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## THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

When announcing in our Notes of last week that the annual general meeting of this Institution would be held on Monday, the 27th ult., we expressed our belief that the Report which it would then be the duty of the Committee of Management to submit to the Governors would be an eminently satisfactory one. The report is now before us and we find our expectations are fully realised. There is nothing very remarkable in this. It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that in July last the first Festival ever held in behalf of this East Lancashire Charity took place in the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, Prov. G. Master. The number of ladies and brethren who gave their services as Stewards was, as announced at the time in these columns, 481, and the amount raised by their combined exertions was £4034 15s. In the interval that has since elapsed, this total, magnificent as it undoubtedly was, has been increased to £4412 19s. 4d., or about three and one-third times as much as was received in the shape of donations and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, and individual brethren during the year 1894. To this must be added a sum of £475 2s. 5d. received in interest on Invested Capital, the total income from all sources and including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £1058 8s. 6d., amounting to what, for a local Charitable Institution, may reasonably be described as the enormous sum of £5995 7s. 9d. What enhances the value of the receipts from donations and subscriptions is the fact announced by the Committee that of the 110 lodges then on the roll of the Province there should only have been two which did not contribute "either as lodges or through their members." The 108 who did contribute raised amongst them £2058 os. 10d., while the sum of £2079 11s. 6d. was obtained from individual brethren to the number of 938, the difference between the sum of these two amounts and the ultimate total of the Festival Returns as before mentioned, being either voted by Provincial Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Chapter, and Provincial Priory, or subscribed by chapters, preceptories, lodges of instruction, and other Masonic bodies meeting in the Province. In 1894 the donations and subscriptions amounted to £1332 8s. 1d. of which £760 10s. 8d. came from 69 out of the 108 lodges then on the roll, and £349 18s. 6d. from 226 individual brethren, while the remainder was subscribed by the Provincial and other bodies.

As regards the expenditure, we note a very substantial difference as compared with the year 1894 in the total of the amounts granted for relief and disbursed by the Committee of Almoners. In 1894 this total reached £525 8s. 5d., of which

£432 was distributed in the shape of grants, and £93 8s. 5d. in temporary relief by the Almoners; while last year it was only £337 15s., of which £264 4s. was in grants, and the balance of £73 11s. in disbursements by the Almoners. The amount expended in the education of 28 children in 1894 was £241 12s., and on that of 29 children in 1895 £246 4s., the grants for advancement in life being in the former year £10 and in the latter £16. The number of annuitants at £26 per annum is the same for both years, but only £104 was paid away under this head in 1894, while last year it reached £143, the full amount payable being in both cases £156. The establishment charges vary to the extent of a few shillings only, the sum in each year being between £131 and £132; but while in 1894 upwards of £3014, of which £2000 had been received in repayment of Principal, was laid out in the purchase of various stocks, only £283 19s. was expended for a similar purpose last year. The balance with which the account for 1894 was closed was, as already stated, £1058 8s. 6d., while the balance on 31st December, 1895, including over £140 received after banking hours on that day, reached £4837 6s. 8d., and the Committee announce that they have arranged for the investment of £5000, so that the present value of the stocks held by the Institution, which is returned at £13,755 14s. 3d. gross, will be augmented to between £18,000 and £19,000, while the income derived therefrom will be enlarged in proportion. It is greatly to be desired that the appeal will be successful which the Committee of Management have addressed to the Charity Representatives of lodges as to "the importance of seeking to obtain from their members a continuance of their subscriptions each year, and thus ensure a regular Annual Income for the Institution." It is indeed upon the regular subscriptions of their friends that all Institutions which depend for their means of support, either wholly or in part, upon the voluntary contributions of the benevolent must rely. Special efforts must, of course, be made periodically with a view to supplementing the regular income, and we have a splendid specimen of what one such special effort is capable of producing in the Festival in July last in aid of this Institution; but it is of the very essence of these efforts that they can only be made periodically, and it has been arranged by our East Lancashire brethren that the Festivals in behalf of their Provincial Charity shall be held triennially. In the meantime, however, their Institution must be kept solvent, and to do this the income from invested capital must be supplemented by subscriptions and donations.

The proceedings at the meeting on Monday will be found duly reported in another column. That the greatest enthusiasm was manifested by those present and that well-merited compliments were paid to all who had had a share in making the past year so brilliant a success will be gathered from that report. But though in the early days of last July we offered our congratulations to the Provincial Grand Master and his Province generally on the result of their labours, we cannot refrain from repeating those congratulations on this occasion and reiterating the wish that future Festivals may prove, to the required extent, if not equally, beneficial.

## THE CRAFT IN THE UNITED STATES.

In our article of the 28th December last on "Freemasonry Abroad," our remarks on that section of it which is spread far and wide over the United States of North America were, of necessity, few in number and general in their character. Considerations of time and space prevented us furnishing more than

a few particulars as to the number of Grand Lodges that have been established under the Stars and Stripes, the prosperity which had been their lot during the past year, and the most important among the losses which had occurred. But, having regard to the immense number of brethren in that country, and the enormous influence they are capable of exercising, if need be, on the minds of their fellow-citizens, our readers will doubtless be glad to have some idea presented to them of the manner in which the affairs of the Craft are administered by the rulers of these Grand Lodges, and the extent to which their ideas and ours are in accord as to the manner in which the principles and tenets of our Society should be applied. We know that Freemasonry, wheresoever it may have succeeded in establishing itself, is held to be a homogeneous body; that its fundamental principles are the same in all countries, and that the only differences to be found among the different constituent parts of that body have their origin in the different habits and ideas of the nations which afford it the protection of their laws. This is true enough in theory, but, unfortunately, there are countries on the Continent of Europe in which the most important of these principles are ignored. In the United States of North America, as in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and its colonies and possessions, the principles of the Craft are rigidly adhered to; but in the former, there is a tendency, which appears to grow stronger almost every year, to set aside altogether the simple methods by which our affairs have been administered and substitute for them a complex and highly elaborate machinery which is quite uncalled for. In English Freemasonry there is a Book of Constitutions for the government of our Society as a whole, while each private lodge has its code of by-laws for the regulation of its own affairs, and it matters not how these various codes of by-laws differ from each other so long as they contain nothing that is inconsistent with the general laws which apply to the whole body. Moreover, this general code of laws and the by-laws of private lodges treat only of matters of importance, and it is carefully remembered that the law was never intended to deal with petty details. But in the United States, as we have remarked on many previous occasions, it is hardly possible for a brother to turn in any direction without finding himself confronted by whole regiments of laws as to what he can or cannot be permitted to do in almost every variety of contingency. Our meaning will be more apparent if we extract a few passages from sundry reviews in the *Voice of Masonry* for last month of the proceedings and correspondence of sundry of the American Grand Lodges. Thus the Grand Lodge of Ohio held its 86th annual communication at Springfield in October, and, as usual, the Grand Master delivered an elaborate address, in which he presented to the brethren everything of importance which had been done by him in the discharge of his duties or by his executive officers. It is not necessary we should enumerate all the various acts done by him during his year of office, or all the recommendations he had considered it his duty to make, but amongst the former we notice that he rendered 19 decisions, while amongst the latter he suggested that a complete copy of the Grand Lodge proceedings should be placed in the hands of each Mason in the State as a means of Masonic education. As there are nearly 18,000 subscribing Masons in Ohio, this means the printing and circulating as many volumes containing some 200 or 300 pages, more or less, of closely-printed matter. If this suggestion should be carried out, it will be a decided boon to the printer, a heavy charge upon the funds of the Grand Lodge, and in our humble opinion an act of questionable advantage to the Ohio brethren. The Grand Master also recommended that the overtures from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for a resumption of friendly relations should be received and approved; that District Lecturers should not confine their attention to instruction in the ritual, but should devote a part of their time to teaching the symbolism of Freemasonry, and that they should be paid their expenses; and that greater proficiency should be required in the Master Mason's Degree. There is also mention made of a code of by-laws being compiled, which is described as being "comprehensive in detail, direct in their purpose, and flexible in their application." Indeed, nothing appears to have been left unrecorded in the account he rendered of his Grand

Mastership, from the granting of a dispensation for some trivial matter to questions of the highest importance to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, though, marvellous to relate, we find no notice, not even a suspicion of a reference to the landmarks of Masonry.

In the review of the proceedings and correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which held its 96th annual communication in Louisville about the same time as that of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Grand Master's address, while it contains much that is generally interesting, is equally full of small and unimportant details. In the correspondence, however, which was presented by Bro. W. W. CLARKE, it is stated to be the opinion of that brother that "no power exists, and, in the nature of things, none can exist to change the status of a Mason after death," the following reason being assigned for this opinion—"A Mason is always in good standing against whom no charges are pending. If, therefore, he dies in good standing we question the right of a lodge by any act to question his status after death." To this the reviewer, in the *Voice of Masonry*, takes exception and illustrates its view by stating a case as follows. If a Mason "has been wrongfully suspended or expelled and has appealed the case to the Grand Lodge and then dies the appeal can and should be entertained and decided precisely as it would be if he were not deceased. If this could not be so, Masonic justice would be defeated and nullified, and without real cause the brother's family would be deprived of their Masonic rights. On the other hand, if a member of the Fraternity commits a great crime and then suicides, he therefore scandalises Freemasonry and wrongs all related to him, socially, civilly, morally, fraternally, and by blood, and as Masonic burial is a Masonic privilege, instead of an absolute Masonic right, his remains may be justly refused Masonic interment, but those dependent on him by blood or marriage relationship cannot be punished for his sin, and if in need of Masonic relief should receive it." For our part, we greatly prefer the opinion expressed by the Editor of the Kentucky Correspondence to that of the reviewer in the *Voice*. Death, as it seems to us, puts an end to everything, and when a Mason dies, the question whether his memory—for there is nothing left of him but that—should be allowed to remain in good standing should never be considered. As for a brother's family being "deprived of their Masonic rights," we are not aware of their possessing any rights, unless, indeed, any of the male members of it should happen to be Masons, and then their rights would be derived from their own membership, not from that of their deceased relative and brother. Indeed, the question is one which ought not under any circumstances to be discussed, and for this reason, that when a man dies the remembrance of the good he may have done should be cherished, but the evil should be buried with him. To talk about trying a man who is dead and cannot defend himself is as terrible a blunder as it is in grammar to speak of a man "suiciding."

In the address delivered by the Grand Master of Indian Territory, at the annual communication in August last, several noteworthy subjects are referred to, and though the Grand Lodge is of comparatively recent establishment, one or two acts of the Grand Master, as endorsed by the Grand Lodge, are specially worthy of commendation. Thus the Grand Master stoutly refused all applications by lodges for dispensations to appear in public as Masons and march in parade at picnics, and as our American brethren are not a little prone to make all the spectacular display they can in public, the refusal speaks volumes in favour of the strength of mind of the presiding officer. Another exceedingly just resolution of his was a refusal to permit a lodge to lend its funds, or any portion of its funds, to any of the members, but it sounds strange to us who are so particular in keeping all Degrees apart which are outside those recognised by Constitutional Masonry, to read of a Craft Grand Lodge extending fraternal greetings to a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Equally strange is it for us to be told that the Grand Lodge decided "that voting on the proficiency of candidates must be done in the Master Masons' Degree," and it certainly seems to us more appropriate, as suggested by the *Voice*, that "it would be better to hold the Master responsible for the proficiency of candidates in each Degree, and to have the

Examinations in open lodge." As for Bro. J. S. MURROW, on whom devolved the task of preparing the report on correspondence, we imagine he must be a very determined kind of person, when in respect of what are called cases of discipline, he tenders such advice as this—"Take up every brother guilty of violating our laws, especially moral laws, and try them swift and sharp, and punish them kindly, firmly." Though we are second to none in our claim that laws, and especially the moral law, should be obeyed, this advice, to punish all sinners swiftly and sharply, strikes as being slightly contrary to the spirit of Masonry.

