treas.; F. Wheeler, R. of M.; C. W. Carrell, Sec.; F. Gosney, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; W. Lestocq, I.G.; J. Crook, Org.; and J. Woodyatt and W. A. May, Stewards.

Votes of thanks to the Consecrating and Installing Officers having been passed unanimously, and acknowledged, a Committee to frame the by-laws was elected.

Sundry propositions for advancement and joining having been named, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to dine.

Subsequently the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "Success to the Dramatic Lodge" being received with the utmost enthusiasm.

The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. Frederick Bevan, Past G. Org.

The following, among others, were present at the function: Bros. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; G. C. Wentworth Fitzwilliam, Deputy P.G.M. Northants, Hunts and Beds; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Colonel A. B. Cook, P.G.M. Middx.; Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W.; Rev. W. Cree, G. Chap.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W.; Richard Clowes, Past G.O.; Harry Nicholls, W.M. designate; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, S.W. designate; F. Mead, Past G. Treas.; W. A. Tinney, W. J. Holloway, W. E. Chapman, G. Std. Br.; F. Wheeler, C. W. Carrell, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Gosney, J. Harrison, W. Lestocq, J. Crook, J. Woodyatt, W. A. May, T. P. Donovan, Asst. G.I.G.; F. Lawrence, P.A.G.D.C.; Clifford Probyn, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Danby, A. B. Tapping, Thomas Fraser, C. W. F. Frere, Ernest H. Paterson, Leonard H. Foskett, professionally known as Herbert Leonard, and H. H. V. Barnett.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471.

This pleasant gathering took place on the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and proved a very successful affair. About 50 brethren were present, among whom were Bros. W. Hancock, P.M. 2191, and J. W. Clarke, P.M. 1512, Preceptors; J. Petch, P.M. 1471, 2278, P.P.G.S.B. Herts., Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Kelsby, P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey; A. Oliver, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M. 145; S. Napper, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; R. Loomes, I.P.M., and C. Isler, J.D. of 1471; J. G. Cobb, P.M. 45, P.P.G.S.B. Herts.; N. Pearce, J.W. 2278; W. Raply, S.D., and J. E. Thomas, of 1987; R. Philip Upton, W.M., and C. Smith, J.W., of 1328; W. Foxcroft, P.M. 177; C. H. Denny, S.W. 167; and others.

The chair was occupied by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M. 1471, 2278, P.P.G.D. Herts, one of the Secretaries.

An excellent dinner had been provided, which was well-served under the personal direction of Bro. M. T. Tuck, P.M., the manager of the hotel.

After the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts had been disposed of, Bro. R. P. Upton proposed the toast of the evening—"The Islington Lodge of Instruction," which he held to be one of the most successful in the North of London, having regard to the number of members, the average attendance at the weekly meetings, and the excellent working which was shown. He attributed the success to the courteous guidance and the exact direction of the Preceptors, and the zeal and energy of the joint Secretaries.

Bro. HANCOCK, P.M., replied in an excellent speech, drawing attention to the importance of a regular attendance at lodges of instruction to brethren who desire to become well-versed in the ritual, and to qualify themselves for promotion in their respective lodges.

Bro. J. W. CLARK, P.M., also replied.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Bro. S. NAPPER, P.M., and was received with much cordiality.

Bro. C. M. COXON, P.M., in reply, said that speechmaking was not his forte; he felt himself more at home at the Secretary's table. He was proud of their lodge of instruction, and of the share they had permitted him to take in the work connected with it. It had been a labour of love, and for any services he had been able to render, he had had his reward in their kind appreciation and brotherly regard.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretaries" was proposed by Bro. COBB, P.M., and replied to by Bros. PETCH, P.M., and DUNCAN, P.M.

Bro. A. OLIVER, P.M., proposed "The Visitors."

The toast was very ably acknowledged by Bros. FOXCROFT, P.M., and DENNY, S.W.

The principal feature of the evening, however, was the musical entertainment, and Bro. Newman, in the arrangement of the programme, had no lack of talent at his disposal. The length of the programme precludes our giving a notice of all the items. The contributors were Bros. R. P. Upton, W. Rapley, C. Nicole, C. Isler, and A. Henning, whose singing met with much favour and applause; Bros. Donald King and D. C. Attwater, who secured well-deserved encores; and that talented reciter, Bro. Sergeant Lee, who gave two selections, and, in response to a hearty recall, favoured the company with a third.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the Artistes," tendered the grateful thanks of the company to the brethren who had so generously exerted themselves to give them pleasant entertainment. Where all had done so well it would be invidious to particularise. The brethren, by their applause, had emphasised their appreciation of individual efforts.

Bro. T. E. NEWMAN, replying, said that he had an easy task in the arrangement of the programme; he had such an abundance of high-class talent at his disposal for the evening.

Bro. W. EMERSON contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening by his admirable pianoforte accompaniments.

"Auld Lang Syne" terminated a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

The St. Marylebone Lodge may now be included amongst the rapidly increasing number of Masonic lodges that annually cater for the enjoyment of their wives, sweethearts, and friends. Any entertainment or festivity held by a body of Masons has always had an especial charm and attraction to the members of the fair sex, who regard such functions as the most enjoyable of the season. This reputation was fully maintained by the brethren of the St. Marylebone Lodge in their first venture held at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, on Monday, the 16th inst. An excellent executive Committee had been formed to make the necessary arrangements, with the result that nothing had been left undone that could in any way conduce to the happiness and comfort of the visitors. The W.M., Bro. L. H. Coles, was ably supported by Bro. R. Wright, I.P.M., and Bro. J. J. Pope, P.M., who is the esteemed father of the lodge, having been installed as the second Master about 24 years ago, and is now the present Secretary. The rest of the officers were present, and took an active part in the proceedings.

The guests were received by the W.M. and Mrs. Coles, and after a brief interval, sat down to a well-served banquet.

After Grace, the W.M. briefly proposed "The Queen."

Bro. R. WRIGHT, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said it had been his pleasure to be associated with Bro. Coles for many years, and he could conscientiously assert it was an honour to have the acquaintance of such a man. The natural modesty of the W.M. was well known, and would preclude him from referring at any length to the good qualities of the Chairman of the evening. He could go on at some length extolling the Worshipful Master's virtues, but was reminded that it would not be right to inflict a long speech on the charming company present. He would therefore ask them at once to drink the health of the Worshipful Master.

Bro. L. H. COLES, W.M., in reply, returned sincere thanks for the proposition and reception of the toast. He never felt more proud of their lodge than when presiding at the meeting that evening. He heartily congratulated the Committee, and especially Bro. Wright, I.P.M., to all of whom the work had been a labour of love, and owing to whose energies so much pleasure had been derived. He trusted they might all be able to re-echo the words—"Happy have we met, happy have we been, happy may we part, and happy meet again."

Bro. BEECHING proposed "The Ladies," and said he had but one complaint to make, which was that sufficient time had not been afforded him to do justice to the toast. He could occupy hours in enlarging upon the charms of one lady he knew, but when he had to describe the graces and accomplishments of so many, they would see it was a theme he could not give adequate expression to. It was the wish of the brethren of the lodge to express towards them every kindly sentiment that could be found and given expression to in any country, and by the aid of any dictionary in existence. He had heard it said that some ladies were determined to discover some of the secrets of Freemasonry. He would tell them one. In all Masonry it was imperative that a good Mason was a good man. The brethren and other gentlemen present would join in hearty appreciation of the toast of the ladies. Those who had organised the gathering had not forgotten one thing that would give pleasure to the ladies, and, speaking as the humble mouth-piece of the lodge, he offered them a hearty and cordial welcome, and hoped they had so far spent a pleasant evening that it would induce them to repeat their visit.

Lieut. PEALL responded for the toast, after which a selection of vocal music was performed by Miss Peall, Mrs. Shorto, Mr. C. Loder, and Bro. Will Edwards.

An adjournment was then made to the ball room, where a programme of 22 dances was gone through to the strains of Gardner's Band, Bro. Wright, I.P.M., proving himself a capable and courteous M.C. Dancing was indulged in with zest and animation, until the small hours of the morning terminated a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

Among the company present were Mrs., Miss, and Bro. Coles, W.M.; Bro. Wright, I.P.M.; Mrs. and Bro. C. Bonham, S.W.; Bro. Humphrey, J.W.; Bro. J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec.; Mrs. and Bro. James Stephens, P.P.G.D. Bucks; Mrs., Miss, and Bro. C. Dearing, P.P.G.S. of W.; Bros. Ansell, P.M.; Raymond, P.M.; Schwarz, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; W. D. Schwarz, Mrs. and Bro. C. Ortner, and many others.

Craft Masonry.

Moir Lodge, No. 92.

The 140th anniversary festival of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. John M. Mitchell, W.M.; Maurice A. Tweedie, S.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G.R., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; J. Webb, J.D.; C. E. Russell, I.G.; W. Böhm, P.M.; Wickham Noakes, P.M.; Sir N. Pringle, Bart., P.M.; Bertram Noakes, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; Michael F. Tweedie, P.M.; G. C. Andrew, P.M.; Harold Carter, P.M.; J. P. Murrrough, and A. W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C.; C. I. Kingzett, P.M. 1692; L. H. Scriven, 1663; Russell Ardagh, 1152; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; W. H. Stone, 1287; Charles T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; J. Peeke Richards, 1584; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; John Chynoweth, 1624; S. T. Klein, S.D. 2076; W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; W. H. Bourke, 1635; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire; H. Whitney, 861; Luke Hansard, 1506; Rev. Dr. Cooper Smith, P.G.C.; Rev. E. G. Houndle, P.M. 1826; A. G. Clinton, I.G. 723; T. H. Gardiner, P.M. 1150; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076; C. J. Kinahan, 10 (I.R.); H. Times, I.P.M. 105; W. Charlesworth, 357; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; and the Rev. W. Macdonald Sinclair (Archdeacon of London), W.M. 181, P.G.C.; The following brethren were unavoidably prevented from attending: Bros. the Earl of Oslow, Prov. G.M. Surrey; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants; the Earl of Kilmorey; Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.; Sir Walter Besant; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Rear-Admiral Markham, Dist. G.M. Malta; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; Edward Lettichworth, G. Sec.; Dr. G. B. Brodie, P.G.D.; W. J. Hugan, P.G.D.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B.; and Edward Mclean, W.M. 2076.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. M. A. Tweedie, S.W., was presented by the Treasurer, and installed by the Secretary. The following are the office-bearers for the year: Bros. J. M. Mitchell, I.P.M.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Chap. and S.W.; W. F. Noakes, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., Sec.; John Webb, S.D.; C. E. Russell, J.D.; and Wickham Noakes, P.M., Stwd.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to another room, where a superb banquet had been provided for them.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and the Worshipful Master, in giving that of "The M.W.G.M.," said: I feel that very few words are necessary from me to place this toast before you for your consideration and unqualified acceptance. It has already stood the test for so many years, and has so frequently been before you, not only in Masonic circles, but at almost every public function, that I feel whatever I could tell you would be a repetition of what has so frequently been said before. And yet in spite of that repetition, in spite of the toast having been so frequently before you, when one might expect that the subject had been worn-out and threadbare, it still retains its old force, and is ever a welcome topic to us all.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master next observed: Grand Lodge is the foundation on which we rest, and I venture to say that as long as it embraces among its officers such representative brethren as we are honoured with this evening, English Masonry will continue to flourish. There are present here to-night—Bros. the Rev. Dr. Cooper Smith, P.G. Chap., a name well-known in the Masonic world; the Venerable the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. W. M. Sinclair, P.G. Chap., whose duties as a high dignitary of the Church are so engrossing that we must look upon it as a very high compliment that he is able to be with us this evening; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., a bountiful supporter of the Masonic Charities; E. J. Barron, P.G.D., Secretary of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2; W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C., whom we are all glad to congratulate on his being among the Grand Officers of the year; John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., who enjoys the rare distinction of being the author of such a monumental work on the English lodges, that a second edition of it has been published under the direct sanction and at the expense of Grand Lodge; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., who has entered on his 50th year of Masonry, and has distinguished himself in every branch of it. Lastly, there are our own Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Wilkinson and Gould, but as their names will be specially associated with a later toast, I shall conclude the present one by coupling with it those of the two Past Grand Chaplains who are seated on my right.

Bro. Dr. Cooper Smith, P.G.C., in replying, said: It is an honourable but a difficult task to answer suitably for my distinguished brethren, the toast of whose health has been so kindly proposed and so cordially received. The officers of Grand Lodge have probably never had at their head two more able or more popular leaders than the late Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. On the much-lamented death of the former, the minds of Masons were much exercised as to the new Deputy Grand Master. The promotion of Lord Lathom appeared so obvious that hardly a doubt was felt but that his Royal Highness our Grand Master would appoint him to fill the vacant office. But the task of filling the post he had so long successfully occupied was a difficult one, and Lord Mount Edgcumbe had no easy work before him when he was offered and accepted the appointment. How thoroughly his selection was justified I need not say: it is well known to us all, and next to the Grand Master himself I believe there are no two Masons more justly and deservedly popular than the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. With regard to the Grand Officers, I think they may claim to be distinguished for the possession of several good qualities. In the first place, they are hospitable. I know that: I have the honour of being present at your festival to-night as the guest of one of them, our Past Deputy G.R., Bro. T. L. Wilkinson. Then again, some of them can sing. In the local lodge held in my parish we have a certain custom of singing "God save the Queen," in which the third verse is generally taken by a distinguished brother on my right, Bro. R. Eve, Past G. and Treasurer. He was not able to be present on the last occasion, and I had to act as his unworthy substitute, and I can assure you the brethren never deplored the absence of Bro. Eve so much as they did on that occasion. And then, thirdly, they can dine. Sometimes in the multitude of their avocations they can hardly find time to be present at all, or, indeed, any part of

the business of the lodge. But they can enjoy the hospitality so generously extended to them, and I am sure that I am speaking the sentiments of all the Grand Officers, Past and Present, when I assure you that they will always be glad to accept the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Moira Lodge.

The Archdeacon of London also responded.

The toast of the evening—"The Memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge"—was then proposed by the Treasurer with all the eloquence and force which for 13 successive years have characterised his delivery of this oration.

Next followed "The Health of the W.M.," which was introduced by Bro. J. M. Mitchell, I.P.M., who said: That "Our wisdom is not of yesterday can be said of us as well as of the Greeks. It was not given to the men of old time only to recognise the importance of choosing a leader for his merit and abilities. We, too, feel and practice it. Some years ago in the far East the ruins of a city were discovered; further investigation proved the site to be that of the oldest city in the world, the City of Akkad, mentioned in Genesis. Exploration laid bare what proved to be the remains of a vast library written on terra cotta in ancient characters. There were treatises on medicine, on art, on magic, and military matters. Among the last was found a work on "Choosing a leader or Master;" he must be great in battle, a renowned hunter, of sound judgment, and courteous to all men. Times have changed since that book was written, upwards of 5000 years ago, but we Freemasons at any rate have not so greatly changed. We, too, still choose our leader, feeling that to his qualities are to be attributed our prosperity and success. The ceremony that we have seen to-night impresses this fact on us over and over again. We have no doubt that Bro. Maurice Tweedie, the Master we have chosen, has all the qualities required of him, for although we have not so far proved him "great in battle," we feel that it is not to be doubted that should occasion arise he, as the direct descendant of the "Black Tweedies of Drumellzier," famed in Scottish history and to you, who many a time have harried the Northern Border, would lead us to victory.

The Worshipful Master replied, as follows: When a man is of age he is usually supposed to be able to answer for himself, but that (at any rate, on the present occasion), is a mere supposition, for I feel the same difficulty in answering for myself now as I should have done had I not been of age, and my difficulty is increased when I find that I have to respond to sentiments which have been expressed towards me, to which I am not entitled and to which I cannot lay claim. I can, therefore, only trust that at the end of my year of office I may have proved myself in some degree worthy of them, and if I succeed in so doing it will be because I have taken advantage of the example set by those who have gone before me; if I fail, however, it shall not be for the want of trying. I am fully conscious of the great confidence you are placing in me by electing me to the chair of K.S. to preside over you during the coming year, and sincerely trust that at the end of that period you will not find that your confidence has been misplaced. These of the brethren who have already passed the chair are now in the happy position of being able to look back upon a glorious past, and I trust that I may consider myself in the equally enviable position of being able to look forward to a promising future.

The toast of "The Visitors," which was very cordially received, was acknowledged first of all by Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas., who spoke of the great pleasure with which he had listened to the eloquent address of Bro. Wilkinson, and expressed a sanguine hope that the new W.M. would uphold the high prestige of the lodge so deservedly held in the past and present.

Bro. Rev. E. G. Houndle next responded, and lastly, Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who, in the name of that now most flourishing association, thanked the brethren of the Moira Lodge for having originally recommended the petition for a warrant of constitution, which had been submitted 11 years previously by the founders of No. 2076, for the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said: There are a few names of brethren, who have long ceased to be with us, of which I should like to remind you—there was Bro. Henry Phillips, a Masonic scholar, far in advance of his age, who published the Harleian Manuscript, No. 1042, one of the most remarkable versions of the old operative Constitutions, in 1836. Then there was Bro. John Bigg, for many years the foremost orator in the parliament of the English Craft, and Bro. G. W. Potter, P.G.D., Secondary of the City of London, whose memory is one of the choicest traditions of our lodge. These brethren, indeed, have passed away, but the lodge is not deficient in living Past Masters, whose services to Masonry are deserving of the highest praise; yet, as I am told I shall best study their wishes by not enlarging on this topic; let me conclude by referring to one who has but recently gained the distinction of being a P.M. of the Moira Lodge—I allude to Bro. Mitchell, whose term of office has been marked with success, and it has not been a barren year, for he has conferred the first two Degrees, and, I know, was prepared with the third had occasion called upon him, and he has worked them not only with credit to himself, but as an example to the lodge, and I should like to congratulate him on the success he has attained and ask him to consider that those congratulations carry with them the best thanks of the lodge for the way in which he has presided over us during the past year.

The I.P.M. replied in the following terms: As the Immediate Past Master of the Moira Lodge, I have listened with peculiar interest to the remarks of Bros. Eve and Speth on the past history of our lodge. It has been well said that "To know our duty and to do it successfully, in this little formula lies the past history of England." Brethren, I feel strongly that to duty recognised and successfully done is alone due the position that our lodge now occupies. I am sure that the Past Masters, of whom I am now proud to form one, have acted on this principle from the foundation of the lodge. As for myself, I have personally to thank the Worshipful Master for the way in which he has spoken of my services to the lodge during the past year, and I would remind those of my brethren who are still to occupy the chair, and in their turn become Past Masters, that the office which has been conferred upon me to-night has given a phrase to the English language, and that to be a "Past Master" in anything denotes that perfection to which I think we all endeavour to attain. Brethren, in the name of the Past Masters, I thank you.

Other toasts followed, that of "The Officers" being acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, S.W.; and Bros. Wilkinson and Gould severally replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The musical entertainment was a very choice one, and reflected the utmost credit upon Bro. Hermann Heydrich, under whose direction it was provided. The vocalists were Miss Marie Hooton, Mlle. Olga Brony, and Mr. Arthur Walenn; and the instrumentalists, Bro. Hermann Heydrich (pianoforte), and Miss Winifred Jones (violin).

Piccadilly Lodge, No. 2550.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Monico, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. Fred. Arnold, P.M., W.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M., S.W.; J. Russell, P.M., J.W.; C. Arnold, Treas.; A. W. Beckham, Sec.; W. C. Clark, S.D.; T. B. Tipton, J.D.; A. A. Jordan, I.G.; T. H. Parry, D.C.; J. Leigh, Org.; J. Strange and G. J. Charlton, Stwds.; A. J. Bignold, P.M.; C. P. Wyatt, F. Penn, R. L. Cooke, W. Brooman, G. W. Hayward, G. J. Anderson, P.M.; W. Gibbs, W. G. Weller, J. Claxton, and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Duke, 1842; G. B. Spicer, 1891; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; G. Holland, P.M. 1624; J. Langdon, W.M.; H. K. Cheese, W.M. 145; F. Butler, 1716; H. J. Grace, P.M. 2028; A. J. Hardwick, P.M. 2409; T. Davies, 1381; J. T. O'croft, 902; F. Larner, P.M. 2054; F. Buxton, P.M. 2054; W.M. 2400; E. Weston, 1624; R. A. Kingsbury, P.M. 1663; J. G. Fisher, 2054; S. Raven, P.M. 1257; F. Goodchild; L. Brandt, 860; G. W. Deer, 1716; C. F. B. Bennett, W.M. 1627; F. H. Scroggie, 1441; W. A. Tapper, 190; Belhomme, 1743; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the usual routine business, the W.M. raised Bros. Cooke, Brooman, and Hayward to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed Bros. Weller and Clayton. Bro. Fred Arnold's working of the ritual was performed in a manner that it would be impossible to equal. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., was then presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. Fred Arnold in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed officers, and, with the exception of one absentee, were invested: Bros. J. Russell, P.M., S.W.; A. J. Bignold, P.M., J.W.; C. Arnold, Treas.; A. W. Beckham, Sec.; W. C. Clark, S.D.; T. B. Tipton, J.D.; A. A. Jordan, I.G.; T. H. Parry, D.C.; R. Bearcroft, J. Strange, and G. J. Charlton, Stewards; J. Leigh, Org.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. Fred Arnold, who closed his career as ruler of the lodge with *éclat*. The next duty of the new W.M. was, as he observed, a very important and pleasing one, it being to present to Bro. Fred Arnold a Past Master's jewel. No one had worked harder for that new lodge, and it was not often that a new lodge could boast of having a balance on the right side at the first year of its existence, but it was so with them, and Bro. Arnold was

the cause of that happy state of affairs, and his great services would never be forgotten. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. Arnold thanked the W.M. for his kind, but flattering, remarks. It was a great satisfaction to him that his efforts were appreciated, and his earnest thanks were due to his officers and the members for all the kindnesses he had received at their hands during the happy time he was Master of the Piccadilly Lodge.

After other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that she was Queen of an Empire on which the sun never set and where Freemasonry was universal.

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured,

Bro. Fred Arnold, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that it was his privilege to submit the toast, which was not only important but the one of the evening. In Bro. Bates they had one perfect in the ritual. He was Preceptor of several very important lodges of instruction in London, and it was needless for him to state that he would be able to do everything asked of him, and would keep the lodge well to the front.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and Bro. Bates, W.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He stated that after the way he had been toasted, it was difficult for him to adequately respond. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to do anything in Masonry. The I.P.M. had referred to what he had done in lodges of instruction, but that was a labour of love, and he would be very willing to render instruction to any who might be in need of it. He had often attended six and sometimes seven lodges of instruction in one week. They must pardon him for harping on the subject, but unless they attended lodges of instruction they could not aspire to the chair, and it should be the ambition of all to attain that high position. He was proud of his position as Master of the lodge, which 12 months ago was not known, and he hoped the great success it had met with would be continued and recognised, and that the members would turn out some of the best in the Craft and make the lodge well known, as he thought it deserved to be.

The W.M. gave "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Fred. Arnold." He said the installation ceremony was performed in a most masterly manner, and he thought that all present appreciated the perfect working.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. Fred. Arnold, I.P.M., in reply, said he was deeply gratified with the way they had received him. The position was unique, as he was the senior and junior Past Master. He was the first Master, and he was proud to retire with a balance, which, he understood, was somewhat rare for a new lodge, after 12 months' existence, to have money in hand, and although he was going on the shelf, it would not take away the great interest he had in the lodge, but he should continue to work hard to promote its interests. He was succeeded by a veteran in Masonry, and the lodge was quite safe in his experienced hands.

In submitting "The Charities," the W.M. stated that it was a toast that should always be given at every Masonic gathering. In eloquent terms he urged the members to give liberally—they would never miss it—and in the absence of Bro. McLeod, Sec. of the Boys' Institution, he coupled the name of Bro. Fred. Arnold with the toast.