We gladly recognise the existence of a considerable amount of common sense among the members of the Grand Lodge of Colorado when we find them amending their law as to "physical qualification," in such a manner "that a candidate who is accidentally maimed after he has received the Entered Apprentice Degree, and whose faculties are unimpaired, shall not be denied the privilege of advancement;" but we fail to understand the full meaning of the sentence—"By a candidate's initiation his dedication and devotion to the Lord is accomplished, and the symbolism of same is completed." On the other hand, we consider it contrary to good policy and sound reason that the Grand Lodge of Montana should request "that banquets at annual communications be dispensed with, as they do not materially add to the good of Masonry, but do interfere with the work of the Grand Lodge, and place an unnecessary burden upon the Craft in the cities in which the annual sessions are held." However, let us hope that these and similar eccentricities to which we have had occasion to refer in this and other articles as characteristic of American Freemasonry will disappear, and that the brethren in that country will gradually bring themselves to recognise that Masonry is none the worse if its members are left free to exercise their own judgment, and do not find themselves hampered in all directions by laws affecting everything and everybody.

#### THE OFFICIAL GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

I consider the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" the best Masonic annual of the kind published by a Grand Lodge, and in the later issues, as a compilation, it is about as perfect as can well be. It is possible to suggest one change that would be for the better, but that would not add to the bulk of the handy wee volumes, though it would certainly increase the labour of editing, at least for a year or two. I refer to the desirability of altering several of the years of origin of the lodges prior to the Union of December, 1813, so as to accord with the actual facts of the case. There does not appear to me to be any valid reason why incorrect dates should be given in an official publication, for surely the difficulties incident to a decision would not be urged, and when it is remembered that the "Ancient" lodges are not alone affected thereby, it is all the more needful the matter was taken in hand and decided on with all the care, tact, and judgment that characterise the management.

The "Royal Athelstan Lodge," No. 19, secured their right date being inserted, viz., 1769, when No. 159, though, in the plan at present followed, it should be credited with the year 1752, being the period of origin of the No. 10, which the lodge obtained by warrant in 1792. If it is thought unfair to quote the actual years of origin of the existing lodges without mentioning the dates of the original warrants, then both might be given, e.g.

101, Temple Lodge, 1765—1813†

the dagger still being inserted as a good method of indicating that it was formed under "Ancient" auspices; the first warrant being of 13th May, 1765, which lapsed and the present one granted on 2nd July, 1813, there being no meetings of the No. 136 "Ancient" between 1770-1813.

The note at the head of the "List of Lodges," which appears for the first time in the issue for 1896, states most correctly "The year of origin does not always indicate the age of the lodge, as in several instances the original lodges have died out, and were subsequently represented by others bearing the same

numbers;" but why not give the correct years and render such an intimation unnecessary? Bro. John Lane's massive volume (the most extraordinary work of the kind ever published), "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," supplies an immense quantity of material to render decisions generally possible, and in the event of doubts arising as to some, the records of the lodges might be consulted. If I am told such an investigation will mean "time and expense," my answer is, *Certainly*, and let Grand Lodge have it done, once and for all.

The present issue, being for 1896, has been prepared on nearly the same lines as its immediate predecessors, and is wonderfully accurate, as well as most ably edited and arranged throughout. The only difference or alteration I have detected is that brethren appointed to *Past rank* are duly described as such, so as to distinguish them from the officers of any particular year; a decided advantage.

The Calendar for 1895 ended with No. 2538, that for 1896 concluding with 2590, being an increase of 52 new warrants. The net increase, however, is not quite so many, as at page 242 I am glad to find the exact particulars:

London	Lodges	425
Country	do.	1275
Colonial	do.	446
		2146

The figures for 1895 showed a total of 2107, so the real addition to the list is 39. In the Colonial total the three military lodges are included. This is the largest number yet reached, and proves how prosperous is the Grand Lodge of England, it being still the largest as well as the oldest Grand Lodge in the world. As compared with 1874, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales became our beloved Grand Master, the *net increase* is represented by considerably over 700 lodges, and assuredly as a body, the Craft was never more united and efficient than now.

Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges are almost embarrassingly large and unwieldy, and yet they are so well managed that the business is transacted without friction, and there is no talk of division. Lancashire has over 220 lodges, the Province of *West Lancashire* having 112, lodges, and *East Lancashire* 111. That is, the numbers were thus in the Calendar for 1896; but they are still on the increase! Yorkshire numbers 110 lodges, 77 being in the *West Riding* and 33 in the *North and East*. Then there are 12 Provinces with 30 or more lodges in each, Kent having 62, Devon 52, and four have over 40 each. Many of the Districts are also very large, Queensland being well to the fore with 46, followed very closely by Bengal with 44 lodges.

In the East Indies there are so many as 128 lodges under the English Constitution, and I believe that in no country is the beneficent character of the Fraternity likely to do more good and be more influential, amidst so many races and religions, than in India, where the principles of the Craft have already been most warmly received and fostered. Our lodges have rather dwindled away in New Zealand, owing to their predilection for a Grand Lodge of their own; but, even then, we have 62 lodges; and in Australia, with its new and most active Grand Lodges, we have still some 61 on our roll. South Africa makes a grand total of 92 lodges, without taking into account those of other Grand Lodges.

In Royal Arch Masonry there is also an increase, the net total being 810, as compared with 799 in the previous year, 170 being in London, 509 in the Provinces, and 131 in the Colonies, &c., the proportion being more favourable at home than abroad, the working of that ceremony doubtless being beset with many difficulties in sparsely-populated districts. The laws might well be relaxed in some respects.

The information else is both varied and interesting, exhaustive and suggestive, and the Calendar Editors may well be congratulated on such an excellent and most useful compilation. It has been well printed by the Publisher, Bro. George Kenning, from whom copies may be had, as usual, the neat volume being indispensable for all who desire such a handy and reliable guide.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 5th instant:

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October, 1895, to the 14th January, 1896, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£876 9 1	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£347 2 7
" " Account	208 18 8	" Balance	1008 18 5
" Subsequent Receipts..	479 18 11	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	209 5 8
	£1565 6 8		£1565 6 8

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

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

1st. From Comp. John Hunt, as Z.; John Shaw, as H.; Thomas Henry Vernon, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, to be called the White Rose of York Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, in the County of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. William Eugene Chapman, as Z.; James Harford Hawkins, as H.; William Sergeant Lee, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, to be called the Eccentric Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

3rd. From Comps. William Heap Bailey, as Z.; William Alfred Scurrah, as H.; Eliab Rogers, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, to be called the Fellowship Chapter, and to meet at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

4th. From Comps. Thomas Harrison Roberts, as Z.; Frederick Joseph Hubbard, as H.; Henry John Thomas, as J.; and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, to be called the Studholme Brownrigg Chapter, and to meet at Amersham, in the County of Buckingham.

5th. From Comps. James Block, as Z.; Joseph Hands, as H.; James Bunker, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, to be called the Southern Star Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

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

The Committee have also received a memorial from Comps. Charles Ernest Vansittart, as Z.; John Augustus Agar-Hamilton, as H.; Hubert John Scott, as J.; and the members of the Bulwer Chapter, No. 1068, Cairo, for a charter of confirmation, the original having been destroyed by fire.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted.

The Committee further recommend that inasmuch as the Rock Chapter, No. 260, Trichinopoly, Madras, has ceased to work, the charter be returned.

The Committee have to report that St. Peter's Westminster Chapter, No. 1537, London, has ceased to work and returned its charter, and they recommend that it be erased.

The Committee have also to report that the Amity Chapter, No. 171, London, has ceased to work, and they recommend that the chapter be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the roll of chapters.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
15th January, 1896.

## LADIES' BANQUET AND BALL OF THE TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

For the past few years this well-known flourishing city lodge has been honoured by the presence of the ladies in an up-river excursion, that of last year, during the Mastership of Bro. Harry Wood, I.P.M., being most successful. A departure, introduced by Bro. F. Williams, P.M., in 1891, has taken place in holding a ladies' banquet and ball at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. Frank Wint, W.M., and most strenuously supported by Bro. F. Williams, P.M., the esteemed Treasurer, through whose indefatigable exertions the whole proceedings were most successfully carried out.

The lodge of emergency was opened at 4 p.m. Present: Bros. F. Wint, W.M.; Harry Wood, I.P.M.; Chas. Plant, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Briant, J.W.; Frank Williams, P.M., Treas., and acting Sec.; Benj. Dowsett, S.D.; Hy. Eyre, J.D.; J. W. Chapman, I.G.; R. J. Morley, Tyler; Walter George, P.M.; H. Brandon White, P.M.; A. Gunton, F. Hall, Jas. Saunders, and S. G. Abrahams. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Blois, S.W. 1382; B. Covell, 2032; W. M. George, 1897; F. W. Sanders, 30; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, and S.D. 1641.

Bros. J. Saunders and A. E. Gunton were raised, and Mr. Saml. Gluckstein Abrahams initiated in a very impressive manner by Bro. Walter George, P.M. The dispensation was read granting permission to wear Masonic clothing at the banquet.

The business of the lodge ended, a reception was held by the W.M., Bro. Frank Wint, and Mrs. Wint, at which the following ladies, gentlemen, and brethren were present: Bros. J. George and Mrs. George; F. Dunn, P.M., and Mrs. Dunn; J. Etherington, J.P., and Mrs. Etherington; W. Monk and Mrs. Monk; Harry Wood, I.P.M., and Mrs. H. Wood; C. H. Stone, P.M.; Brandon White and the Misses Brandon and Lily White; Frank Williams, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Frank Williams; Frank Sanders; and D. Oldfield and Mrs. Oldfield; Miss Sanders, Mr. Jack Lyver, Miss Curtis, Bro. E. Brandon, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clayton, Mrs. Shelvey, Mr. H. P. Williams, Miss Caswell; Bro. Walter George, Mrs. W. George, and Bro. W. George, jun.; Bro. Chapman; Bro. Kellaway and Mrs. Kellaway; Bro. Ray, Lieut. Etherington; Bro. W. A. Perry and Mrs. W. A. Perry; Mrs. Williams; Bro. T. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards; Dr. Blomfield, Mr. F. Wint, jun., Miss Shonk; Mr. Hy. George and Mrs. Hy. George; Bro. C. L. Plant; Bro. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders; Mr. Higgs and Mrs. Higgs; Bro. Dunn, W.M. 2272, and Mrs. Dunn; Mrs. North; Bro. Moore, Mrs. F. Moore, and Miss Decima Moore; Dr. Shillingford; Bro. Bonsall and Mrs. Bonsall; Bro. Blois, Mr. Sidney Fells; Bro. S. Hall and Mrs. Hall; Bro. Walter Williams and Mrs. W. Williams; Mrs. A. E. Baker; Bro. W. Briant, J.W.; Bro. A. N. Garton and Mrs. A. N. Garton; Bro. E. Isaacson and Mrs. Isaacson; Bro. Hanson and Mrs. Hanson; Bro. A. Paine, Mrs. Gunton; Bro. E. A. Garton and Miss Garton; Bro. B. Covell and Mrs. B. Covell; Mr. Dearly, Miss Paine; and Bro. J. King and Mrs. J. King.

During the reception, a splendid bouquet was presented to Mrs. F. Wint by Bro. FRANK WILLIAMS, P.M., in most appropriate terms, as follows: In the name of a few members of the Temple Lodge, to mark their high appreciation, I have the greatest possible pleasure in presenting this bouquet, and although these beautiful flowers will fade, I trust the memory of this happy meeting will be ever cherished in our hearts.

The reception ended, the company adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, supplied by the worthy proprietor, Bro. C. J. Painter, personally superintended by Bro. Ashby.