Bro. Fred. Arnold, I.P.M., responded. He said that it was his intention to go up as Steward for the Boys. The members had supported him in the past and he hoped they would do so in the future. It would be the first time the lodge would be represented at the Boys' Festival and he earnestly trusted they would send him up with a list very large in amount and one that would redound to their new lodge.

The Worshipful Master subsequently stated that Bro. Tipton, J.D., had started the I.P.M.'s list with a subscription of five guineas.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master remarked that they were always glad to receive and entertain their guests. They had a large and grand array that evening and they were honoured with their presence. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. J. G. Fisher, H. J. Grace, P.M.; F. Buxton, P.M., W.M.; W. A. Tapper, W.M.; and Poynter.

In response, Bro. J. G. Fisher said that the working was superb and could not be better.

Bro. H. J. Grace, P.M., stated that he did not expect to have been called upon to respond, but he appreciated the honour. He was delighted with the working of the I.P.M., which was admirable. In his Province, Leicestershire, they were proud of their working, but it did not come up to what he had witnessed that evening. He had thoroughly enjoyed himself and should ever remember that happy evening.

Bro. F. Buxton, P.M. and W.M. 2463, said that he was pleased to have seen the W.M., one of his oldest friends in Masonry, installed into the chair, and he had run him neck for neck in the Craft. He congratulated the members in having in Bro. Fred. Arnold one of the best I.P.M.s. in the whole of the metropolis.

Bros. Tapper, W.M. 190; C. F. Bennet, W.M. 1627; G. Holland, P.M. 1624; and Poynter also acknowledged the toast in some excellent speeches, testifying to the good working and the manner in which the visitors had been welcomed and entertained.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said they deserved every praise for their very great services, both before and since the consecration of the lodge, which was a big success, and that was a good answer for their strenuous efforts. The Treasurer had done everything asked of him, and it was appreciated by the members. Then, as to the Secretary, very few knew the work a Secretary had to do before a new lodge was formed and to get it into working order. Their Secretary had done all that, and they could not sufficiently thank him for his great labours.

Bro. C. Arnold, Treas., responded in happy terms, observing that he thought the lodge would not be backward in supporting the Charities.

Bro. A. W. Beckham, Sec., stated that so long as he held his office he would do his utmost. He had had a lot of work in the past, but if the lodge prospered he would be amply repaid for what he had done. If the lodge would liberally support the Charities he would be delighted, and if the lodge continued in its prosperity they ought to give hundreds to the three Institutions, because he knew the great things the Charities had done.

"The Masonic Press" was next given by the Worshipful Master, coupled with the name of Bro. R. T. West, who responded.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers." He said that he was honoured and well-supported with an excellent staff, and when they went forward to higher office they would be found perfect. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. J. Russell, P.M., S.W., and A. J. Bignold, P.M. and J.W., who both responded in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a grand gathering, which was highly satisfactory in every detail.

The musical entertainment was of the very best, and was carried out under the direction of Bro. J. Leigh, Org., assisted by Bros. G. J. Anderson, Davies, T. Best-Folkes, and Mr. W. J. Morrell, but special mention should be made of Bro. Best-Folkes.

Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd instant. Among those attending were Bros. Dr. Millsom, W.M.; Colwell, S.W.; Barry, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; Hearn, P.M., acting Sec.; Davis, J.D.; Chisholm, I.G.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; and Reinardt, Tyler. Among the visitors was Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1715, G. Steward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and two gentlemen were initiated, both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. Colwell was then unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. La Feuillade was elected Treasurer; and Bro. Reinardt, Tyler. The Audit Committee having been elected to audit the accounts on the third Tuesday in January, a Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the W.M. Previously to the lodge being closed, the W.M. stated that it was his intention to embody a resolution on the next summons thanking Bro. George Everett, P.M., for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer to the lodge for so many years with credit to himself and to the undoubted advantage of its members. He personally regretted that, solely on the ground of ill-health, Bro. Everett had resigned that position. The lodge was then closed.

At the banquet the W.M. presided in a most happy and genial manner.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. H. J. Lardner, G. Steward, who responded in a neat speech.

Other toasts followed.

The proceedings, which were very enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary in the East Chapter, No. 47.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Coleman street, Singapore, on Friday, the 15th ult. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Bro. George Thompson. Immediately before the opening of the chapter, the Grand Marshal introduced Illustrious Bro. His Excellency Sir C. B. H. Mitchell, G.C.M.G., District Grand Master for the Eastern Archipelago, 30°, and the M.W.S. welcomed His Excellency through an arch of steel. The formal business of the chapter having been transacted, Bro. G. A. Derrick, P.M.W.S., presented the M.W.S. elect, Bro. Dr. C. H. L. Tripp, and the M.W.S. installed his successor according to ancient custom and with his well-known fluency and exactness of working. Bro. Tripp then named the following as his officers: Bros. Derrick, P.M.W.S., as Prelate; J. Bromhead-Mathews as 1st General; Evan Ormiston as 2nd General; F. M. Elliott (elected), Treas.; A. Barker, Recorder; E. E. Steele as Grand Marshal; G. Thompson, P.M.W.S., as Raphael; and Dr. F. M. Simon as Herald. The M.W.S. proposed, and Bro. G. Thompson seconded, Illustrious Bro. Sir C. B. H. Mitchell, G.C.M.G., 30°, as a joining member of the chapter.

The rest of the business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the members adjourned to the Singapore Club, where an excellent dinner was done justice to.

The M.W.S. having duly proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Thompson rose to propose "The Health of the M.W.S.," alluding in felicitous terms to Bro. Tripp's connection with the chapter, and hoping the members would extend to their M.W.S. the same support and encouragement as they had given to their former M.W.S., and so enable Bro. Tripp to continue the good work begun by his predecessors.

The toast was feelingly honoured, and Bro. Tripp having suitably replied, Bro. Sohst, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of their P.M.W.S., Bro. Thompson, and of the officers of the chapter." He had, unfortunately, been absent from Singapore for a considerable time, but he remembered leaving the chapter almost in ruins, and he could not but conclude, from what he had seen and heard in chapter, how Bro. Thompson and his officers must have worked during his (Bro. Sohst's) absence to raise the chapter from a most deplorable condition to a healthy and flourishing state.

The brethren then separated, having passed a most enjoyable evening.

Secret Monitor.

Royal Sussex Conclave No. 10.

A meeting of the above conclave was held at the Royal Pavilion Masonic Rooms, Brighton, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Mygliston, M.D., S.R.; Mitchell, A. Upton, A. F. Lamette, E. Histed, Sec.; A. Tester, Ryder-Gallard, Tickle, J. Wood, Goode, Sayers, and J. J. Pakes, Sec. 1, P.G.V. Bro. J. Ryder, P.M. 2200, was inducted by the S.R., assisted by Bro. Pakes. Bro. Gallard was advanced to the Second Degree and made a Prince of the Order. A circular was read from Bro. Spratling pertinent to the Order of Secret Monitor in Great Britain. Bro. Mitchell was elected Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lamette was re-elected Treasurer. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. W. E. Morrison, J.P., of Eastbourne, who was an officer of the conclave, which was then closed.

George Andrews Conclave, No. 11.

A meeting of the above conclave was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The following were present: Bros. Col. Gordon, G.V.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; Brokenshire, P.G.C.; Stringer, Dealer, Wright, Vohmann, Fricker, Graf, Wambach, and Ball.

Votes of condolence were passed with Bros. Andrews and Box. The audited accounts were submitted and accepted. Bro. Jacob Wambach, of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, was regularly inducted into the Order by Bro. John J. Pakes, P.G.V., who also afterwards installed Bro. Alfred T. Dealer S.R. of the conclave. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Wright, C.; Vohmann, G.; W. Andrews, Treas.; J. J. Pakes, Sec.; Fricker, Stwd.; R. Graf, Deacon; and Wambach, Guard.

At the subsequent banquet, in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Col. Gordon expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting a conclave in the neighbourhood where he had spent his earliest years.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, when there were present: Bros. Greig, W.M.; Harris, S.W.; Wise, J.W.; Harlow, Preceptor; J. Smith, Sec.; Emden, S.D.; Robeson, J.D.; Knight, I.G.; Pepe, White, Saunton, Holliday, Wade, Drake, H. Dutton, and Butcher.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pepe acting as candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Emden acting as candidate, after which the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. Ridout, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Hill, J.W. and Treas.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Dukes, Sec. Evenden, S.D.; Zeppenfeld, J.D.; Sturgess, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections were rehearsed. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Jessie Collings, P.M., W.M.; W. Hillier, P.M., S.W.; George Read, P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; A. Williams, P.M. I.P.M.; Thos. Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865, S.D.; W. Williams, P.M., J.D.; P. Cronin, I.G.; Robert Reid, Stwd.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; A. J. Clayton, W. Herring, R. Phillips, A. C. S. Mackenzie, J. J. Lewin, H. Scharien, W. Hinds, W. Hide, H. Blackman, A. England, and T. T. Gething.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked as follows by Bros. Mackenzie, H. Scharien, W. Hinds, R. H. Williams, W. H. Coplestone, W. Williams, and Robert Reid, in a very excellent manner. Bros. A. England and T. T. Gething were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; J. E. Thomas, J.W.; W. Hancecock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardyment, S.D.; M. Mirov, J.D.; C. Weston, I.G.; C. Isler, A. L. Langton, S. Cloud, C. T. Rayner, A. Oliver, P.M.; M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. T. Hoare, D. C. Ritchie, R. P. Upton, and J. W. Clarke, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cloud being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rayner, and the lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Upton being the candidate. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. J. A. Battersby, W.M.; J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767, S.W.; A. F. Taylor, J.W.; B. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Lewis Beale, S.D.; R. N. Larter, J.D.; A. England, I.G.; R. Hendy, Stwd.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; W. B. Neville, P.M.; K. M. Ross, T. T. Gething, Maurice Moss, A. J. Clayton, Jesse Smith, R. H. Meyer, H. J. Pearn, J. H. Hamilton, H. Tull, F. Miller, and W. K. Clapp.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Hamilton answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. W. B. Neville took his place, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. H. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Tull, Miller, and Clapp were elected joining members. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Battersby for his excellent working as W.M. for the first time in any lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, when there were present Bros. L. W. Stansell, W.M.; J. Dyke, S.W.; H. A. Potvine, J.W.; E. Gratwick, P.M., Preceptor; S. Dyke, S.D.; F. Blake, P.M., I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; and Wm. Beecher.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Beecher acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. J. Dyke was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Loader, M.E.Z.; Block, H.; Lewis, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Bannister, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Willcox, White, Salmon, and Cass.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Willcox personating the candidate. Comp. Block, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Block, H., for the very able manner he rehearsed the ceremony of H. for the first time. The convocation was then closed, and adjourned to Friday, January 3rd.

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Masonic Notes.

Within the last few days there has been a considerable amount of activity among the brethren of the Mark Degree. On Wednesday, the 12th inst., there was a large gathering of members at Surbiton to witness the installation, by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G. Master, of Bro. the Earl of Onslow as Prov. G. Mark Master of Surrey, in succession to the late Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B. Lord Onslow is now Prov. Grand Master (Craft), Grand Superintendent (Royal Arch), and Prov. Grand Master (Mark) for this county, as well as Prov. Prior in the Order of the Temple for Surrey and Middlesex. It is sincerely to be hoped that the association of his lordship with Surrey in these various capacities will continue for many years to the happy advantage of both.

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On the 19th inst. Bro. the Earl of Euston had the pleasure of consecrating the Dramatic Mark Lodge, No. 487, at Mark Masons' Hall. On this occasion also there was a good muster of the brethren, and when the lodge had been constituted it was started on its career with every likelihood of a long and successful career, under the genial auspices of Bro. Harry Nicholls, who, to judge from the names which figure

in our report, which appears in another column, will be loyally supported by a strong body of brethren who are engaged in, or connected with, the dramatic profession.

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And yet a third Mark function was reported in our columns of last week—the consecration of the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 486, located at Bethlehem, in the Orange Free States. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Thos. Cook, Dist. G. Mark Master of Natal, who, accompanied by Bro. the Rev. Dr. A. Illin, Dist. G. Chaplain, travelled all the way from Durban—a distance of over 300 miles—in order that he might preside on the important occasion of inaugurating the first Mark lodge in this remote State. Here, also, as we understand, there is every prospect of a long and prosperous future for the newly-warranted body, as Mark recruits will be forthcoming, not only from the local Craft lodge—Star of Bethlehem, No. 2522—but also from other localities at a distance.

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The half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory of the Order of the Temple for England and Wales on the 13th instant, of the proceedings at which we publish elsewhere a full report, was attended by a far larger body of sir knights than usual, the business set down for transaction being of the very greatest importance. In the first place, the question of doing away with Convent General has been settled, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, now Sovereign of the Order, has absolved the Great Priors of England and Ireland from their allegiance thereto, and it was agreed that the funds belonging to it should be divided *pro rata* between the National Great Priors of England and Ireland.

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A revised edition of the Statutes of the Order was next submitted to Great Priory. A long discussion followed, but though many of those present took part in the proceedings, it will suffice if we announce that Great Priory resolved that a final decision upon the revised Statutes should be held over till the meeting of the Order in May, 1896, by which time it was hoped that the Preceptories and Grand Officers, both Present and Past, will have had an opportunity of carefully considering the new laws as recommended by the Council. One other announcement was made, namely, that Sir Knight C. F. Matier had been appointed to the office of Vice-Chancellor, rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir Knight Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., and his translation to another sphere of usefulness. We gladly take the opportunity of congratulating Sir Knight Matier on his appointment.

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We have been requested by a Sussex brother to furnish him with some explanation of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the word "Free" as applied to the members of our Society or Fraternity. He tells us there are many young brethren who are members of his lodge who explain it each in his own particular fashion "without reflection." He adds that, in his opinion, we have nothing to do with anything outside Masonry, and that he does not consider the term is used in reference to "freedom of birth," but that it is employed because those who desire to become members do so *freely* and voluntarily, and are *free* to come and *free* to go. We see no great objection to our worthy brother's explanation, so far as it goes, but we think it would be as well if in future he added that the term "Free," as applied to "Masons," originally referred to "Masons" who were "free" of their Guild. Nor do we quite see how it is possible altogether to eliminate the idea of "freedom" in the sense of "freedom by birth," or "freedom from legal responsibility to a parent or guardian."

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According to his own explanation, a person may "freely and voluntarily" offer himself as a candidate for our mysteries and privileges. But a slave or bondman could not so offer himself; nor can a "Lewis"—that is, the son of a Mason—who is still a minor at least, until he has obtained the consent of his legal guardian. This is our view, while if our Correspondent desires further information, we refer him to Bro. Peck's edition of the late Bro. Dr. A. G. Mackey's "Lexicon of Freemasonry," under the words "Freeborn" and "Freemason," and to Kenning's "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," under the same words. We would also remind our brother of the answer to the inquiry as to "Who are free and proper persons to be made Masons," which begins "just, upright, and *free* men." It is evident that "free" here implies something more than the mere possession of *freedom* of will to become a Mason, but that he is also at liberty to exercise that *freedom*, which a slave is not, or a minor, that is, one who is not of the "full age of 21 years."

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.]

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hope that nobody will follow the advice of "Lex Scripta," as the non-confirmation of the minutes in March next would be a calamity and extremely awkward.

Does "Lex Scripta" know, that apart from the never ending "Cambria" discussion, the regular business of the Colonial Board does not last more than 15 minutes, so what an Assistant Grand Secretary would find to do I cannot think.

The Craft can rely upon certain brethren of Colonial experience being appointed by the Grand Master, and it is open to any brother to propose two or three able brethren of such standing as will secure their election.

"Lex Scripta" is in error in writing of Bro. Dr. Pocock as a member of the Board of General Purposes; he retired in June last.

The question of the retiring six is difficult; it seems right for those who have attended least to drop out, not those who tout and canvas least.—Yours fraterally,

"OBSERVER."

Reviews.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF ST. JAMES, No. 448, HALIFAX, on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England of Free and Accepted Masons from 1837 to 1890; with an Account of the Election and Consecration of the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax. By Austin Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. West Yorkshire. Presented to the lodge January 22nd, 1894, by the Author.—Leeds: Goodall and Suddick, Printers, Cookridge-street, 1895.—The History, which is contained in this exceedingly handsome volume, and has been compiled with so much ability and judgment by Bro. Austin Roberts, is an amplification of the account he delivered of the origin and progress of Lodge No. 448, at its Jubilee Commemoration Festival on the 23rd October, 1888, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of members and visitors, prominent among the latter of whom were the late respected Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., then Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and his Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, Past G.D. of England. It was a notable occasion in the annals of the lodge, which, like most other lodges, has experienced its vicissitudes of fortune during the 50 years of its existence, but which, at all events, during the latter portion of that period has been uniformly strong in numbers, and exemplary in the discharge of its appointed duties. Moreover, as there are circumstances in its career which do not often fall to the lot of the historian of so comparatively young a lodge to record, Bro. Roberts has had at his command ample material for the compilation of an extremely interesting volume, nor do we think there will be the slightest hesitation on the part of those who read his history in acknowledging that he has made excellent use of his opportunities. The petition for a charter of constitution for the proposed lodge bears date the 24th December, 1837, and was transmitted by the then Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Charles Lee, to Bros. White and Harper, joint Secretaries of the United Grand Lodge, on the 4th January, 1838, but it was not till the 27th August following that Bro. Lee was in a position to announce to the W.M. designate and his brother-founders that the charter had been received. And hereby hangs a tale which is the reverse of creditable to the then executive officers of Grand Lodge. The petition, as we have said, was forwarded to headquarters on the 4th January, 1838. On the following 4th May, the Dep. Prov. G.M., having in the interim been informed that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, and in view of the approaching annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire, at Wakefield, on the 7th of the same month, addresses a letter to the G. Secretaries, requesting a reply by return of post, as he is anxious to prove to the brethren that the delay in respect to the lodge warrant has not arisen through any default on his part. At the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge three days later, the Dep. P.G.M. mentioned the circumstances, the following being the entry in the minutes in which the incident is recorded: "The R.W.D.G.M. stated that a petition to the M.W.G.M. the Duke of Sussex, from certain brethren at Thornton, near Bradford, had been received by him and had been transmitted to the G.S. so long ago as January the 4th, 1838, but although the G.S. had intimated that the prayer of the petitioners had been granted, yet up to that period no Warrant had been received. This created a strong sensation among the brethren." No corresponding "sensation," however, appears to have been created in the G. Secretaries' office at Freemasons' Hall. On the 4th June Bro. Lee again wrote to the G. Secretaries, enclosing a letter he had received from the petitioners, who were desirous of entering upon their Masonic duties, and at the same time Bro. Roberts suggests that he may have forwarded a copy of his letter to the Earl of Mexborough, who was then Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, invoking his lordship's kind offices in their behalf. At all events, on the 27th June, after an interval of six months all but one week, Bro. Harper forwards to the D.P.G.M. a dispensation which, when signed by the Deputy, "will answer the purpose until a warrant may be signed by his Royal Highness and forwarded." Under the dispensation the petitioners lost no time in settling about their duties and met for the first time as a lodge on the 9th July, when two candidates for initiation were balloted for and approved. At length, on the 27th August, as already mentioned, the long looked for warrant, dated 17th March, 1838, is in the possession of the Dep. P.G.M., and it is found possible to suggest the necessity for making arrangements for the consecration. Owing, however, to prior engagements on the part of the Dep. P.G.M., and other unavoidable circumstances, the lodge was not consecrated till the 29th October, that is to say, nearly ten months after the petition was sent and more than seven months subsequent to the actual date of the warrant. However, the ceremony was performed on the day appointed, by the D.P.G.M. in the presence of some 50 brethren, of whom 14 were members, the style and title being the Loyal Antient St. James's Lodge, No. 656, the place of meeting a private room in Thornton, and the first W. Master Bro. Issac Tempest. At Thornton, after the first few years, the lodge suffered from a paucity of members, and at length it became manifest that unless something was done it would pass out of existence altogether. It was therefore resolved to move the lodge to Halifax, and on the 6th July, 1856, the brethren held their first meeting in that town. The change proved so beneficial that in the first six months 11 initiates and eight joining members were added to the roll. In 1860 it joined with the Lodge of Probity—now No. 61—in entertaining Prov. G. Lodge, while the year following it obtained the sanction of the authorities to change its name to St. James's. A few years later it became a question, not as at Thornton, as to how, considering the paucity of its members, it should continue to meet and fulfil its duties, but where, in consequence of its increased numerical strength, it could find premises large enough to accommodate the lodge. Various plans were talked over and ultimately it was resolved to purchase a site and erect on it a building of their own. When this became known the Lodge of Probity expressed a wish to join the St. James's Lodge in the erection of the premises, and arrangements having been agreed upon between the two bodies, the first stone was laid by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., P. Prov. G.W., of the Lodge of Probity, and on the 26th August of the following year the two lodges entered into occupation of their new hall, the ceremony of dedicating it to the purposes of Freemasonry being solemnly performed by the Earl de Grey and Ripon, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, on the 24th November, 1869. Since then the lodge has gone on prospering, and, as stated at the outset of this article, celebrated the jubilee of its constitution on the 23rd October in the presence of Bro. Tew, P.G.M., and Bro. H. Smith, D.P.G.M., and a large muster of brethren from other lodges in the province, having the year previous, in conjunction with the Lodge of Probity, celebrated the Queen's Jubilee by raising the sum of £900 in part liquidation of the debt on the hall, each lodge agreeing to contribute a moiety of the sum, viz., £450. Having noted the principal events recorded in the pages of Bro. Roberts' History, it only remains for us to express our satisfaction at the very able manner in which he has acquitted himself of his duties as author. It is difficult to see how any one could have done the work better. It is an eminently readable book, and one that for its style of treatment reflects credit upon the historian, as the events he has described undoubtedly reflect credit upon the lodge. A word of praise must also be added as to the appearance of the book, which is beautifully printed on toned paper, and handsomely and, at the same time, strongly and substantially bound.

Craft Masonry.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 204.

The installation took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, when there was a large gathering of brethren present, no doubt on account of Bro. Chas. Duckworth, P.M., being installed for the second time into the chair. We must say this ancient lodge has kept its reputation as regards the choice of Master and the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were performed. The chair was taken by Bro. E. A. Bretey, W.M., supported by his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Charles Duckworth, P.M., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Bretey, who installed his successor in a very able manner. He appointed as Installing Officers, Bros. Normanton, P.M., as S.W.; Martin Thomas, P.P.G.D., as J.W.; John Cliffe, P.P.G.D.C., as D.C.; J. Maxwell, P.P.G. Org., as Org.; and Bramwell, P.M., as I.G. Bro. Duckworth, P.M., was briefly inducted into the chair of K.S. and duly declared and saluted by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. John Cliffe. Bro. T. Sawyer, P.M., presented the working working tools, Bro. Martin Thomas addressed the W.M., and Bro. Normanton, P.M., the Wardens, whilst the brethren were addressed by Bro. Bramwell. Bro. John Cliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was, as usual, in very good form, and invested the officers and explained to them the duties of each. They were as follows: Bros. Charles Duckworth, W.M.; E. A. Bretey, I.P.M.; G. W. Thornhill, S.W.; J. H. Williams, J.W.; M. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; J. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; Assheton Stanley, S.D.; J. Gordon, J.D.; John Cliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Maxfield, P.M. 1957, P.P.G.O. Cheshire, Org.; T. Mawdsley, I.G.; W. Hodgson, Wm. Muir, J. M. Mottram, and Bilsbury, Stwds.; and E. H. Flower, P.M., Tyler. Bro. G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec., was unanimously elected as Charity Representative.

After all Masonic business had been ended, the lodge was closed, and subsequently a banquet was held to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music had been arranged. The following contributed songs: Bros. Martin Thomas, Thomas Shorrocks, P.M., J. Parker, and Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S. Bro. W. H. Maxfield, P.M., acted as accompanist, and Bro. J. S. Derbyshire contributed a solo excellently rendered on the violin.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very happy evening was spent.