The banquet ended, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the usual Masonic toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was given and received right royally.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. F. Wint, was next presented by Bro. HARRY WOOD, I.P.M., most appropriately remarking that the number of visitors around the festive table showed the high esteem in which the W.M. was held, and also to the very able manner in which he always endeavoured to discharge his duties. He asked the company to drink to the toast in a bumper.

Bro. F. WINT, W.M., in reply, most heartily thanked the company for drinking so cordially to the toast, and said he would then take the opportunity of stating the omission that was made during the summer with respect to the ladies' outing until it was too late, but, to make amends for that, he hoped the ladies would most thoroughly enjoy themselves upon the present occasion.

The toast of "The Ladies" received at the hands of Bro. FRANK WILLIAMS, P.M., such expressions as it most richly deserved, and stated that, at the command of the W.M., he most readily and cheerfully obeyed. The toast was one that could not be ignored, for without the ladies where would they be? What did they do? Why, cheered them, poor, helpless brethren, after their hard labour. They worked for the ladies, and it was through them they were happy. He trusted they would have their presence with them on many future occasions, and God bless them.

Mr. FRANK WINT, on behalf of the ladies, very cordially thanked the worthy proposer, and expressed the gratification they all received at being present, and trusted about that time next year they all might have the invitation extended to them to be present at another such excellent banquet.

Bro. BRANDON WHITE, P.M., next presented the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that the brethren of the Temple Lodge had no greater enjoyment than that of entertaining their visitors. Those various visits only tended to disseminate the good feeling which should always exist, and serve to bind each other more closely. He trusted that the visitors had the same pleasure in attending as the brethren of the lodge had in extending the welcome.

Bro. GEORGE, jun., in reply, said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to reply, although so many distinguished brethren were present. However, he would say, with Mr. F. Wint, that the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and, for his part, must say he had never met a more genial body of gentlemen nor a handsomer company of ladies, and he hoped, with the other visitors, to have the honour of coming again.

Upon the conclusion of the banquet, the company retired to the ball-room, where they were soon engaged to the lively strains of Mr. Thorpe's military band, the whole presenting a very brilliant spectacle, Bros. Harry Wood and T. W. Chapman acting as M.Cs.

At the same time for those who did not indulge in the light fantastic, an excellent selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Sidney Hill, the Organist of the lodge, the artistes being Madame Alice Lovenez, Miss Blake, G.S.M., Bros. J. Budd, W. C. Toms, W. Stephens, and Walter Williams. Bro. S. Hill ably presided at the pianoforte.

The company parted in the small hours of the morning with the full gratification of all that had taken place, which marked an epoch in the history of the Temple Lodge.

## "THE OLD MASONIANS."

The above association of old scholars of our School at Wood Green held another of their pleasant gatherings at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 24th ult. This time it took the form of a Bohemian concert, and a well-filled room of members and their lady friends was presided over by Bro. J. G. Sessions.

An excellent and well-varied programme of music was provided, the constant rounds of applause throughout testified to the thorough appreciation the different items received at the hands of the audience. The programme was composed as follows: "When the heart is young" (Buck), "On the banks of Allan water" (Horn), Miss Maggie Purvis; "I thought you true" (Pizzi), "Come to me" (Denza), Miss Kathleen Hope; "Alice, where art thou" (Ascher), "Sally in our Alley," Mr. G. W. Turner; "Oh, promise me" (De Koren), "Let me love thee" (Arditi), Mr. Tom Powley; "The sailor's grave" (Sullivan), "Lend me your aid" (Gounod), Mr. James Horncastle. The humorous portion consisted of—"Nuggets," "More work for the undertaker" (Bignell), Mr. Fred Daniels; "The one-legged family" (Glennon), "By the sad sea waves," Mr. Harry Hawkes; "Four fingers and a thumb," "Sweet little lady," Mr. G. Berry; also two humorous recitations—"The cricket club of red nose flat" (Wood), "The hair cutter" (Turner), Mr. Walter Churcher. Bro. Harry Tipper contributed a couple of solos on the handbells—"The lost chord," and "I seek for thee in every flower."

Towards the close of the evening, Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., and Bro. W. A. Scurrah entered the room and met with a hearty welcome from the members. The whole concert was a complete success, and reflected great credit on the Chairman, Bro. J. G. Sessions (an old Masonian), who had been instrumental in bringing together the artistes.

Before the company separated, Mr. C. H. UWINS, who had acted during the evening as musical director, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

The following members of the Committee acted as Stewards: Messrs. G. Cross-Willett, C. P. O'Doherty, J. H. Hewett, and R. S. Chandler, Treas.

We are desired by the Hon. Treasurer of the association to announce that a Cinderella Dance will be given at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 13th prox. Cost of tickets—single, 3s.; double, 5s. (including light refreshments.) Dancing to commence at 7.30. Tickets can be obtained by applying to the Secretary, "Old Masonians," Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

## MASONIC BALL AT STAMFORD.

A full dress Masonic ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Charities, the first of the kind held at Stamford for many years, took place in the Assembly Rooms in that town, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. There was a large attendance, including members of the Craft from several neighbouring towns. The ballroom was beautifully decorated, among the distinctive features being the Stamford borough banner, the banner of the local lodge (Lodge of Merit, No. 406), and many emblems of the Masonic Order. The decorations were carried out by Mr. W. Royce and Mr. A. W. Edwards, Mr. J. F. Holmes did the catering, and Mr. Allan Rippon supplied the band. Among the Stewards were Bros. J. S. Loweth, W.M.;



Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M. England; Earl of Euston, P.G.M. of Northants and Hunts; Earl of Yarborough, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Earl of Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; John Haviland, D.P.G.M. Northants and Hunts; G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, D.P.G.M. (Mark) Northants, Hunts, and Bedfordshire; W. Harling Sissons, G. Supt. Lincolnshire; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; F. G. Buckle, P.G. Sec. Northants and Hunts; Sir R. Cayley, G. H. Finch, M.P., W. Younger, M.P., and Captain R. F. Cobbold.

Those present included Bros. J. Seaton Loweth (Mayor of Stamford), Mrs. Loweth, and Miss Loweth; Capt. R. A. Farrar, M.D.; Lady Cayley and the Misses Cayley (3); Bro. John Woolston, Mrs. Woolston, and Miss Woolston; Mr. Charles S. Packer, Miss King; Mr. and Mrs. Smedley; Mr. and Mrs. William Royce; Mr. A. W. Parker, Mrs. Parker, and Miss Hurn; Bro. O. G. J. and Mrs. Thackray; Mr. A. E. Sandall; Mr. James and Miss Dalton; Mrs. Neville Day, Mrs. and Miss Evelyn Day; Mrs. Hugh Henson; Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Thrower, and Mrs. and Miss Isabel Wattam; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Packer; Bro. R. T. Pack, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. G. T. Smith; Mrs. and Miss Handson; Mrs. Richardson, Miss Richardson, Miss E. N. Richardson, and Mr. J. Richardson, jun.; Mrs. Roger and Miss Parker; Mr. Avery; Mr. J. E. Atter, Miss Atter, and Mrs. and Mrs. James Atter; Miss Plackitt, Miss Yard, Miss Morrop; Mr. F. W. Atter, Mr. Charles Atter, Mr. W. Atter, and Mr. Sampson; Bro. M. W. and Mrs. Packer; Mr. G. F. Sherlock; Bro. J. and Mrs. Whitsea; Bro. George Henry and Mrs. Burton; Miss Ault; Bro., Mrs., and the Misses Clifton; Mr. R. G. and Miss Evans; Mr. Valentine George Stapleton; Bro. Henry Knott, J.P., Miss Ethel Knott, and Miss Nellie Swift; Bro. F. W. and Mrs. Everdell, and Miss G. Hare; Bro. Thomas Hart; Bro. and Mrs. Freer; Bro. John C. and Mrs. Royce, and Miss Payne; Bro. and Mrs. Fryer; Bro. Alderman John Hayes, J.P. (Deputy Mayor of Stamford) and Mrs. Weight; Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Watson; Bro. George E. Peasgood, Miss Peasgood, and Miss Ada E. Peasgood; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Poole and Miss Mehew; Bro. H. H. and Mrs. Garton; Bro. George Goodley; Bro. Charles Miles and Miss Ethel Miles; Miss Rowse; Bro. A. J. and Mrs. Moyes; Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Griffin; Mr. S. M. Egar and Miss Poles; Mr. Blundell Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyche, jun.; Mr. Hopkins; Bro. T. A. and Mrs. Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hair; Mrs. Thompson, Mr. S. Thompson, and the Misses Thompson (2); Bro. C. F. R. Pars; Mr. Saville; Councillor J. H. J. Phillips and Miss Thompson, and Bro. A. Coulson.

### MASONIC PRESENTATION TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF COLCHESTER.

The monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, was held at Colchester, on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M., Deputy Mayor of Colchester, of a memento of his year of office as W.M., subscribed for by the members. This took the form of an 18-carat gold jewel of Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex and an illuminated address.

The presentation was made by Bro. ADOLPHUS E. CHURCH, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. (Clerk of the Peace), in a happy speech. He said he presumed he had been selected for that pleasant duty owing to the fact that he was the senior Past Master now a member of the lodge, it having been 34 years since he occupied the chair, and all the brethren who were present on the occasion of his installation had now passed away. Having recalled the fact that several members of the Angel Lodge had been Mayor of the borough, mentioning Bros. S. Chaplin, Thomas Moy, and the present Mayor, Bro. James Wicks (the two latter of which he was glad to see present), Bro. Church said that he doubted if any lodge in the country could boast of having both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as members. As regards their I.P.M., it was well known that shortly after his installation as W.M. he was elected Mayor of the borough, and it was feared that the innumerable duties which that office demanded would prevent his giving attention to those of the lodge, but, so far from that having been the case, Bro. Egerton-Green had thrown the greatest possible energy into his Masonic duties, with the result that the year had been one of the most successful experienced by the lodge. After humorously expressing regret that the members had not had the opportunity of presenting him with a silver cradle during his year of office, Bro. Church said the brethren had felt that they should like to present him with some little memento, and, therefore, asked him to accept the jewel of a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer and the illuminated and framed address; and all he could add was—God bless him, and may he long live to look upon those evidences of the good feeling of the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. CLAUDE EGERTON-GREEN, who had been taken completely by surprise, was loudly cheered on rising to acknowledge the gift. He thanked Bro. Church for the kind way in which he had spoken, and the brethren for the beautiful gifts they had made him, which would be always looked on by him as amongst his most cherished possessions. He felt a great interest in Freemasonry, and was glad that the experience he had gained as first Master of the Colne Lodge had stood him in such good stead as W.M. of the mother lodge of the province.

Both the jewel and illuminated address were greatly admired. The address was as follows:

"Presented to W. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, I.P.M. 51, P.M. 2477, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, together with a gold jewel of Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, by the brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, as a mark of their appreciation of his devotion to the interests of the lodge during his Mayoralty, 1894-5.—Colchester, Jan. 23rd, 1896." Then follow the names of 51 subscribers.

### ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SKELSMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

The 10th annual ladies' evening of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The regular lodge meeting was opened at six o'clock, when the minutes were read and confirmed. There were present Bros. R. Rowlands, W.M.; Buckeridge, S.W.; Mackway, J.W.; J. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. Boys, Sec.; and several other brethren. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bro. Buckeridge, S.W., was unanimously elected; and Bro. James Hill, P.M., who has been Treasurer for several years, was again unanimously re-elected. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was formed.

Bro. HILL, P.M., Treas., proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to

Bro. Rowlands, as a mark of esteem of the brethren, he having filled all the duties of W.M. in a most efficient manner.

Bro. BUCKERIDGE seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Business being ended, the lodge was closed.

At seven o'clock, the "Reception Committee" received the ladies and gentlemen as they arrived, and at eight o'clock they proceeded to a Lanquet, which was admirably prepared and served by Mrs. Venables.