The following is a list of those present on the occasion: Bros. E. A. Bretey, W.M.; G. W. Thornhill, S.W.; J. H. Williams, J.W.; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; A. Stanley, S.D.; John Gordon, J.D.; John Cliffe, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Maxfield, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Thos. Mawdsley, I.G.; E. H. Flower, P.G.T.; S. Bramwell, P.M.; C. Duckworth, P.M.; E. H. Normanton, P.M.; T. Sawyer, P.M.; W. M. Muir, W. Hodgson, James Watson, J. O. Broad, and J. M. Mottram. Visitors: Bros. R. Timpulo, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Derbyshire, Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.; H. Nall, P.P.G.S.; W. Gadd, W.M. 2464; W. Baron, W.M. 1219; A. Lawley, P.P. A.G.D.C.; Fred Hilton, P.P.G.D.C.; C. M. J. Schofield, G. Nomy, Sam Locke, P.M.; H. H. Mayor, H. Grimshaw, W.M.; John Faulker, T. Shorrocks, P.M.; T. Mottley, P.P.G.D.C.; John Taylor, P.M.; Rev. Philip Harris, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancs.; John Brookes, and John Parker.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1170.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The summons showed the work to be an initiation, which is somewhat unusual in this lodge. Bro. J. C. Watham, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William Brookes, P.M., Treas., assumed the chair and initiated the candidate. Bro. Watham presented the working tools, and Bro. A. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Org., gave the address to the candidate. All the work was exceedingly well done, Bro. Peter Lawton, P.P.G.D., acted as J.D. There were 20 brethren present.

Truth Lodge, No. 1458.

The meeting of this lodge was one of great importance, and took place on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester. The event was the installation of Bro. W. H. Worsley, S.W., W.M. elect. He is a brother who for some years past has been an ardent student of Masonry, and it has always been his ambition to gain the highest honour it is possible for the members of any lodge to bestow. Having gained the goal, he decided to do all he could to celebrate the event right loyally towards his numerous friends. He spared no trouble so that the brethren and visitors might have every pleasure. In fact, it will at once be seen with what popularity Bro. Worsley is held when we saw 45 Past Masters in the Board of Installed Masters. The large number of members assembled about 2.30 p.m.

The lodge was opened by Bro. E. M. Shepherd, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being a passing due, the ceremony was performed by Bro. Alfred Hebden, P.P.D.G.D.C., who then vacated the chair, and the position of Installing Master was assumed by Bro. Fred Hilton, P.P.G.D.C., who appointed as Installing Officers Bros. Robert Caldwell, P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; A. Hebden, as J.W.; B. Carr, P.M., as I.G.; and J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C., the latter presenting Bro. Worsley to the Installing Master. The interesting function was very creditably performed by Bro. Hilton, assisted by Bros. Hebden, B. Carr, R. Caldwell, T. H. Hall, P.M., Sec.; Davies, P.M.; and Lennard, P.M., who was duly saluted in the different Degrees. The following brethren were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. E. M. Shepherd, I.P.M.; T. P. Cooper, S.W.; A. B. Taylor, J.W.; B. Carr, P.M., Chap.; F. Hilton, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Hall, P.M., Sec.; L. Hirsch, S.D.; J. J. Dean, J.D.; H. Hellewell, I.G.; A. Hebden, P.M., D.C.; and S. Muller, A. Leach, and Oswald Whittaker, Stewards. The ceremony all through was interesting, inasmuch as it was an agreeable change to hear several qualified brethren take part. At the close of the installation, Bro. W. H. Worsley took the gavel, and, from the very able and business-like way in which he conducted affairs, showed at once he was a very desirable president, and we have no doubt he will prove an excellent Master. The offertory having been taken, the lodge was duly closed.

A banquet subsequently took place, at which the numerous guests were entertained. Here, again, the W.M. shone to great advantage as a president. The usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

During the evening two presentations were made in the form of jewels—one to Bro. Shepherd, I.P.M., and the other to Bro. Alfred Hebden, P.M., who has acted as Preceptor and D.C. for many years. The latter was a fine specimen of design and workmanship, it being a combination of P.M. and D.C. with the emblem of Truth beautifully enamelled on a gold plate on the ribbon suspender.

Another presentation was made in the form of a very handsome derrick for the ornamentation of the lodge. Bro. Hebden presented it on behalf of the W.M.

The elaborate programme was successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. G. H. Bishop, assisted by Bros. Nelson Stokes, Ridsdale, Bowley, P.M.; J. Robinson, and Alexander Marr, and, in addition, the W.M. gave a pianoforte solo, which was most charmingly rendered, and delighted the vast assembly.

The following brethren were present: Bros. E. M. Shepherd, W.M.; H. L. Burgess, P.M.; A. B. Taylor, S.W.; Fred Hilton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. H. Hall, P.M., Sec.; A. Hebden, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; L. Hirsch, J.D.; J. Joseph Dean, I.G.; James Hyde, Tyler; M. Davies, P.M.; Buckley Carr, P.M.; J. Archdale, P.M.; R. Caldwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. T. Lennard, P.M.; Joseph Hilton, H. Hellewell, T. Stuart, W. Dewhurst, E. J. Parkin, T. P. Cooper, J. Peaver, S. Drew, A. Leach, J. H. Morris, and G. H. Bishop. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; H. Nall, P.M. 1375, 2363, P.G. Treas. West Lancs.; A. Middleton, P.M. 645, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M. 1134, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bee, P.M. 1459, P.A.G.D.C.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M. 1730, P.P.G.T. West Lancs.; H. H. Warburton, P.M. 163, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Gamlin, P.M. 605, P.P.G.D.; P. Duff, P.M. 603, P.P.S.G.D.; H. L. Roca, P.M. 815, 2322, P.P.J.G.D.; M. Thomas, P.M. 2303, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1037, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Cliffe, P.M. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Higham, P.M. 1083, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. B. Russell, P.M. 1219, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs.; W. A. Hepworth, W.M. 103; H. J. Harrison, W.M. 581; G. Proudman, W.M. 1013, J.W. 2499; Geo. B. Goodfellow, W.M. 1030; Robt. Lingard, W.M. 1033; J. Orme, W.M. 1459; John

Travers, I.P.M. 1387; Wm. Gleave, P.M. 104; D. Guymer, P.M. 633; J. H. Wrigley, P.M. 815; S. Wrigley, P.M. 1052, 2363; W. W. Lofthouse, P.M. 1052; J. Selby, P.M. 1083; J. Robinson, P.M. 1219; C. H. Beever, P.M. 1375, 2363; E. Roberts, P.M. 1459; A. Jacobson, P.M. 1633; F. R. Bowley, P.M. 2216; J. B. Peace, Treas. 1055; Peter Robinson, 152; L. Jagger, 287; C. B. Grocock, 473; Wm. B. Gleave, 581; G. D. Wicks, 993; J. J. H. Fairclough, 1219; A. Marr, 1219; Nelson Stokes, 2156, 2387; and Sam Luke, 2363.

Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others: Bros. C. Bachoffner, W.M.; Murphy, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; G. Stwd., Treas.; Witt, S.D.; Stanley, J.D.; J. D. Webb, D.C.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.P.G. Org. Asst. Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.G. S.B.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; H. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.; N. P. Lardner, P.M.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M.; and E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Tyler. Among the visitors was Bro. Jackson, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Woodhill, S.W.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng.; H. Herbert, I.P.M.; and many others. The lodge was then closed.

The W.M. genially presided at the banquet.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. regretted that the bad health of Bro. H. Herbert, I.P.M., had prevented him from attending that evening, and it was also a source of regret to them all that Bro. Nelson Prower, P.M., was leaving England for a considerable time. In the name of the lodge he wished the latter *bon voyage* and a speedy return. He coupled the names of Bros. Simpson and Nelson Prower with the toast.

The former's reply was characterised by its bathos and the latter's by its pathos.

Bro. Dr. Hinton, M.A., presided effectively at the pianoforte.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.

The 15th installation meeting of this lodge—the only lodge composed exclusively of newspaper reporters and writers—was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 14th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Lock. The lodge was very numerously attended by both members and visitors, both sections arriving in time for the working of the lodge. The Masonic Hall at Anderton's, which affords plenty of room for the most numerous of lodges, was consequently well filled, for this particular meeting of the Gallery Lodge was more largely patronised than any of its predecessors. The list of brethren present included the names of Bros. Chas. Lock, W.M.; J. C. Manning, I.P.M.; Percy W. Husk, S.W.; G. Tarran, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; S. James, J.D.; F. W. Brodie, D.C.; L. F. Gowing, A.D.C.; E. A. Peachey, I.G.; G. H. Ribbons, H. L. Bell, J. D. Irvine, and W. G. Kirby, Stewards; H. Massey, P.M.; J. Hurdell, P.M.; E. E. Peacock, P.M.; G. E. Saunders, P.M.; T. Minstrell, P.M., P.G.P.; H. F. Bussey, P.M.; J. C. Duckworth, P.M.; T. G. Scott, P.M.; Alfred F. Robbins, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund; A. E. Baines, Cornwallis Smith, J. E. Lane, W. G. Proudfoot, E. Hobson, John Martin, Edgar Clyatt, Philip H. Heming, T. O'Neill Lane, J. Macintyre, Chas. W. Kent, J. Bune, and J. Very, Tyler. The visitors who attended were Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Tuttle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Board, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancs.; A. Asher, P.G.P.; E. J. Dyme, 186; W. T. Chapman, 165, New South Wales; J. Jones, 2036; J. H. Scott, 1673; W. L. Grant, 2231; J. Read, 1383; E. L. Horne, 227; H. D. Blake, 813; J. W. Stevens, 2234; E. Edwards, 1891; C. T. Quicke, 1531; T. F. Strutt, 1679; E. H. Brainley, 957; T. Bells, 2190; W. J. Wetenhall, 2168; and M. Henry, 1679.

The W.M. installed as his successor in the chair Bro. Percy W. Husk, and himself received from Bro. Husk the collar and jewel of I.P.M. The other officers for the year were Bros. Geo. Tarran, S.W.; Bert Striem, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; S. James, S.D.; E. A. Peachey, J.D.; F. W. Brodie, I.G.; Rev. J. S. Barrass, Chap.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; J. C. Manning, P.M., D.C.; L. F. Gowing and G. H. Ribbons, A.D.Cs.; H. L. Bell, J. D. Irvine, W. G. Kirby, and A. E. Baines, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Charles Lock, I.P.M., who performed the whole of the work unaided, after having received the sincere congratulations of the brethren on the admirable and perfect manner in which he had discharged the final duty of his year of office, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the authorised Gallery Lodge pattern. The consideration of the Audit Committee's report, which was very favourable, was deferred till next meeting of the lodge, and the brethren having been reminded by Bro. W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas., that subscriptions were due on December 1st, and not on November 30th following, lodge was closed, and the brethren participated in convivial enjoyment, which included an excellent repast and vocal and instrumental music.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been disposed of,

Bro. Husk, W.M., said: The next toast that I have the honour to propose is that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." It is a toast that is always given and received at our festive board with sincerity and appreciation, because probably there is no body of men in the Queen's dominion who are better able to appreciate his sterling merit than the representatives of the newspaper press. Especially happy are we English Freemasons in the knowledge that we possess as our head one who has rendered such invaluable service in guiding and directing the destinies of a great nation, and one who is heir to the throne. To-day the great bells of our churches are pealing forth the joyous news that H.R.H. the Duchess of York has presented her Royal husband with a baby boy. May the little stranger follow in the footsteps of his illustrious grandfather, and so spread happiness and goodwill to all mankind!

Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., and Dr. R. Tuttle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., responded to the toast which includes "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the former alluding to his long acquaintance with the Gallery Lodge, and his visits to its meetings, not only at Anderton's Hotel, but at its first quarters—Brixton Hall. He had witnessed its rise and progress, which had given him great gratification; every time he visited it the work was better done, and that evening had been its crowning point in that respect, for the performance of Bro. Lock in installing his successor could not be excelled in quality. He had also viewed with much pleasure the steady practical resolve to advance the cause of Charity, a cause in which he (Bro. Eve) had always taken the deepest interest.

The I.P.M., Bro. Charles Lock, proposed the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Gallery Lodge"—the Metropolitan Masonic home of journalism and the only purely Press lodge in the world. He said that to talk of the Gallery Lodge would be to talk of their noble selves, and he did not, therefore, propose to enter upon a task so invidious, if it were not positively dangerous. His intention was to give them in a few words the health of the Master, and to wish him, in the name of all present, a year of unalloyed happiness in the government of his lodge. Bro. Husk was thoroughly well known to them, and if, therefore, he (Bro. Lock) were to endeavour with his imperfect brush to paint the lily, he should be simply doing, in an inefficient manner, that which they could best do themselves. This, however, he would say—that Bro. Husk, like most of the Masters who had preceded him, was initiated in the lodge, and he had served the various offices with credit, and that he entered the chair of K.S. with the heartiest goodwill of the lodge, and with the firm intention of its officers to support, in every way, his own exertions for the successful management of its affairs.

Bro. Husk, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said: I pray accept my heartfelt thanks for the very cordial reception you have accorded the toast so charmingly proposed by our Immediate Past Master. I am afraid, however, Bro. Lock has too highly coloured my feeble abilities, and thrust upon me virtues which I do not possess, and which my native modesty may never allow me to hope for. Occupying as I do this chair for the first time, I must confess to a sense of fear and trepidation when I look around to find myself presiding over so numerous an assembly of Masonic lights and leaders in literature and journalism. This fear is intensified by the fact that the chair is of sufficient capacity to hold several of my size with comfort, but whatever I may lack in bulk I hope to outweigh in Masonic ritual. Brethren, on the night of my initiation, in the course of a few remarks at the subsequent banquet, I said "the time shall come"—only I was anticipated by, perhaps, a more fluent spokesman—and to-night I find that terrible prediction verified. Having been good enough to elect me your Worshipful Master, I promise to carry out the duties of that high estate to the best of my abilities, to maintain and uphold the prestige and dignity of the Gallery Lodge, and

finally to hand over to my successor the warrant as pure and unsullied as I have received it. As to my programme. I shall, as far as possible, follow the example of the Immediate Past Master. I hope to represent the lodge at the Old Folks' Festival, as Bro. Lock was present at the Girls' dinner, and the year before Bro. Manning was with the Boys. I shall in the usual course of things come round with the hat for the benefit of the Old People, and trust all will cheerfully respond. The ladies' night and the annual outing I trust the Treasurer will sanction. And now I arrive at a less pleasant topic, and that is the subject of annual subscriptions. Subscriptions are payable in advance in December, and brethren failing to pay them are creating a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, and unthinkingly cause considerable trouble to our Brother Treasurer, which I hope will be avoided in future.

Bro. Husk, W.M., again rose and said: The next toast that I have to propose is one which I am sure you will receive with unaffected pleasure, and in regard to which my great fear is that in the paucity of my address I may fail to do it the justice it deserves—I refer to the toast of "The I.P.M." of this lodge. Distinguished as have been the services rendered by all of my predecessors in the chair which I now have the honour to occupy, I may say, without in the least detracting from the high praise which is their due, that the circumstances surrounding the past Masonic year have been attended with peculiar and unprecedented difficulties—difficulties which no other Master of this lodge has had to encounter, and which no Master in the world could have met with greater firmness, greater dignity, or greater generosity of spirit. What those difficulties were it is unnecessary for me to state, nor indeed should I have alluded to them did I not feel it incumbent upon me in simple justice to our Immediate Past Master. In other respects has Bro. Lock's year of office been noteworthy. I venture to say that the working has never been more satisfactorily performed. From first to last there has been no halting of any kind—no indecision where a duty had to be performed, or hesitation when the well-being of the lodge or the comfort or necessities of a brother demanded energy or self-sacrifice. Under his auspices we participated in one of the most enjoyable picnics. The record established by the Charity box testifies to the love and affection in which he is held, while the fact that, for the first time in the annals of the Gallery Lodge we are in a prosperous financial position speaks in eloquent terms to the popularity of his rule, and finally, though I have by no means exhausted the list of his golden achievements, Bro. Lock has spared no effort to materially increase our voting power and with it to increase our usefulness as a factor in doing good. I have one fault, however, to find with our Immediate Past Master, and that is that he should have so distinguished himself. He has set me a task—from which I do not shrink—but in which I feel it will be more than difficult for me to reach the level upon which he has placed himself. I am happy, however, in the knowledge that in him I have the kindest and one of the most indefatigable of friends. He will place at my service the ladder by which he ascended, and will even support it while I attempt to rise. Whether I shall reach his level time alone can decide. I will say no more, brethren, except this, I will ask you to drink upstanding with all heartiness and in a manner befitting our deep sense of his many good qualities, the health of our Immediate Past Master.

Bro. Charles Lock, I.P.M., who was cordially greeted on rising to respond, said he desired to thank the brethren very sincerely for their flattering reception of the toast and the W.M. for the too kind terms in which he had referred to himself. The W.M., as well as the Grand Officers present, had been pleased to allude in terms of warm commendation to the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and now that it was over he did not mind letting them into a bit of a secret. Down to a few nights previously he confessed to have no thought of attaining to anything above the ordinary level of performance, but he was then introduced to a certain celebrated professor whom, if they had never met him privately, they all knew in connection with a certain commodious home of entertainment in Westminster, a gentleman who was great in reading man's destiny by his natural, not accidental, bumps, and who said "Sir, you have great dramatic power; you have mistaken your vocation; you are a born actor." That phrenological revelation must have kindled the smouldering dramatic fire within his heart, and Professor Cross had, therefore, if the commendations passed upon his work that evening were justified, rendered the Gallery Lodge good suit and service. But the order was for short speeches and in the interests of harmony he should leave the realms of dissertation to that other excellent journalistic institution which appeared to be so well adapted to it, and which, moreover, was in the happy position of being able to publish its earnest deliberations to the world. They had been kind enough to inform him that his year of office had been one of success for the lodge and the statement was very gratifying because it was an assurance that his efforts had not been in vain. He had been guided by the motto: "If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well." In that he was sure he should receive the approval of all present, yet, would they believe it, he met a brother the other day who had his doubts about it. He ought to say the brother was a stickler for teetotalism, which might account for his scepticism, but he said "Ah! yes, if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well, so long as it is not applied to Scotch whiskey." Of course, the obvious reply to that was, "Well, that depends upon the brand." But, seriously, he could only say that his earnest desire as Master had been to promote the happiness of the members and the success of our ancient Institution. He did not intend to attempt a retrospect of the year, but would merely say that the lodge was never more firmly knit in good fellowship than it was now; that its finances were perfectly sound, and that, in respect of its Charitable organisation and work, it had attained a position which was most gratifying, and it was pursuing a deliberate and settled policy in respect to their noble Charities which should ere long place it in the front rank of those lodges which were conspicuous for their works of benevolence and love. If he had contributed in any way to these aims, he should pass into the ranks of the P.Ms.—or, as a waggish brother remarked to him on one occasion, the ranks of the great unknown—with the proud consciousness of not having laboured in vain or falsified the hope which he last year expressed of doing something worthy and of maintaining pure and unsullied the charter which that night he had transmitted to his successor. He could not sit down without expressing his sincere thanks to all the officers who had so ably and successfully advised and assisted him, and especially to Bro. Perkins, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, for the courtesy which he had shown him and for the zeal and ability which he had displayed in the discharge of duties which were at all times onerous and which, this year, had been most especially so.

The remaining toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters" (responded to by Bro. Perkins, P.M.), and "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers" (acknowledged by Bro. Geo. Tarran, S.W.) having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings at a late hour.

The entertainers after dinner were Bros. George Ridgwell Fred. Stevens, Fred. Everill, Oakland and Thompson (remarkably clever duettists, who have just arrived from America), Messrs. Steve Caffrey, Orme Darvall, and Harry Buss, with Bro. Tom Physick as accompanist.

Royal Arch.

Industry Chapter, No. 48.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Amongst those present were Comps. R. H. Holme, M.E.Z.; R. Stewart, II.; W. J. Jobson, J.; T. R. Jobson, I.P.Z.; W. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.Z., as S.E.; H. Jackson, S.N.; J. Boazman, Treas.; W. Holzappel, 1st A.S.; A. Dodds, 2nd A.S.; W. E. Peacock, R. Ferry, and others. Amongst the visitors were Comps. G. Harland, M.E.Z. 240; J. T. Wilson, P.Z. 240; J. Humber, T. Coverdale, 240; and others.

Bro. Thos. Douglas was duly balloted for, and being present, was exalted in due form by Comp. Holme, M.E.Z., who afterwards delivered the mystical lecture, and Comp. W. J. Jobson gave the historical lecture. The whole of the ritual was well performed, and reflected great credit on the officers on their first appearance in their respective offices.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

A successful convocation of this chapter, which is attached to the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, was held in the chapter room, Cambridge, on the 18th inst. The proceedings commenced with the installation of the Principals, namely, Comps. W. P. Spalding, M.E.Z.; Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, II.; and C. H. Banham, J. The occupants of the first and second chairs were installed by Comp. F. Piggott, I.P.Z., and that of the third chair by Comp. Tuttielt. The following is a list of the officers for the year: Comps.

F. Piggott, P.G.P.S., I.P.Z.; Oliver Papworth, P.Z., P.G.H., S.E.; W. Hutchinson, S.N.; T. Hunnybun, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. B. Sheppard, P.S.; G. Chennell, 1st A.S.; A. E. Chaplin, P.G. Treas., 2nd A.S.; B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.H., D.C.; A. W. Aldrich, P.G.O., Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Steward; and G. A. Allen, Janitor. Bros. Tollemache and Langridge, of 88, were afterwards elected and exalted. The chiefs were assisted by Comps. B. Chennell, P.Z., and F. Piggott, I.P.Z. At the banquet which followed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. J. Royston, H. 441, responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Comp. J. Sheldrick, P.Z. 441, for "The Visitors."

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.

A meeting of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Comps. Dr. Frye, M.E.Z.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., P.Z., as H.; Cleghorn, P.Z., as J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Witthaus, P.S.; Hamley, 1st A.S.; Johnston, 2nd A.S.; N. Moss, J.P., P.Z.; and T. C. Edmunds, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the First Principal," expressed his regret that Comp. Dr. Frye had had no work to do since his installation in April last. He (the M.E.Z.) was an able exponent of the ritual, and it was to be hoped that ere he vacated the chair an opportunity would be given him of displaying his abilities.

The M.E.Z., having replied, gave the toast of "The Past Principals." He congratulated the chapter upon possessing so many excellent workers in the Royal Arch Degree, amongst whom might be mentioned Comps. G. Davis and Cleghorn. There were also two other popular members, Comp. Harfeld, their excellent Treasurer, and Comp. N. Moss, whose services were always at the disposal of the companions. He coupled the toast with the names of Comps. N. Moss and Cleghorn.

Those companions having replied, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Buckingham Chapter, No. 591.

The annual convocation of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Comps. E. T. Mackrill, M.E.Z.; J. W. Burgess, H.; J. Bliss, J.; J. J. Thomas, P.Z.; L. Paulton, P.Z.; J. Edgington, P.Z.; S. Payne, P.Z.; O. J. Grace, P.Z., P.G.S. Eng.; J. Knight, P.Z.; J. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; J. J. Simcox, S.N.; Surfleet, P.S.; Sherwin, Asst. Sec.; Ball, Coppuck, Cornick, Dr. Parker, Lomas, Hubbard, J. Payne, Janitor; and J. N. Hodgkinson, Asst. Janitor.

The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Next followed the ballot for four brethren, which proved unanimous, and they were duly exalted, the work being done in an excellent manner. The Three Principals were next installed, viz., Comps. Burgess, as M.E.Z.; Bliss, as H.; and Williams, as J.; the installation ceremony being performed by Comp. J. Williams, P.Z. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Comps. Surfleet, S.N.; Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Simcox, P.S.; Sherwin, 1st A.S.; Hubbard, 2nd A.S.; and Edgington, Auditor and Organist. The M.E.Z. then, in very suitable words, presented on behalf of the chapter a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Mackrill, as a small token of their appreciation of his work during the past year. Comp. Mackrill duly responded, and thanked the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions afterwards dined together.