At 10 o'clock, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," and feelingly, but briefly, alluded to their sad loss.

The National Anthem was sung by Bro. Frank Swinford, the Organist of the lodge, in his usual good style.

The harmony of the evening was further enhanced by the splendid song, "Angus Macdonald," which was beautifully and tastefully rendered by Miss Katherine E. Tennien. She was deservedly encored for her efficient rendering of the song.

The toast of the evening—"The Ladies" came next, and was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. MACKWAY, J.W., replied.

Miss Blanche Day sang a song, which was cordially received.

After Bro. F. Swinford had sung "The beautiful English girl," which the brethren wished to hear again, the W.M. ruled it was time for the "dancing." There were 152 present at the banquet, while about 20 came afterwards. The dances were well appreciated, Bro. Erle Side acting as M.C. to the satisfaction of every one. The music was most efficiently rendered by Mr. J. Carrington's band.

Soon after four o'clock the happy and tired company dispersed, after a most successful and pleasant evening, wishing it would be "a ladies' evening" on every lodge night.

### EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Monday, the 27th ult. There was a large assemblage of donors and subscribers from all parts of the province, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., President (in the chair); J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman of General Committee; J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; Wm. Jaffrey, Treas.; Jas. Newton, Sec.; Jas. Andrew, Chairman of Finance and Audit Committee; T. J. Hooper, Chairman of Almoners' Committee; Fritz Reiss, A. H. Jefferis, E. G. Harwood, J. W. Walker, J. L. Hine, Jas. Kershaw, Hy. Thomas, W. H. Cunliffe, F. W. Lean, W. T. Allitt, Chris. Wren, S. Porritt, John Barker, H. L. Hollingworth, J. W. Abbott, C. D. Cheetham, J. B. Goulburn, E. Halliwell, Peter Ratcliffe, T. H. Smethurst, Chas. Turner, E. Williams, Rev. Dr. Salts, E. Winterbottom, F. Townson, J. Snape, A. Pemberton, T. A. Greenhalgh, Ishmael Davies, J. Partington, E. Gregory, A. H. Duffin, Jas. Beardmore, W. Harold Radford, W. H. Vaughan, S. Mills, Wm. Brookes, J. Crompton, J. Wrigley, J. Franklin-Hindle, Wm. Goldthorpe, H. H. Warburton, Walter Newton, Nathan Heywood, R. Duxbury, and others.

The annual reports of the Finance and Audit Committee and of the Almoners' Committee, and also the Treasurer's account and balance-sheet were taken as read and adopted.

The following 15 donors or subscribers were re-elected on the General Committee, viz.: Bros. John Barker, Jas. Butterworth, Edwin Halliwell, E. G. Harwood, J. L. Hine, H. L. Hollingworth, T. J. Hooper, Wm. Jaffrey, Jas. Kershaw, J. T. Newbold, James Newton, N. Nicholson, S. Porritt, H. L. Rocca, and J. H. Sillitoe.

Bro. Col. STARKIE, President, nominated the following five brethren on the General Committee: Bros. Fritz Reiss, A. H. Jefferis, Hy. Thomas, W. H. Cunliffe, and F. W. Lean.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the General Committee and the various sub-Committees for their valuable services.

Bro. Wm. Jaffrey was heartily thanked for his services as Treasurer, and was unanimously re-elected. A like compliment was paid to Bro. Jas. Heelis, Hon. Secretary.

The Finance and Audit Committee were re-appointed as under: Bros. Jas. Andrew, A. H. Jefferis, Jas. Kershaw, F. W. Lean, and J. T. Newbold.

The hearty thanks of the meeting were given to Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman, and Bro. J. T. Newbold, Vice-Chairman of the General Committee for their eminent services during the past year.

It was decided, on the proposition of Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, that all brethren qualifying as Life Governors, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Patrons, or Patrons shall be entitled to the jewel of the Institution on paying 10s. 6d. to the Secretary.

On the proposition of Bro. J. T. NEWBOLD, it was agreed to make the following grants from the funds of the Institution: £52 10s. to the Male Fund and £52 10s. to the Windows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £52 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and £52 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

It was decided to issue the annual report and list of subscribers to every brother in the province.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Masonic Hall Company and the Freemasons' Club for the use of rooms for meetings during the year.

Bro. J. H. SILLITOE proposed the following resolution: "That this meeting hereby expresses its cordial thanks to Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master, President of the Institution, for his kindness and courtesy in presiding over this meeting, and for his unwearied efforts and liberal support on behalf of the Institution, and takes this opportunity of tendering him its hearty congratulations on the brilliant success of the first festival held on 3rd July last under his distinguished presidency." In doing so, he said that many of those present might not be aware of the fact that that was the 26th occasion on which the Provincial Grand Master had presided at the annual meeting of the old Systematic and the present Institution. He ventured to assert that Bro. Starkie might claim to be the parent of their present Institution, which was that day celebrating its 21st birthday. Everyone present, he felt sure, would rejoice to see Bro. Col. Starkie still occupying the position which he had so long and honourably filled, and he knew they all hoped that he might live for many years, and preside over them and guide them with his usual wisdom, courtesy, and kindness.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. ANDREW, and supported by Bro. JAFFREY, and carried with loud applause.

Bro. Col. STARKIE suitably responded, and the proceedings, which throughout had been most harmonious, terminated.

## PRESENTATION TO MISS DELLA EVERETT.

At the conclusion of the business of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Friday, the 17th ult., the Chairman, Bro. RICHARD EVE, said that he had been deputed by the members of the Board and other intimate friends of the Institution to perform a very pleasing duty. It was within the recollection of all that, by the kindness of their good friend and colleague, Bro. George Everett, their boys had been enabled, for the second time, to hold the Annual Athletic Sports on the beautifully-situated grounds at Kempton Park. Unfortunately, Bro. Everett was unable to be with them on the chosen day through a severe attack of illness, but his place was admirably filled by members of his family, who worked hard to render every boy and visitor happy. None worked so hard or did so much to conduce to their comfort as Miss Della Everett, and one and all felt a deep debt of gratitude to her for the grateful manner in which she had brought about a happy day. It was felt that a mere vote of thanks was not sufficient, and their indefatigable Bro. James Stephens had carried through a project which would better show their appreciation of what they all recognised as a kindly and important service. He, therefore, begged Bro. Everett to convey to his daughter a letter signed by the subscribers to the gift, and the accompanying diamond ring, as a souvenir of the occasion, and to mark the friendly feeling all entertained towards her and himself.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT said: Although I am very much better in health, I am yet not very strong, and when our Chairman commenced addressing me I felt completely taken aback, not being in a fit state to bear surprises. This is, however, a very gratifying one. I was sorely troubled at the time of the Sports in being unable to be with you, but was delighted to hear that all appeared to have had a happy day. I was only too pleased to know that in my absence my children were able to make things comfortable. Their kind presentation would be a very pleasant surprise to his daughter, and he felt very proud to think all entertained such kindly feelings towards her. He did not feel equal to the occasion, but assured them he would never forget their kindness as long as he lived.

The letter accompanying the ring was as follows:

"Dear Miss Everett,

"Please receive the accompanying Ring [from the gentlemen whose names are appended as a slight token of their regard and esteem, and in grateful recognition of the exceptionally kind and energetic manner in which you (in the enforced absence of your dear old 'Dad' through illness) assisted the Sports Committee in making the preliminary arrangements, as well for your indefatigable exertions on the day of 'Our Boys' Sports at Kempton Park on June 8th, 1895, in which you succeeded in not only making the visitors happy and comfortable, but also, indeed, the Boys themselves, culminating in the event being one of the most pleasant associated with the Institution.

"With our united best wishes for your future happiness, we are, yours very faithfully, Richard Eve (Chairman), J. J. Thomas, J. W. Burgess, T. H. Roberts, C. W. Hudson, Geo. Corble, W. A. Scurrah, H. A. Hebb, J. E. Le Feuvre, H. Manfield, J. M. McLeod, C. Pulman, H. Bevir, R. V. Vassar-Smith, Hugh E. Diamond, H. Pritchard, John Glass, J. P. Fitzgerald, Alfred C. Spaul, Charles E. Keyser, C. K. Benson, R. Cummings, W. Russell, W. F. Smithson, W. H. Bailey, J. Willing, jun., Geo. E. Fairchild, S. J. Attenborough, Clifford Probyn, Oscar Philippe, Jas. Speller, W. B. Fendick, E. M. Krellwitz, G. Mickley, Christopher Sims, and James Stephens (Hon. Sec.)."

"Jany. 17th, 1896.

## Craft Masonry.

## Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1.

The meeting of this lodge, on Monday, the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, was one of the most numerous attended in the course of the history of the lodge, there being about 100 brethren present. It was the annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. and Bro. T. Poultny Griffin, the outgoing Master, presided. Among other members of the lodge who attended was Bro. the Right. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Walter Wilkin, who was Master of the lodge in 1873. There were also present the following wearers of the purple, many of whom also are members: Bros. Maj. Woodall Woodall, P.G.T.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, P.M., P.G.T.; Sir Wm. Marriott, Q.C., Grand Deacon; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.M., P.G.D.; Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D.; Maj.-Gen. Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; Col. Dundas, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.M., P. Dep. G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Collins, Dep. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, P.G.S.B.; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; Maj.-Gen. Gadsden, P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; and W. P. Brown, P. Dep. G. Std. Br. Bro. Griffin installed Bro. Joseph Rock, P.G. Stwd., S.W., the W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren received the collars of office: Bro. T. Poultny Griffin, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Richard Creed, P.G.S., S.W.; E. W. Stillwell, G. Stwd., J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Belton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Thomas Dinwiddy, S.D.; E. M. Morris, J.D.; Bradshaw Brown, P.M., P.G.S., D. of C.; A. P. Youle, I.G.; H. L. de Montmorency and John Dimsdale, Stwds.; and Goddard, P.M., *père et fils*, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Gooding delivered the addresses. Bro. Richard Eve proposed, and Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale seconded a gift of five guineas to the Boys' School Scholarship Fund; but as it was pointed out by Bro. Belton, such a motion required notice, Bro. Eve gave notice of motion for next meeting.

The brethren afterwards enjoyed a magnificent banquet in the Crown Room, and a concert by Bros. Dalzell, W. Lewis Barrett, Sutton Shepley, May, and Henry Taylor, Bro. Henry Rose (F.R.A.M.), P.M. 2000, at the piano.

Bro. J. Rock, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the Queen was a lady who had reigned over this country for many years, and he could not help thinking that the greatest privilege of the historian of our times would be to write the history of that Queen's life. There could be in it nought to extenuate, nor could there be ought to set down in malice. As Masons, they loved the Sovereign of their native land, they remembered the allegiance they were bound to when they became initiates, and in whatever trials, turmoils, and afflictions her Most Gracious Majesty might be at the present time, it must be satisfactory to her to know that at least she could rest peacefully in the breast of 100,000 Masons who had sworn allegiance, and whose fidelity and obedience would never betray her.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., G.D., replied to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," and caused some amusement by saying that however hard the work of the Grand Officers was, it did not impair their digestion, and that night they had done justice to the hospitality of the Grand Master's Lodge.

Bro. T. Poultny Griffin, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the lodge had paid Bro. Rock the highest compliment it was in the power of any lodge to pay one of its members by placing him in the chair of that ancient and distinguished lodge, and he and the brethren were perfectly certain they had not made any mistake. Whether they regarded their W.M. as a Mason or as a man, or as a genial companion, they rejected that they had made no mistake. More than 20 years ago he (Bro. Griffin) had the pleasure of introducing Bro. Rock into Masonry, and therefore he personally had great pleasure and pride in seeing him occupying the proud position of W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge. He had seen him pass the chair of St. John's Lodge, No. 90, of which he saw many members then present. The brethren had seen Bro. Rock work in that lodge and knew what he could do; they had what the Yankees called "a live man;" they had a genial companion, a man and a brother, who was always ready to do whatever he could to help anybody. They read in that Ancient Book they were taught as Masons to venerate about a certain man who was foolish enough to build a house upon the sands of the seashore, and when bad weather came he was obliged to retire from that house. The brethren of Grand Master's Lodge had not been so foolish as to build their hopes upon the seashore or upon the sands, for they had laid the basis

of their present year's Mastership upon a Rock, and a Rock, he thought, that would not fail them either when the rough weather came or at any other time. If the W.M. would absent himself for an hour or two from the table he (Bro. Griffin) would be able, perhaps, to say more than he could then, but the brethren all knew what Bro. Rock was, and those who did not should go there and see him work, and what sort of man they had put in the chair. He wished him a prosperous year of office, and that when he left the chair he would feel he had done his duty.

Bro. Joseph Rock, W.M., replying, said he knew perfectly well that one half of the enthusiasm of the brethren was directed towards the chair and not towards the individual who then occupied it. It always had been, and it always should be, that that chair be respected and honoured, but if he could only gain one corner in the brethren's hearts as he had striven to do since he came into the lodge, he should be well recompensed even if he had never been exalted to the high position of W.M. He thought Masonry was one of the grandest institutions for cementing friendships and binding men together that was ever devised in the annals of the world, and for himself he would try to do his utmost, that that premier chair on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England should not be sullied or soiled by his occupying it. He once heard in his old mother lodge a short quotation as to Masonry—"Let us then, like the lamplighter, illumine our little spheres, that those who follow us may find they have left a track of light behind." When he left the chair to a more worthy occupant he hoped that the brethren of No. 1 would feel that if he had done nought else he had not degraded it, and that he had left a little track of light behind. He then proposed "The Past Masters." The lodge would be nothing and should be nothing without a grand phalanx of Past Masters. That night they had a fairly good complement—at the least 10, and when they reflected that all these brethren had passed the chair and had each left a streak of light behind, he was perfectly certain that its work of cementing friendships would call for a burst of enthusiasm which had not been heard in that room for some time. He was going to couple with the toast the name of one of the most worthy brethren who ever filled that chair, and was then occupying a chair of far greater importance, Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin, the Lord Mayor. Many of the brethren of the lodge had come into it since the date when Bro. Wilkin was in the chair, for it was nearly a quarter of a century ago when that happened, but he did not look a year older. Might his light and his prestige long live, might everything redound to his honour, for it was sure to reflect on No. 1 Lodge!

Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin, P.M., said that the toast which had been so cordially proposed and drunk gave him both pleasure and pain—pain, because he remembered that he was number five in the list of Past Masters, and that brought back a flood of memory as to those who had gone. But his comfort was that there were others coming on in their wake carrying on the old story to their successors and all the blessings and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. had been good enough to tell the brethren that his brother citizens had placed him in a responsible position, but he could assure the brethren there was no honour so great as that of a man who carried out the true principles of Masonry, and he did not know any period in England's history when that was more necessary than now. Brotherly love was a powerful word, especially to Englishmen scattered over the face of earth and water; it enabled them to recognise the fact that they must exercise themselves for the general good, and that when trouble and distress arose they were bound to see how far they could assist in alleviating those troubles. His membership of No. 1 Lodge had always been a proud day of his life; he had never had an unhappy moment attaching to that lodge. His sorrow was that his time was not so much at his disposal as to join with the brethren constantly on those occasions, but his heart was still with the brethren, and he trusted theirs was with him. When he looked at his colleagues around him he knew at once why they were proud of their Past Masters; they had chosen those who knew the duties they owed to Masonry—Masonry being no other word than that of General Society. The principles they acknowledged were those which governed, or should govern, the world, and if they were better understood, the world would be the better for it. He thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and his colleagues, and hoped and trusted he might still be spared to the brethren; that he might still remain No. 5 among the Past Masters, and not have the pain of going up higher. His hope also was that No. 1 might still go on and flourish.

Bro. Rock, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Griffin." As words would fail him to say what he thought of his old and esteemed friend, he would give the brethren only a few lines of a quotation—

"His magic was not far to seek,  
He was so human, whether strong or weak;  
Far from his cot he neither sank nor soared,  
But sat an equal guest at every board.  
No beggar felt him condescend,  
No prince presumed, for still he himself bore  
At manhood's gentle level, and where'er  
He met a stranger, there he left a friend."

Was not that an epitome of their worthy Past Master, Bro. Griffin? Was there any one who would say that those lines did not apply to him more, presumably, than to any one else present? Those words would be remembered—would not be forgotten—of their Past Master even when he (Bro. Rock) had passed away.

Bro. T. Poultny Griffin, I.P.M., in response, said he thanked the brethren for their kindness to him while he was in the chair, and overlooking all those shortcomings which he better than any one else knew, but which by their kindness were almost not recognisable. The brethren had served him with a loyalty he should never forget. He should be ungrateful if he sat down without thanking Bro. Dr. Gooding for delivering the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in the recent installation. Personally, he sincerely thanked Bro. Dr. Gooding. The year had been a successful one; they had had five initiates, and he hoped to live many years to see more come in.

Bro. Walter Peace, C.M.G., Agent-General for Natal, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and said the remarks of the Lord Mayor appealed very forcibly to his mind—connected as he was with a part of the world in which of late there had been very little peace, and the brethren would believe him when he wished from his heart that that spirit of brotherly love which animated Freemasons might only be spread broadcast over that part of the world with which he had been so long connected—he meant South Africa.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

## Probity Lodge, No. 61.

There was a brilliant assemblage of the brethren of Halifax and its neighbourhood at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, in that town, on Monday, the 27th ultimo. The occasion was the annual installation ceremony of the above lodge, but what added greatly to the interest was the fact that the occupant of the chief civic chair of Halifax was also to be placed in that of King Solomon. Bro. Geo. H. Smith, Mayor of Halifax, after a membership extending over some dozen years, has reached the goal of his Masonic ambition; having, as he himself explained, climbed step by step from the lowest rung of the ladder to the highest. In a lodge numerically so strong as Probity, promotion comes slowly, and pertinacity and application are needed to secure the desired result. Bro. G. H. Smith has shown both, and now occupies the proud position of being W.M. of his mother lodge, and that the oldest lodge in West Yorkshire. In most lodges in this province it has now become a recognised custom for the outgoing W.M. to install his successor, and this rule was observed. Bro. Alfred Binns discharged the duty of Installing Master with great feeling. He was assisted by a few of the many able Past Masters, of whom Probity can justly boast, and the ceremony was rendered throughout in a manner which left little to be desired. Bro. W. Scott Milligan, 448, sang the air from "St. Paul," which is becoming so constant a feature on these occasions, and, though suffering from a cold, acquitted himself with great credit. There must have been in all quite 90 brethren present, amongst whom were Bros. Hy. Smith, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Alfred Arnold, M.P. for Halifax, P.P.G.W.; T. H. C. Scratcherd, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. W. Balme, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Gaukröger, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; W. Wright, P.M.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 1231, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Morris, P.M. 1736; J. T. Last, P.M. 2321; and numerous other brethren from Huddersfield, Bradford, and neighbouring towns.

The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Alf. Binns, I.P.M.; R. M. Kerr, S.W.; J. H. G. Davis, J.W.; the Rev. H. F. Wonnacott, Chap.; J. W. Balme, Treas.; Jas. Duff, Sec.; Alexander Scott, S.D.; Geo. W. Baxter, J.D.; Brook Rowley, I.G.; W. Ackroyd, Librarian; J. H. Murgatroyd,

D.C.; R. H. Singleton, Almoner; Lewis Crossley, Deputy D.C.; J. E. Hartley, Organist; A. S. White, Deputy Organist; L. P. B. Murgatroyd, E. Scarborough, W. H. Smith, Geo. E. Robinson, Geo. D. Buckley, A. Scarborough, R. W. Shoesmith, J. P. A. Davis, J. Young, and J. E. R. Jones, Stwds.; and J. Sagar, Tyler.

Bro. Henry Smith, who is retiring from the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of W. Yorkshire, and is making a series of farewell visits in this capacity, took occasion to deliver a brief address to the brethren during the evening, which we give *verbatim*. He said: Brethren, it is with much pleasure that I find myself a guest this evening at this good old Lodge of Probity. For 100 years it has borne that honourable name. The title by which it was distinguished prior to that date is doubtless better known to you than to me; but I am informed that previous to 1783 it was called St. John the Baptist Lodge. Assembling first at the Black Bull Inn, then known as the Bull's Head, it has changed its habitation many times; but it has never left Halifax, and in 1865 it made its home in the beautiful building in which we meet to-night. Founded in 1738, it has had an existence extending over 158 years. It has kept one centenary, celebrated three jubilees, and is now on its way rejoicing towards the bi-centenary anniversary of its birth. Could we carry ourselves back those 150 or 160 years, and see the quaint old town of Halifax as it was then, with its few and narrow streets, its homely, unpretentious buildings, how strange it would appear to us. Not a single long chimney to be seen, not a puff of steam, no summoning bell, nor sounding mill steam whistle. All cloth produced by hand-loom, and much manufactured in the neighbouring villages. Such in half a dozen words was Halifax then. What it is now you know more fully than I, and the contrast is indeed striking. Just, too, as this good old town has made commercial and material progress, so it has also made Masonic advancement. Compare the upper chamber of the Bull's Head and the customs of those days with the splendid hall and the Masonic pomp (if I may so call it) and ceremony of to-day. It is a retrospect which, whether we view it from a business, or social, or a Masonic point of view, is equally encouraging and cheering. The Probity Lodge (to come to recent times) since I have known it has enjoyed exceptional prosperity. During the last 28 years it has admitted 186 new members into its society—an average of six a year through all that time. It has had as many as 102 members on its roll, has never had less than 62, and now numbers between 80 and 90. It has at this moment 26 Past Masters, 16 of whom have attained provincial rank and honours. Nor can I forget that Probity gave to West Yorkshire one of the most genial and popular Prov. Grand Masters which it has ever had. I refer, of course, to the late Sir Henry Edwards. As with Leeds, Huddersfield, Wakefield, and Harrogate, the Chief Magistrate of Halifax is a Freemason, and I take it, Sir (turning to the Mayor in the chair), that whilst the position you hold in your civic capacity undoubtedly reflects lustre on this lodge; the collar of W.M. which has been placed round your neck to-night adds further brightness and still higher honour to the office which you have been selected to fill. Well, brethren, I am detaining you. You will think me long, even tedious, but bear with me yet a moment as this is the last time that I shall address you as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. You are proud of your lodge, justly proud, proud of its antiquity, its integrity, its prosperity, and doubtless also of its collective and individual Masonic capacity. It is, I consider, an exceptional privilege to call Probity your mother lodge, but, brethren, you must not forget that with your *prestige* and your privileges you have all the consequent responsibility. To you as, shall I say? the premier lodge in the province, all turn, all look for examples of Masonic conduct, for models of Masonic working, for, in a word, all that is good in Freemasonry. You have raised your lodge to a high standard, keep it there. Strive to maintain your just reputation. Strive to make your lodge the home of Masonic Charity and the school of Masonic propriety and it will continue to hold up in the van the banner of Masonic progress. Do this and its success is assured. Do this and Probity Lodge, when we, like our predecessors, shall have gone to our rest, will continue to show its resplendent light from generation to generation. Brethren, I thank you for your patient attention. Need I say that my best good wishes go with venerable old Probity.

At the dinner which followed upwards of 80 brethren sat down, and the proceedings were characterised by Yorkshire fervour and enthusiasm.

We are told on very excellent authority that Yorkshiremen are stern of mood. That may be so on occasion, but when the said Yorkshireman intends to enjoy himself he does it with a heartiness and a desire to please which can only be described as native.