Letters of apology were received from several companions, and a congratulatory telegram was received from the Grand Superintendent, Comp. J. S. Brownrigg.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, No. 645.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The chapter was opened by Comp. C. H. Arnold, M.E.Z., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The business on the summons showed an exaltation of Bro. Isidore E. A. Götz, which ceremony was performed by the following companions: Comps. J. E. Lees, P.Z., P.P.G.T., who gave the first lecture; Child, P.Z., the second; and J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D. of C., P.G.H., the third, whilst Comp. S. Moore performed the duties of P.S. All through the ceremony was admirably rendered, and was a great treat to all who beheld it.

The following were present: Comps. C. H. Arnold, M.E.Z.; Nathan Heywood, H.; Child, P.Z., acting J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.S.B., P.G.H.; A. H. Jeffers, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. E. Lees, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Warburton, P.G.S.; G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; R. W. Routley, S.N.; Sam Moore, P.S.; Loese, 1st A.S.; and C. H. Flower, P.G. Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Midgley, P.Z., and S. J. Mills.

Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 12th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. Dennis, M.E.Z.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.D. G.D.C., as H.; H. Salter, P.Z., as J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Lundie, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; Colwell, P.S.; Smith, 1st A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; and Whitney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate for joining having been proposed and seconded, the chapter was closed.

Refreshment followed labour, and upon the removal of the cloth the M.E.Z. gave the usual toasts.

Comp. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." He then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he said that their First Principal during his tenure of the chair in the Kennington Lodge had worked well. His year of office as W.M. had been a most successful one. However, there had been a dearth of candidates in the Royal Arch Degree in No. 1381, and Comp. Dennis had had no opportunities of distinguishing himself as he had done in the mother lodge. Nevertheless, the chapter was very prosperous.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave "The Past Principals," coupled with the names of Comps. Lardner and Westley, whose talents in the general work of Freemasonry were well known.

These companions having replied, the M.E.Z. gave "The S.E. and Treasurer" and "The Officers."

During the proceedings some excellent instrumental and vocal selections were given.

Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

The regular convocation of this successful and flourishing South London chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Chancery-road, Peckham, S.E., on Thursday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; B. Morgan, H.; T. Grumant, P.Z., acting J.; John Lightfoot, I.P.Z., acting S.E.; Wm. Beccroft, S.N.; R. W. Thmar, P.S.; C. A. Adams, 1st A.S.; H. Cornford, 2nd A.S.; Thos. Bowler, Janitor; Walter Davies, P.Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, P.Z.; Wm. Wills, J. elect; Fred Pow, E. Aggleton, W. B. Hardwick, J. Hands, J. Austin, F. W. Downs, J. Atkinson, and H. Hayward. Visitors: Comps. John Loader, M.E.Z. elect 1622; G. Benedetti, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. elect 1329; F. E. Choveaux, Org. 1622; Wm. Snell, 1216; Jas. Block, J. 73; and James Bunker, S.N. 1471.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting in October having been read and confirmed, Comp. Wm. Wills, J. elect, was presented by Comp. J. Lightfoot, I.P.Z., to Comp. T. Grumant, who performed the installation of the third chair, Comp. Wills being installed in a very perfect and impressive manner. The ballot was next taken for Bros. J. Hands, W.M. 1158; J. Austin, P.M., Sec. 1158; Joseph Atkinson, 1158; and F. Wm. Downs, 1158, which, proving unanimous, they were exalted into Royal Arch Masonry most commendably, the lectures being given by the Principals in such a manner as to call forth a most favourable comment by all present. Apologies were tendered from Comp. W. H. Hock, P.Z., Treas., on account of being unwell, and also from Comp. T. W. Gay, S.E., being the 25th anniversary of his wedding day, for which he received hearty congratulations.

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed, and the companions adjourned to

a sumptuous repast, supplied by the worthy host, Comp. F. E. Pow, which was highly appreciated.

The cloth removed, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and received right royally. Also that of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. commenting upon their excellent working and assistance given for the benefit of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Lightfoot, I.P.Z., next proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," remarking upon the excellent start on that, the first night after exaltation, of having four such worthy exaltees. He also congratulated the M.E.Z. on the manner the splendid ceremony had been performed, and he would say to the companions that Comp. Stone was reaping somewhat of the reward he so richly deserved for the yeoman service he had done and was doing for the good of Freemasonry. He hoped that the M.E.Z. might be spared to continue in such good work, and he asked the companions to drink to the toast in a bumper.

In response, the M.E.Z. most heartily thanked Comp. Lightfoot for such kind remarks, and to all the companions for its reception so cordially. He would assure the companions that he should continue to perform whatever duties might devolve upon him to the utmost of his power and specially to maintain the cause of right and uphold the prestige of the Selwyn Chapter.

The toast of "The H. and J." was next given by the M.E.Z., who remarked that from the manner each had performed his respective duties, the Selwyn Chapter had a bright future and need not fear from want of proper guidance.

Comps. B. Morgan, H., and Wm. Wills, J., most suitably responded.

The toast of "The Exaltees" was next presented with terms of strong recommendation, the M.E.Z. stating that for years they had proved themselves most faithful to their lodge, and now, upon their admittance into the Supreme Degree, the companions of the Selwyn Chapter gave them a most hearty welcome.

Comps. Hands, Austin, Atkinson, and Downs very suitably replied.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "The Visitors," which was received with great cordiality.

Comps. Benedetti, Loader, Block, Snell, and Bunker each responded, acknowledging the great compliment paid him, and one and all paying the highest compliment on the work they had witnessed in the chapter.

The toast of "The Past Principals" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. that mead of praise it so thoroughly deserved. The chapter was honoured by the presence of the three Principals who were first installed in the chapter, and the M.E.Z. remarked it would be his aim to emulate them and carry out the duties appertaining to the first chair in the same efficient manner.

This was replied to very forcibly by Comps. Davies, Gauntlett, and Lightfoot.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers," particularly remarking upon the excellent work of the Sojourners, who were fully competent to perform the whole of their duty. Also of Comp. T. Grumant, P.Z., D.C., sponsor of the M.E.Z. in Royal Arch Masonry, one whom they all had to thank for his able assistance in the Star Chapter of Instruction, of which he was the excellent Preceptor.

Comp. R. Weddall Thomas, P.S., very ably responded.

The Janitor's toast closed a most happy meeting. Comp. Choveaux acted as Organist and accompanist, assisted by Comps. B. Morgan, Grumant (reciter), and J. Lightfoot, who added greatly to the harmony.

Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. FRED ARNOLD,

Worshipful Master of the Wilson Hles Lodge, No. 2054,
Rickmansworth, Herts,

whose portrait we present, was initiated in the Ecc'eston Lodge, No. 1624, in which he first passed through the chair, and he is now acting again this year as I.P.M. He was the first W.M. of the Piccadilly Lodge, No. 2550, which he recently vacated with honour and he completed his brilliant term of office, which was a successful one in every sense, and his great efforts were much appreciated by the members of that lodge. Our brother is also M.E.Z. of the Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 820, and P.S. of the Westbourne Chapter, No. 1426. He has acted twice as Steward for the Girls, and last year he took up the magnificent sum of £411 13s. 6d., which placed him second on the list. He has been Steward for the Old People, and is going up for the Boys next June. It has been our pleasure to witness the superb working of Bro. Arnold, and it goes without saying that he is a great acquisition to the several lodges he is connected with. He has the highest interests of Freemasonry at heart, and under his vigorous rule the Wilson Hles Lodge cannot but flourish.

THE PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, opened a sale of work in connection with the Children's Salon, in Westminster Town Hall, on Saturday last. The work, which is of various kinds, is produced by the children of wealthy people in England and abroad, and the proceeds of the sale go towards ameliorating the condition of poor children. In the course of the proceedings the children of the Salon gave a number of very artistic national dances, while the infant class of the Fleet-road Board School sang and recited very prettily.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, January 4, 1896.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

(No Meetings.)

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.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
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 31.

(No Meetings.)

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, at 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
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, JANUARY 1.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1087, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

808, Temperance-in-the-East, Town Hall, Stratford, E.
1305, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 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, at 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-rd., 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, JANUARY 2.**CRAFT LODGES.**

538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-square.
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1700, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
1003, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel.
1710, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
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.
Montmore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
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, JANUARY 3**CRAFT LODGES.**

90, St. John, Albion Tavern.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
2488, Eccentric, Criterion.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.

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, Parleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 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, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-rd., 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, JANUARY 4.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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.
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, January 4, 1896.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

CRAFT LODGES.	Tenby ... 1177	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Manchester ... 62	Buxton ... 1098	Penarth ... 1754
Callington ... 557	Southport ... 2229	Nottingham ... 1909
Eastbourne ... 1110		MARK LODGE.
		Reading ... 235

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.**CRAFT LODGES.**

Sheffield ... 1779	Newport, I.W. ... 151
Dartford ... 200	Newport, Salop ... 1800
Carlisle ... 310	Fenton ... 1042
Holyhead ... 507	Castleton ... 2358
St. Albans ... 1470	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Maidenhead ... 1500	Durham ... 124
Brighton ... 1935	
	Hereford ... 243
	Bognor ... 453

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.**CRAFT LODGES.**

Alnwick ... 1107	Long Eaton ... 2224
Birmingham ... 74	Chester-le-Street ... 1274
Sunderland ... 54	Atherstone ... 1333
Poole ... 137	Wigan ... 1335
Sidmouth ... 104	Leigh ... 1354
Leicester ... 279	Woolston ... 1401
Bristol ... 320	Warminster ... 1478
Wigton ... 327	Carlisle ... 1532
Newport, Mon. ... 471	Liverpool ... 1020
East Loos ... 970	Devonport ... 91
Jersey ... 1003	Frizington ... 1000
Liverpool ... 1013	Tunbridge Wells ... 2300
Derby ... 1085	

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View of Main Building, from the Grounds.
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View of the Reading Room.
Group of Masters.
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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, M.P., distributed on Saturday last the prizes won during the past year by members of the Glasgow Highland Volunteers, and met with a most enthusiastic reception.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presented the certificates won by the members of the military centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association, which has recently been established at Aldershot, on Saturday last.

NOTWITHSTANDING the opposition offered by the clergymen and nonconformist ministers in the neighbourhood, the Town Council of Kingston-on-Thames has decided to open the Free Library on Sundays for the use of the inhabitants.

A STORM of great violence sprang up at Queenstown at midnight on Saturday last, and continued without any abatement until mid-day on Sunday. After a few hours it burst again, and it is reported that considerable damage has been caused.

THE *Freemason* Christmas issue has reviews of the Craft during the past year, a long article on "The 'Langdale' Masonic MS.," and several Masonic stories.—*Glasgow Herald*.

MR. MARK H. JUDGE, who was for so many years connected with the Vestry of Paddington, has settled in Hampstead, having removed to 4, Kingston-road, West End-lane, N.W.

THE ROYAL BARON OF BEEF, weighing 180 pounds, which graced the Queen's sideboard on Wednesday, was exhibited at Windsor on Saturday. It was decked with purple and gold ribands.

THE PROGRESS OF THE DUCHESS OF YORK towards convalescence has been so satisfactory, and the infant prince is in such good health, that the doctors in attendance decided on Saturday last not to issue any more bulletins.

TWO ANONYMOUS donations of £1000 and £500 respectively have been sent to the Rev. W. Carlisle, Secretary of the Church Army, in aid of the work that is being done by that organisation among the starving and outcast.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, accompanied by Col. Fitz George, visited the Kingston Vale Institute on Tuesday for the purpose of distributing the annual Christmas gifts to the men employed on his Coombe estate.

ON SATURDAY LAST Lady Jeune distributed the prizes won by the girls of the Hugh Myddelton Board School, Clerkenwell, at the July exhibition of drawing, needlework, and other articles. In doing so, her ladyship delivered an address which was in every way appropriate to the occasion.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES having granted a warrant for a lodge in connection with the National Artillery, to be called the National Artillery Lodge, the consecration will be performed on Wednesday, January 15th next. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, R.A., will be the first W.M.

BRO. SIR JOHN E. GORST, Q.C., M.P., Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, has decided upon taking up his residence at Cambridge—he holds one of the seats in the House of Commons for Cambridge University—and has secured the Master's Lodge at Downing College for a period of 12 months.