The usual toasts, with the additional one of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," were honoured in the customary way, and "The Health of the Worshipful Master, the Mayor of Halifax," was received and drunk in a manner which must have been eminently flattering to him.

"He's a jolly good fellow" was sung, with three cheers to follow.

Nor was the Mayoress forgotten.

A special feature of the charming scene which the banquet hall presented was the table decoration. This, we were told, was directed and largely carried out by the fair hands of the Mayoress herself. Unable to join otherwise in the well-known Masonic honours of her husband, she could with dainty touch and delicate arrangement contribute her share to the success of the evening—a share which we are sure was duly appreciated by all those whose privilege it was to be present.

The installation of Bro. George Henry Smith will not soon be forgotten in Masonic circles in Halifax.

### Jordan Lodge, No. 201.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 22nd ult., and was well attended. There were present Bros. F. S. Chaplin, W.M.; Alfred Davies, S.W., W.M. elect; A. J. T. Tate, J.W.; J. Martin, Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201, 889, and 222; P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Sec.; A. C. Buchanan, S.D.; H. J. Abrahams, J.D.; H. Rigby, I.G.; H. Berghoff, D.C.; J. H. Frye, P.M.; F. J. Hannan, M.D., P.M.; A. Hardy, P.M.; B. Douthwaite, I.P.M.; C. G. Zander, A. B. Rickards, W. Freeman, G. C. Peacock, W. J. Deacon, A. Andrews, F. W. Allen, V. Lazarus, J. R. Ubsdell, A. H. Robertson, T. Burgess, F. Boothby, E. H. Clements, A. White, and W. Simpson, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. Blackwill, 1072; G. J. Trustome, 1035; D. J. Chinnery, 1306; W. D'Acy, 62; S. Lewis, 2374; J. Bird, 1963; A. Streeter, S.W. 2157; H. Barton, W.M. 946; J. F. Saunders, W.M. 1507; C. J. Coombs, P.M. 780; S. Dancyger, W.M. 205; H. E. Gomme, P.M. 946; W. H. Pocklington, P.M. 1288; A. Skinner, P.M., S.W. 2458, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; J. Saleth, 459, Punjab; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. A. B. Rickards. The W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Davies, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. J. H. Frye, P.M., in a very impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed officers: Bros. A. J. T. Tate, S.W.; A. C. Buchanan, J.W.; Jas. Martin, Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Abrahams, S.D.; H. Rigby, J.D.; H. Berghoff, I.G.; J. R. Ubsdell, D.C.; H. J. Frye, P.M., and C. G. Zander, Stwds.; and W. Simpson, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. Frye, P.M. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, and after other business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a *réception* banquet, for which the Manager, Bro. J. H. Gérards, was responsible, and it was admirably served under his personal superintendence.

At the close of the repast the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," alluding in pathetic terms to the sad death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

In giving "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H., the Prince of Wales," the Worshipful Master remarked that so long as he held the reins the Craft must and would prosper.

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

Bro. F. S. Chaplin, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," which, he observed, was the toast of the evening. Most heartily did he congratulate him as the W.M. His career was a modern one, as, immediately after he was raised, he qualified himself to take any office in the lodge, which was somewhat unique for one so young in Masonry to go forward as he had done. He (the W.M.) had occupied all the principal offices, and had acquitted himself admirably; his great services were appreciated by the members, and there was no doubt that he would be the ideal of a W.M. He hoped he would have plenty of initiates, and that the lodge would thrive under his genial and able Mastership.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and

Bro. A. Davies, W.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He stated that the I.P.M. had been very kind in his language in referring to his (the W.M.'s) past services, but the warmth of their greeting made him feel somewhat nervous. He missed the W.M. who had initiated him, and he would have been proud if it had been possible for him to have been present. He would do his very utmost, both in the ritual and at the banquet table, to make the lodge a big success. He was honoured by being the Master of such an old and distinguished lodge, of which they were all proud.

The W.M. gave "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. F. S. Chaplin." He said the

members well knew the splendid working of Bro. Chaplin, which had never been excelled in the lodge, but that was not all, for immediately after he was installed he became an ardent worker, and had done good service for the Charities, and his great efforts in that direction were acknowledged. His year of office had one excellent result, which was to place a substantial sum to the benevolent fund of the lodge, and his great services and many virtues would never be forgotten. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking he hoped he would wear it for many years, and it would ever remind him of his happy year of office and of the appreciation and great esteem of the members.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. F. S. Chaplin, P.M., by the Brethren of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, as a token of esteem and respect for his efficient services as W.M. for the year 1895-96."

Bro. F. S. Chaplin, I.P.M., on rising to respond, received a very hearty welcome. He said that when he occupied the chair for the first time, just 12 months ago, he felt he had reached the zenith of his fame, but now he had gone on the shelf the manifestation that night and the beautiful jewel he had received made him, if anything, more proud than when he was installed. He took that opportunity of thanking his officers and all who had assisted to make, what had been said that evening, a very successful year of office; anyway, if it was not so, it had been a very happy one so far as he was concerned, and it would never be effaced from his memory, as he considered it was a great privilege and honour to hold the position of W.M. in a London lodge. Masonry was the same that day as it ever was, as Masons were always anxious to support the Charities, and he hoped it would always be so.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Frye, P.M.," the Worshipful Master stated that he had performed the ceremony in a masterly manner, and he was honoured by having been installed by him. Bro. Frye was well-known, and respected in Masonic circles. The Jordan Chapter would not have been founded if it had not been for him, and he was beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and especially by the members of the lodge and the Jordan chapter.

In response, Bro. Frye, P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind, but flattering words. He did not feel up to the mark in the installation ceremony, but he had done his very best. He was honoured by being asked to act that evening, as he was the first to receive the W.M. when he entered the lodge as an initiate, and if ever his services were again required as Installing Master he hoped to give it better justice.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors." He said that many of their guests were very old and dear friends of his, who had come from a long distance, and he appreciated, and was honoured with their presence. He made special mention of Bro. S. Dancyger, P.M. 205, who had given him all his Masonic knowledge, and if the members were satisfied with what he had gone through that evening, he was glad, and he had to thank Bro. Dancyger for his great services, which had enabled him to occupy the chair. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. H. Barton, W.M. 946; J. F. Saunders, W.M. 1507; S. Dancyger, P.M.; and W. H. Pocklington, P.M.

Bro. Barton responded. He stated that he was extremely pleased with what he had seen. He had followed the W.M. through his various Degrees and his work that night was, he thought, a good augury that he would be one of the best of Masters in the Craft, and he quite agreed that Bro. Dancyger was responsible for the efficiency of the W.M.

Bro. J. F. Saunders, W.M. 1507, said that he had had the pleasure of meeting the W.M. in lodges of instruction and he had no doubt he would be perfect in his high office, and when his reign expired the verdict would be that he had been one of the best Masters in the annals of the Jordan Lodge.

Bro. S. Dancyger, P.M., also responded. He was more than gratified to see the W.M. in the chair as it was the duty of all Masons to aspire to that office. If the W.M. had not been able to carry out the duties appertaining to his office the members would not have elected him, and he was certain that he would be a great success, which would be very pleasing to him as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction which the W.M. had attended.

Bro. Pocklington, P.M., also acknowledged the toast in a humorous speech. I

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and said the lodge was favoured with a splendid body of Past Masters, who were all good fellows, and their services were not forgotten. Then as to the Secretary, Bro. Elsam, he had held that office for many years, and he hoped, so did the members, that he would continue in that office for many more years, and as to the Treasurer, Bro. Martin, the members knew his worth.

Bro. R. T. Elsam, responded. He said that he was honoured by again being appointed Secretary. He was the oldest Past Master and the oldest member of the lodge, and so long as he held his office he would do his duty, please or offend. He wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous reign, and he would do everything in his power to enhance what he had done, and, he hoped, by the Masters before him.

Bro. F. J. Hannan also replied in very happy terms. He was pleased to see the great progress the W.M. had made in the lodge, and had proved himself to be a sterling Mason and would be able to do everything asked of him, and be a credit to their well-known lodge.

The W.M., in very appropriate terms, gave "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. A. J. T. Tate, S.W., and A. C. Buchanan, who both responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy gathering.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred. Stephens, W.M. 1348, assisted by Bros. R. B. Hopkins, Stuart Walker, T. F. Noakes, Master Tom Fussell, C.P., violinist, and Miss Phyllis Hope, who deserves special mention for her sweet and exquisite singing, which was much appreciated. Bro. Stephens received a well-deserved encore for his great efforts.

### Urmston Lodge, No. 1730.

The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 13th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren present, especially visitors, and there were no less than 28 Past Masters present during the installation ceremony. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Walton, jun., W.M., assisted by his officers; he also installed his successor in the chair in a manner which reflected great credit upon himself and the lodge to which he belongs. He appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. John Slyman, as S.W.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.M., as J.W.; G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C., as D.C.; J. Swindells, P.M., as I.G.; and John Bowers, as Organist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Walter Bowers, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by his brother, Bro. John Bowers, P.M., and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., and he was proclaimed and saluted in the various Degrees, under the direction of Bro. G. A. Myers. The following officers were invested and addressed by Bro. John Slyman: Bros. J. Walton, jun., I.P.M.; G. G. Mends, S.W.; J. Ormrod, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. S. Whitley, S.D.; H. H. Jones, J.D.; John Bowers, P.M., Org.; G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. Hawkins, I.G.; W. Kirk, W. H. Ashworth, E. W. Barratt, and J. F. Mends, Stwds.; and E. Roberts, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. was addressed by Bro. Rowland Swindells, P.M., and the Wards and brethren by Bro. T. W. Bone, P.M. The working tools were presented by Bros. E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.M.; and John Bowers, P.M. Bro. E. L. Littler proposed that a vote of condolence be conveyed to Bro. Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S., he being unable to be present on account of an accident. This was unanimously agreed to. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous visiting brethren present, and compliments were paid to the Installing Master and others who assisted in the installation upon the admirable manner in which the whole ceremony had been performed.

The lodge was closed by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the heartiest manner possible, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The following were present: Bros. John Walton, W.M.; Walter Bowers, S.W.; Geo. G. Mends, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Geo. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.T. W. Lancs.; J. Ormrod, S.D.; Wm. Goodacre, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, P.G.S.; John Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; John Bowers, P.M., Org.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, P.M.; T. W. Bone, P.M.; A. Swindells, P.M.; John Walton, sen., P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; J. F. Mends, E. W. Barrett, W. H. Ashworth, and John French. Visitors: Bros. Hy. Nall, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Robt. Wardle, P.G. Sid. Jr.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. E. and W. Lancs.; Alf. Hibbert, W.M. 325; John Ambler, W.M. 1345; J. B. Wolstanhouse, W.M. 1387; W. Toombs, W.M. 1538; J. Lee Potter, W.M. 1814; Edwin Faulkner, W.M. 2231; J. M. Veal, P.M. 2353; J. Challenor, P.M. 1055; Jno. Insch, 1489; Jno. Rathbone, P.M. 1496; Fred. Batty, P.M. 2231; F. Ridsdale Bowley, P.M. 2210; and R. H. Moss, P.M. 1496.



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## Masonic Notes.

A correspondent writes: The Masonic welcome to Bro. Lord Brassey, the new Governor of Victoria, was something to be remembered, the more so, that the entertainers were the W.M. and members of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, the only English lodge remaining in the Colony, out of the hundred odd lodges that, prior to the foundation of an independent Grand Lodge, were ranged under the banner of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria. His Excellency, as is now pretty well known, on arriving in Melbourne, found a telegram, conveying the intelligence that H.R.H. the Grand Master of England had appointed his lordship a Past Grand Warden of England. This interesting fact, no doubt, put the brethren of old Combermere Lodge on their mettle. Bro. Lord Brassey attended the regular meeting of the lodge in November, and witnessed the work of the evening, including a passing, after which he partook of the hospitality of the lodge, this latter having for very many years been a distinguishing feature of the old Combermere, whether, as regards the menu or the music. Altogether it was a notable assemblage, such as we never see in England even, under the banner of one lodge, for there were more than 500 brethren present, inclusive of the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart. (who is also a member of the Combermere), and many officers, past and present, of the Colonial Constitution. What further interests one to hear is the probability of Bro. Lord Brassey succeeding Bro. Sir William Clarke as M.W. Grand Master of Victoria.

A notable event in the annals of Norfolk Masonry took place on Tuesday of last week, when the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" in 1795, celebrated, with all possible *clat*, the centenary of its constitution. From the enumeration in Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" of the places at which the lodge has held its meetings, we should imagine it can have experienced no difficulty in demonstrating the continuity of its working to the satisfaction of the authorities of Grand Lodge. It seems to have changed its quarters pretty frequently. But no interval of rest from work, at all events, no such interval as Grand Lodge would be compelled to take cognisance of, appears to have occurred, and the Grand Master had no hesitation in granting the lodge a centenary warrant, and with it his permission to all subscribing members to wear a centenary jewel. We congratulate the members of No. 213 on their good fortune, and sincerely trust they may go on and prosper even more abundantly than they have done in the century which has already been completed.

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Two men, who were prominent in their respective spheres of duty, have passed away during the present week, namely, Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, who held office in nearly all Mr. Gladstone's administrations, and Bro. Sir Joseph Barnby, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music. The former was a Past Prov. Grand Deacon of West Yorkshire, and the latter, we believe, was a member of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454. Both would doubtless have taken a more active part in Freemasonry had their avocations permitted them the necessary leisure.

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From certain communications with which we have been favoured by Prince Rhodocanakis, M.P. Sov.-G. Commander of the Supreme Council and honorary Grand Master *ad vitam* of the Grand Orient of Greece, Freemasonry in that kingdom would appear to be in the position of a house divided against itself. Towards the latter part of last year a schism broke out in the ranks of our Greek brethren, and, as we are told, a spurious or clandestine Grand Orient, which claims the right to confer all the Degrees up to the 33rd, was established by a number of malcontent brethren. What the upshot of the schism will be cannot be foreseen, but it is no more than natural that we should feel and express our sympathy with Prince Rhodocanakis, who has done so much to promote the welfare of the Craft in his native country, and to whom, therefore, the whole body of Freemasons of every nationality owe so deep a debt of gratitude. We trust the difficulties by which Greek Masonry is just now beset may be terminated speedily and that the Supreme Council and Grand Orient may again find themselves, at no very distant date, in a position to carry on their Masonic duties without let or hindrance from any quarter.

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We gather from the address delivered by Grand Master Henderson at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 27th December last that our respected brother landed himself in a difficulty, or perhaps we had better say acted inconsistently by giving during his year of office two decisions which were mutually opposed to each other. The Master of one of the lodges in the jurisdiction died, and forthwith application was made to Grand Master Henderson for dispensation to elect a successor. The dispensation was at once granted. But no sooner had he done so than his mind became seriously exercised as to the legality of his act. Accordingly he did what he should have done in the first instance—looked up the authorities on the subject, and found to his regret that, as the law had made due provision for such an emergency, he had done a wrongful act. Hence, when a second application was made to him for a dispensation under precisely similar circumstances, he refused it.

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But it seems to us that a further and somewhat difficult question may very properly be raised. If in the first case the Grand Master's act was wrong in granting a dispensation for the election of a new W.M. *vice* the W.M. deceased during his term of office, then the election of a new W.M. was wrong and all the acts of the lodge done under his presidency. In fact, the whole thing is wrong *ab initio*, and the question arises—must there not be something in the nature of an Act of Indemnity to put matters straight. We should like to have the opinion of some of our readers who are learned in the law on this point.

## Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT MARK MASONS' HALL, &c."—This ever welcome Annual has no superior and few equals for the accuracy and interest of its numerous details, as well as great usefulness as a compilation for members, mainly of the prosperous Mark Degree. The Editor, as most fitting, is the esteemed Grand Sec., the R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., and the publication is now in its 11th year of issue. Save for the necessary alterations and additions to date, the arrangements are precisely similar to that of 1895, excepting that the two pages formerly devoted to the "Secret Monitor" are now saved. The Calendar portion is a grand aid for the numerous meetings at the Mark Hall, and the complete Roll of Grand Officers, including Provincial and District Grand Masters and their Deputies, from the origin of the Grand Lodge in 1856, is a positive boon. The R.W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, is to take the chair at the Mark Benevolent Fund on 8th July, and the tables of figures regarding the three Branches of this great Charity are quite exhaustive. The total investments of the Benevolent, Education, and Annuity Funds run to nearly £15,000, and the disbursements during 1895 considerably exceed £900. Surely these figures furnish eloquent testimony to the excellence and thoroughness of the management. Necessitous brethren receive £26 per annum, and widows of brethren £21 per annum; and now the children are not only educated that are on the Fund, but receive £5 annually for clothing. It is but fair to note that the investments have nearly doubled since Bro. Matier became Grand Secretary, and that he is most persistent in his advocacy of this most successful Mark Benevolent Fund.

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"THE KEYSTONE."—Masonic Publishing Company, 237-9, Dock-street, Philadelphia.—In its issue of the 4th instant has lengthy reports of the proceedings of the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on St. John's Day, the 27th December last, and of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the same State, in the same hall, on the same day. Indeed, these two reports occupy the whole of the space which our esteemed contemporary devotes to Freemasonry, with the exception of the one column in which are noted the meetings of the different Masonic bodies in Philadelphia for the week next ensuing. The greater part of the Grand Lodge report is occupied with the Grand Master's address, in which he passes in review before the brethren the chief events and matters of interest during the past year. What is published of this important document occupies several columns, and there is still more to come. There are also complete lists of the new Grand Officers for the year, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, so that there is no lack of material for the reader who inclines to the study of Masonic work in other jurisdictions.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN—Canadian Craftsman Publishing Company, 78 Bay, Toronto.—We have already had occasion to refer to the remarks of our worthy contemporary on the subject of a former article of ours, which it does us the honour to quote in full, on "The Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction." But this is only a part of the eminently readable contents of the December number. There is, in addition, a full report of the Centenary Celebration of the Barton Lodge, Hamilton, Province of Ontario, which took place on Wednesday, the 20th November last, among the principal brethren present being Bro. W. R. White, Q.C., M.W.G.M., and several of his Grand Officers, the Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the Masters and officers of other lodges in the vicinity. The meeting appears to have been successful, and we congratulate the brethren of the Barton Lodge on the able manner in which their affairs must have been conducted in view of their lodge having attained to so ripe an age. There are likewise reports of the 25th annual assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Ontario, in November; of the Consecration of the new Masonic Hall, Montreal, by Bro. F. Massey, M.W.G. Master of Quebec; and of the Constitution of two Knight Templar Preceptories located on Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown and Moreton respectively.

## Craft Masonry.

### Union Lodge, No. 127.

The annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, New Cross-street, Margate, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Crosoer, P.M., W.M. There was, as usual, a large attendance of members and visitors, and thanks to the excellence of the arrangements, everything passed off most successfully.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting and of the lodge of emergency on the 6th ult. having been read and confirmed, the balance-sheet, as audited—which, by the way, showed a very satisfactory balance on the right side of the account—was presented and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. John Moore, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. for the purpose of receiving at his hands the benefit of installation. The W.M. elect having signified his assent in the usual manner to the ancient charges and taken the customary obligation, lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Moore was solemnly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and saluted, and having invested the outgoing Master, Bro. Crosoer, as I.P.M., the Board was closed. Having been proclaimed and saluted, Bro. Moore invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bro. J. L. Hume, P.M. 144, S.W.; W. F. Franklin, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Daniell, M.A., Chap.; F. W. Willett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. Stanley, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Sec.; T. Russe, F.C.O., Org.; H. Woodward, S.D.; L. Hill, J.D.; T. Jephcott, I.G.; J. Hosking, P.M. 1347, P.G. Stwd. Surrey, D.C.; W. H. Hughes, A.D.C.; J. J. Hermitage and E. T. Bugden, Stwds.; and G. Lawrence, Tyler. The addresses were then delivered, and the ceremony, which had been admirably rendered, was brought to a conclusion. Bro. Crosoer was then presented with the Past Master's collar and jewel, which had previously been voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the preceding two years, and the remainder of the business having been disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the West End Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared for them.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, those of "The W.M." and "The Installing Master" being received with the greatest cordiality.

"The Visitors," too, were heartily welcomed, while the claims of "The Officers" were recognised, and Bros. Hume, S.W., and W. F. Franklin, J.W., responded in their behalf.

In the intervals between the speeches songs were sung and recitations given by several brethren, Bros. H. Wootton, J. Hosking, F. Stanley, W. Hume, and J. L. Hume being prominent among those who contributed the former, and Bros. W. H. Hughes and J. H. Asman among those who recited. Bro. Curzon M. Poole very ably presided at the pianoforte.

### Charity Lodge, No. 223.

The annual banquet of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, was attended by about 70 brethren. The W.M., Bro. W. Biscoombe, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. P. Hannaford, I.P.M.; J. Hoyten, Treas.; W. Stenlake, Sec.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T., Chap.; J. C. Lewarn, P.P.J.G.D.; H. S. Hill, R. Blight, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Dolve, W. J. C. Hannaford, C. B. Gals, and H. Rogers. Bros. C. H. Tozer, S.W., and W. J. Hoare, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs, and other members of the lodge present were Bros. A. E. Briggman, S.D.; J. Goad, J.D.; T. Coles, I.G.; T. A. Stephens, D.C.; J. H. Stephens, A.D.C.; J. Stoneman, Org.; J. J. Gerry, C. H. Ball, and F. Lillicrap, Stwds.; J. Mumford, Musical Director; Phillips, Tyler; H. F. Yeo, W. Rowe, G. Quarm, H. J. Thomas, J. Nankivell, T. Mair, W. Biscoombe, sen., A. E. H. Webb, J. Barrow, Thomas Williams, H. Blake, J. Gliddon, E. Basch, A. Trout, G. Foster, William Wyatt, and A. J. Bracken. The visitors present included Bros. E. G. Dyke, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; R. R. Rodd, W.M. 105; C. W. Cooper, Sec. 105, P.P.J.G.D.; B. S. Johns, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Endicott, W.M. 159; A. Wellesley Overell, Org. 1247; S. A. Maitland, W.M. 1247; S. Wells, W.M. 1255; T. Thorne, Stwd. 107; W. H. Lashlean, A.D.C. 1847; J. Stanbury, P.M. 1099; E. Radden, 70; W. Foot, 105; S. H. Gibbens, I.P.M. 105; S. Gifford, Sec. 2025; H. E. Setters, P.M. 1205; E. G. Farley, W.M. 70; J. H. Furgusen, 1847; W. G. Daymond, 159; T. Parker, P.M. 156; W. J. Sweet, P.M. 105; J. Bartlett, I.G. 202; E. H. Hedger, 1255; Wallis, P.M. 1255; and H. W. Jaques, 1388.

After the loyal toasts—drunk with more than ordinary enthusiasm—at the call of the W.M., and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.,"

Bro. W. Hannaford proposed "The Prov. Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall," expressing a hope, heartily endorsed by the company, that Viscount Ebrington would return from his foreign tour thoroughly established in health.

Bro. Cornish, responding for Devon, mentioned that in 1848 was installed in the chair of Charity Lodge the distinguished grandfather of Lord Ebrington, whose reign over the Province of Devon had been marked with rare zeal and conspicuous ability.

Bro. Dyke responded for Cornwall.