EARLY ON TUESDAY MORNING an explosion occurred in the coal bunkers of Her Majesty's battleship *Repulse* at Chatham, by which a number of men were injured and considerable damage was done. The six men who were most seriously hurt were carefully enveloped in wraps and removed to the hospital.

A LECTERN given by the parishioners of Wentworth, and others, to the parish church as a memorial of the late Countess Fitzwilliam, was solemnly dedicated on Sunday last in the presence of Earl Fitzwilliam, Lady A. Fitzwilliam, Bro. Viscount Milton, M.P., the Hon. Thomas and the Hon. Hugh Fitzwilliam, the Hon. T. and Mrs. Dundas, and others.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Commander the Hon. H. Fortescue and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys left Marlborough House on Tuesday for Sandringham, where, with the Princess and the members of his family, he has been spending Christmas. As in previous years, the Prince and Princess have presented all the old servants of the family with Christmas gifts.

H.M.'s CRUISER *BLAKE*, Captain A. C. Bromley, arrived at Plymouth on Sunday afternoon, and reported that early in the morning a serious collision had occurred between the American liner *Berlin* and the barque *Willow Bank*, of Glasgow, of 811 tons register. The *Berlin* had been cruising about the spot where the collision occurred in the hope of finding traces of the barque, but unsuccessfully, and it was supposed the latter had foundered, and the crew of 20 were lost.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the *Freemason* contains some readable fiction, including a story by T. C. Walls—a story of the coast and of a superstition-haunted old castle. There is a ballad, "The Submerged City," by F. W. Driver, M.A., while special interest attaches to the "Langdale Masonic MS.," with its curious old reproductions.—*Sportsman*.

BRO. J. McDOWELL was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, at South Shields on the 9th inst. We were very glad to note that in responding to the toast of his health, the newly-elected W.M. told the brethren that he entirely owed his present position in life through the education he had received in our Boys' School. This is as it should be, and we trust Bro. McDowell's manly acknowledgment will be followed by many others who have received the benefits conferred by our excellent Schools.

HER MAJESTY'S CHRISTMAS DOLES, known as the "Minor Bounty" and the "Royal Gate" Alms, were distributed in accordance with ancient custom, at the Royal Alms, Craig's-court, Charing Cross, on Tuesday, there being upwards of 1000 aged, disabled, and meritorious persons who had previously been recommended by the clergy of selected parishes throughout the different dioceses of England and Wales. The recipients were chosen by the Lord High Almoner, assisted by the Sub-Almoner, and the payments were made by the Secretary of the Almonry.

A NUMBER OF CANS of dynamite for use in the work of repairing the New Haven Railway were exploded by some unknown means at New Rochelle, in New York State, on Saturday, with such force that three men were hurled through a boarded fence, two of them being killed instantaneously, while the third, who was apparently uninjured, afterwards went mad. Moreover, a hole eight feet deep was blown in the solid rock, which had been prepared for blasting.

LADY METHUEN, who was accompanied by Major-General Lord Methuen, commanding the Home District, attended at the head-quarters at Somerset House, on Saturday last, and distributed the prizes to the members of the Civil Service Rifle Volunteer Corps, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Honorary Colonel. There was a large attendance of members of the regiment, and the proceedings passed off very satisfactorily.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE "FREEMASON."—The link of Charity connects Freemasonry intimately with the spirit of Christmastide, and it is fitting that the chief organ of the Craft—the *Freemason*, published by Mr. George Kenning—should don its brightest colours at the approach of the season of peace and goodwill. The double Christmas Number affords a good idea of the extent and importance of the Masonic Craft, with its many aspects and ramifications. The most prominent features include well-written reviews of the position and progress of the Mystic Art during the present year, not omitting those practical features, the benevolent and educational institutions, which may be regarded as the *raison d'être* of Freemasonry. Other articles deal with historical manuscripts and certificates connected with the Order, besides current Masonic news and contributions interesting even to the uninitiated.—*Liverpool Courier*.

A RACE FOR LIFE is taking place in our midst every day, and too often, alas, the result ends in death. People, as a rule, are apt to look upon some slight ailment which may overtake them with contempt, and they thus ignore the simple remedies which would speedily restore them to health. When too late they see their error, and bitterly bewail the folly which brings them to a premature grave. Holloway's Pills, if taken in regular doses according to directions, enrich and purify the blood. Disease is thus prevented from weakening the system, and the blessing of a sound constitution is enjoyed. At this season, when fevers, dysentery, and stomach disorders are common, this wonderful medicine is specially useful.

WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR that the Duke of Northumberland, who has reached a very advanced age, and was attacked with serious illness on the 20th inst., has shown signs of improvement.

H.M.'s DESPATCH VESSEL "SURPRISE," with Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia on board, have arrived at Malta from Syracuse. Their Royal Highnesses are staying at the Royal Hotel.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has graciously consented to preside at the banquet which will be held in the Holborn Restaurant on the 6th May in aid of the funds of University College Hospital.

BRO. HENRY RUSSELL, the veteran composer of "Cheer, boys, cheer," and other stirring songs, completed his 84th year on Wednesday, and we are glad to say is still in what, for his advanced age, may be described as vigorous health. We trust it may be his lot to see many more Christmases.

A DOUBLE NUMBER for Christmas of the *Freemason* (16, Great Queen-street, London) has been published. It contains, in addition to the ordinary news, a review of Freemasonry in 1895, two stories, and a large amount of information interesting to the Craft.—*Eastern Morning Times*.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JAMES WHITEHEAD, BART., presided at the poll at the only contested election of the Common Council. The voting took place in the South Court of the Guildhall, on Tuesday, and resulted in the return of the old members. The Ward in which the election took place was that of Cheap.

THE GREAT HALL of the Church House, with the rooms which have been temporarily fitted for the use of the Upper and Lower Houses of Convocation, will be formally opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York on Tuesday, the 11th February, 1896, when it is hoped that the Duchess of York will be able to be present.

THE HIGHEST PRICE ever asked for any book is that affixed to one in Mr. Quaritch's Liturgical catalogue, namely, £5250, the book being the Psalms for the Benedictine Monastery of St. James, Mentz. It is the third ever issued from the press, and the second that bears a date—1459. It was bought in 1884 for £4950 by Mr. Quaritch.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES visited the Fine Art Society's Galleries on Saturday last, for the purpose of inspecting the exhibition of drawings of "Trilby" by Mr. G. du Maurier, and Mr. Whistler's collection of lithographs. In the evening his Royal Highness and suite witnessed the first performance of "One of the Best" at the Adelphi Theatre, Strand.

ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN for the eastern division of the Channel Fleet to be out of the dockyard hands on the 15th prox., and when the whole is assembled at Portland it will be the most powerful ever employed on Channel service, consisting of five first-class battleships, the two largest and fastest cruisers in the Navy, a third-class cruiser, and a torpedo boat.

EVERYTHING WAS DONE at the various metropolitan hospitals that could in every way conduce to the comfort and enjoyment of the inmates on Christmas Day. Considerable sums had been raised by subscription for the purpose, and the members of the medical, surgical, and nursing staff vied with each other in their attempts to make the day pass most pleasantly.

THE DISTRIBUTION of her Majesty's Christmas gifts at Osborne took place in the Servants' Hall on Tuesday, the recipients being the occupants of the Whippingham Almshouses and the wives and children of the men employed on the estate. The gifts, which consisted of warm clothing, winter materials, and toys, were presented by the Princess Beatrice and the Duchess of Albany.

IN A PAPER entitled "The Philosophy of Angling," read this week before the Piscatorial Society in their Holborn Restaurant Salon, the lecturer, deducing sundry lessons from the fish, remarked that its cold blood might well be imitated by mankind, inasmuch as the greatest faults and blunders which men commit are done in hot blood; in passion; in the heat of the moment; in a feverish impulse.

BRO. COL. SIR GERARD SMITH, the newly-appointed Governor of Western Australia, has arrived in Perth, where he met with a most cordial reception. It will, no doubt, be in the recollection of our readers that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 4th inst. it was announced that H.R.H., the M.W. Grand Master, had been pleased to confer the rank of Past Grand Warden on his Excellency.

THE ANCIENT PRIORY ALMS of St. Bartholomew the Great, which were founded in 1123 in the reign of Henry I., by Rahere, and which were revived in 1831, were distributed at Christmas Eve to some 300 of the poor of the Wards of St. Sepulchre and Farringdon Without, by the Recorder of the Rahere Fraternity, the gifts comprising beef, materials for a pudding, and a shilling to each for coals with which to cook the dinner.

MASONIC TREAT TO THE AGED AT CLECKHEATON.—On the 20th instant the annual treat to the aged of Cleckheaton provided by the members of the Zetland and Friendship Lodges, took place at the Town Hall. A substantial tea was served in the afternoon to about 120 old folks, and afterwards there were short addresses and an entertainment. Bro. S. Law presided, and gave the aged guests a hearty welcome, and later on the Rev. W. Leicester also spoke. Songs were sung by several friends, and Mr. S. Blackburn showed his phonograph. As the guests left each received a parcel containing a Christmas loaf and packet of tea, and also a shilling presented by Mr. Alfred Law; and arrangements were made for parcels to be sent to a number of old folks who could not attend. During the day also there was the annual distribution of material for garments, &c., in connection with the Widows' Fund, of which Mrs. C. P. Anderton is Secretary.

A terrible calamity occurred off Kingstown on Christmas Eve. A barque endeavoured to reach the harbour to escape the fury of the storm then raging, but failed in the attempt. As she appeared to be in imminent peril, the Lifeboat Civil Service put off to rescue the crew, but she could not get near the vessel, and was herself capsized, and her whole crew of 15 men were drowned. The second Dublin lifeboat also put off and was capsized, but she failed to reach the vessel, and was forced to return, fortunately without loss of any lives. The bodies of 13 of the crew of the first boat have been washed ashore. Subscriptions to the amount of over £200 were raised the same night for the relatives of those who perished, several of whom were married and leave widows and families behind them. Terrible weather has also prevailed all along the coast and in the channel, and her Majesty's turrets, Rupert, which left Plymouth on Saturday last had to put back when off Ushant owing to the heavy seas she had shipped, and the bilge pumps getting out of order, and succeeded in reaching Plymouth on Tuesday morning.

ANOTHER AREA FATALITY.—On Tuesday, the 17th inst., Mr. A. Braxton Hicks, Coroner, held an inquiry at the Lambeth Coroner's Court as to the death of Julia Whiting, aged 62 years, wife of Bro. Richard Whiting, engineer, lately residing at 41, Dante-road, Newington Butts. Mrs. Alice Taylor said that while she was at work on the basement floor of the above address she heard a thud in the front area. Witness opened the door and found the deceased lying on her back with her feet pressed against the woodwork of the door. William Hewitt, of the Thames Police, said about half-past five o'clock on the 13th inst. he heard the deceased call for assistance. Witness found the deceased as described by the last witness. He found a woollen slipper on the pavement near the area steps. The deceased and her husband rented the first floor. Witness, with the assistance of Police-constable 342 L, removed the deceased to St. Thomas's Hospital, where life was pronounced extinct. The body was subsequently taken to the Lambeth Mortuary. Charles Dey, the superintendent of the buildings belonging to Messrs. Sutton and Dudley, of New Kent-road, said the height to the front door was between three to four feet down to the area. The Coroner: Do you think the steps dangerous? Witness: Oh, no! The Coroner: What height is the hand-rail? Witness: Two feet five inches. The Coroner: I should not like to take a house like it, especially now as the winter is approaching. On a slippery night a person might slip and fall down the steps of the area. Bro. Whiting said that four accidents had occurred at the building during the present year. The Coroner's officer informed the Coroner that a man fell down one of the area steps about 12 months ago and was killed. A jurymen remarked that the hand-rails were not high enough. He considered the steps were unsafe. Mr. L. Horne, of St. Thomas's Hospital, said he had made a post-mortem examination, and found the deceased's skull was fractured by the fall down the area steps. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, adding that the authorities attention should be called to the low hand-rail. The Coroner said he would write to the proper authorities on the subject.