In eulogistic terms, the S.W. proposed "The W.M.," and the toast was received with rapturous applause.

Bro. Biscoombe having responded, and expressed his firm conviction that there was a successful year in store for the lodge, proposed "The I.P.M."

In submitting "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Cornish spoke in warm terms of both officers, and mentioned that when, in 1836, the late Bro. John Edmonds, for many years the Coroner of Plymouth, was installed W.M. of the lodge, seven brethren met to celebrate the Festival of St. John.

Bro. Hoyten, responding, said the past year had been fairly successful. There had been five initiations against four in the previous year, and the lodge was not dependent on the initiation fees for its funds. Last year they made a new departure by subscribing five guineas to the Mayor's Exceptional Relief Distress Fund, and he thought it was a wise one.

Bro. Stenlake thanked the brethren for doing their best to lighten his Secretarial duties.

For "The Past Masters," Bros. H. S. Hill and Gale responded, the former remarking that the lodge had had to mourn during the year the death of Bro. W. Browning, one of its pillars—a man of high integrity, genial temperament, and abundant Masonic knowledge. Faithfully he served the lodge as Secretary for nearly a quarter of a century, and had left a splendid example behind him.

Bro. Cornish feelingly endorsed this tribute to the memory of Bro. Browning.

Bro. Stenlake proposed "The S.W., J.W., and Assistant Officers," and Bros. Tozer and Hoare responded.

Bro. C. H. Ball also responded, mentioning that Bro. Warne Raddall, who installed the grandfather of the present Viscount Ebrington into the W.M.'s chair in Charity Lodge, was still living near Launceston, and only his advanced age prevented him accepting an invitation to attend the banquet.

Bro. Ball was asked to express the fraternal feelings of the lodge to Bro. Raddall.

Bro. Hoyten, proposing "Our Sister lodges," mentioned that Freemasonry in the Three Towns was represented by 18 lodges, with a total membership of about 1000.

Bros. Dyke, Gifford, and Rodd responded.

Bro. Gifford, as Secretary of the Western District Masonic Association, referred to the excellent work that institution was doing in consolidating their forces, fostering Charity, and promoting unity.

Between the speeches capital songs were sung by Bros. Foot, J. H. Stephens, E. H. Hedger, E. G. Dyke, Radden, Goad, Yeo, jun., Endicott, T. Taylor, Farley, Blight, Webb, Mumford, and Gibbens. The fine reading of the Poet Laureate's "Jameson's Ride," Bro. Dyke, was received with cheering long and enthusiastic. Altogether it was one of the most successful banquets the lodge has had.

### Union Lodge, No. 414.

The installation of the W.M. for the year, Bro. William Bonny, of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, when there were present Bros. W. J. Maurice, W.M.; Rev. Canon Garry, I.P.M.; W. Bonny, S.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., J.W.; Rev. J. Stewart, P.M., Chap.; R. C. Mount, P.M., Treas.; Bernard Ruddock, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; A. J. Lawrence, S.D.; H. Gilligan, Org.; H. Dunlop, I.G.; C. H. Dodd, F. Cooksey, and T. H. White, Stwds.; W. Hemmings, Prov. G.T.; and J. F. Stevens, Tylers; Chas. Smith, P.M.; E. Baker, P.M.; C. Oades, P.M.; C. Stephens, P.M., P.G. Treas.; F. J. Ferguson, P.M.; S. Wheeler, jun., P.M.; M. J. Withers, P.M.; J. W. Martin, P.M., P.G. Sec.; C. G. Hawkes, P.M.; J. T. Dodd, P.M.; J. C. B. Tibbutt, P.M.; W. Galt Millar, P.M.; A. Tupman, P.M.; C. T. Murdoch, M.P.; O. C. Maurice, A. Roberts, B. P. Allnatt, W. S. Whitcombe, R. H. Bradley, W. Williams, C. Stewart Smith, R. G. Rows, W. Jane, F. H. Wright, H. H. Jones, C. Priestley, and E. B. B. George. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Morland, P.G.D. Eng., D.P. G.M. in Charge; Wm. Ferguson, P.M. 1101, Prov. S.G.W.; F. Purkiss, W.M. 203; D. Banks Thompson, 199; G. W. Robinson, 357; P. Coward, 771; E. W. Ridley, W.M.; R. E. Hodder, P.M.; Rev. J. M. Guilding, P.M.; W. Hickey, P.M.; C. Slaughter, P.M.; W. B. Reed, Sec.; Rev. F. Sumner, C. W. Sisley, J. Hill, and F. Tunbridge, of 1101; C. T. Rayner, 1328; Chas. Battin, W.M.; and W. R. Locke, of 1566; H. Milton, P.M. 1808; J. R. Lloyds, 1895; R. B. Swinton, 1899; F. J. Lawes, W.M.; C. E. Hewett, P.M.; E. H. Simmons, Sec.; and D. Haslam, jun., J.D., of 2043; R. E. S. Koolin, 2168; E. Molyneux, W.M.; and E. Caldecott, of 2437; T. G. A. Burns, P.M. 2546; W. H. Strickland, P.M.; and A. Livings.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. J. Maurice, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., S.W.; A. J. Lawrence, J.W.; Rev. J. Stewart, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; R. C. Mount, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Bernard Ruddock, Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; Harry Gilligan, D.C.; Wm. R. Nicholas, S.D.; H. W. Dunlop, J.D.; Chas. H. Dodd, I.G.; Frank Cooksey, Theodore, H. White, and Blake P. Allnatt, Stwds.; R. Dowsett, P.M. 1101, P.P.J.G.D., Almoner; and Wm. Hemmings, P.G. Tyler, and Joseph F. Stevens, Tylers.

About 73 brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet took place, Bro. W. G. Flanagan, P.M., catering in his usual excellent manner.

### Virtue and Honour Lodge, No. 494.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Axminster, on Tuesday, the 14th ult., when Bro. F. W. Moass was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present Bros. Southwood, W.M.; T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.C. Devon and Dorset; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Treas.; A. P. Reece, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; G. R. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; W. Forward, P.M.; W. H. Pinney, P.M.; A. Paul, P.M.; W. Reynolds, P.M.; W. Catford, P.M.; F. W. Moass, S.W.; G. Heal, J.W.; E. Harvey, S.D.; J. Bucknole, J.D.; H. Imber Parsons, I.G.; J.

Mackaig and T. Ramsey, Stewards; J. Wakley, Tyler; E. Snell, R. Loveless, G. A. Stevens, and G. Morrish. Visitors: Bros. E. W. Heller, W.M. 847; W. T. Berry, P.M. 847; Rev. R. Swansborough, Chap. 1181; J. Moass, P.M. 1284, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Ridge, P.M. 1234; G. James, P.M. 1953, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; F. W. Mitchell, S.W. 847; G. S. Russell, P.M. 1399, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; W. Bidford, S.W. 1181; and T. Follett, J.W. 1181.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of installation was performed by the W.M., Bro. Southwood, assisted by Bro. Stevens, P.M. The W.M., Bro. Moass, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Southwood, I.P.M.; G. Heal, S.W.; E. Harvey, J.W.; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Treas.; A. P. Reece, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Bucknole, S.D.; H. Imber Parsons, J.D.; J. Mackaig, I.G.; G. R. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; F. N. Webber, P.M., Org.; T. Ramsey and E. Snell, Stwds.; and J. Wakley, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Stevens, P.M., a hearty vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Webber, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Devon and Dorset, on his having attained his Masonic jubilee on that day, he having been initiated in that lodge on January 14th, 1846. The Secretary reported that he was receiving very satisfactory replies to his circular soliciting donations from all lodges on behalf of their late Secretary, Bro. Loveless. Many lodges had not, however, replied in any way, but he had no doubt that he should receive an answer either with a remittance or refusing to help from each lodge in the course of time.

"Hearty good wishes" having been received from Lodges Nos. 847, 1181, 1284, 1953, and 1399, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the New Inn, where an excellent banquet was served up, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, under the chairmanship of the W.M., Bro. Moass.

Some first-class music was provided by several of the members, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

### Zetland Lodge, No. 603.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. After the lodge had been opened by Bro. Jas. Clough, W.M., the minutes of the election meeting held last month were duly confirmed, after which Bro. R. B. Hartley, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring Master in a highly satisfactory manner. Bros. S. Mortimer, P.M., and S. Halliday, P.M., assisted in the ceremony by giving the customary addresses and presenting and explaining the working tools. The officers for the current year were as follows: Bros. Jas. Clough, I.P.M.; Hy. Waddington, S.W.; Wm. Armitage, J.W.; S. Mortimer, P.M., Treas.; S. Halliday, P.M., Chap.; H. A. Cadman, Sec.; F. Hirst, S.D.; A. Thornton, J.D.; H. E. Hodgson, D.C.; J. Birkenhead, I.G.; J. Thompson, Org.; R. J. Bateman, J. Kershaw, G. Setlow, and J. Helmsley, Stwds.; and W. A. Wadsworth, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, the spontaneous gift of the brethren, was presented to Bro. James Clough, I.P.M., in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year, and was acknowledged in suitable terms by the retiring Master. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presence of Bro. George Parver, the senior P.M. and one of the few remaining founders of the lodge. A large number of visitors were present, including brethren from lodges at Bradford, Ecclehill, Huddersfield, and Dewsbury, as well as from the Province of East Lancashire.

After labour a well-served banquet was done full justice to by the brethren; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

Bros. S. H. Stocks, P.M., P.P.G.D., and H. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. S. H. Stocks, P.M., P.P.G.D., in proposing "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it had given the lodge to be honoured that evening with such a large number of visiting brethren, some of whom had come from the neighbouring Province of East Lancashire; they were always proud to entertain guests.

The toast was very cordially received by the brethren.

Bros. H. S. Pearson, W.M. 750, and J. T. Last, P.M., Sec. 2321, responded for the visitors.

Bros. Wm. Waddington, S.W., and Wm. Armitage, J.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. W. Sharp, P.M., for "The Masonic Charities."

A very pleasant and musical evening was spent.

### Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Mofatt, was installed by Bros. T. C. Hopkins, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and the Rev. W. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. H. Baker, S.W.; W. J. Baldwin, J.W.; Rev. W. Humphreys, P.M., Chap.; Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; J. Hunt, S.D.; S. W. Taylor, J.D.; J. A. Randall, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Bush, P.M., Org.; F. Rendell, I.G.; D. Owen and H. Ash, Stwds.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. W. C. Powning, P.M. 586, P.P.J.G.W.; D. Strachan, P.M. 1026, P.P.G.D.C. Bengal; and H. A. Gibbs, 586.

The installation banquet was afterwards held at the Bear Hotel, and was well served by Bro. F. Reynolds, P.M.

### Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., attracted a large attendance of brethren to the number of about 120. During its existence this lodge has been doing excellent Masonic work, the ritual being invariably well rendered, brotherly love and good feeling prevailing, and assistance being given to the Masonic Charities. With regard to the latter it has divided its favours equally between the three Institutions, the whole amount given by the lodge amounting to over £300. During the past year the lodge suffered a severe loss in the death of its W.M., Bro. Bastow, and the working of the chair has since then been carried on under the excellent guidance of Bro. G. Ridout, I.P.M., who installed Bro. C. Davis as W.M. on the occasion under notice, and was afterwards presented with a gold bar, containing a diamond, which has been added to his Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services.

The members present included Bros. G. Ridout, I.P.M.; C. Davis, S.W.; A. C. Doughty, J.W.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas. (the founder and "father" of the lodge); W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; T. Owen, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; R. Cane, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Edgar, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; H. Bell, P.M.; T. G. Doughty, S.D.; E. S. Homewood, J.D.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; A. Kenningham, Org.; C. T. Wilkinson, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Croson, I.P.M. 127; R. Cook, W.M. 276; W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas. 87; W. H. Dallimore, P.M., Sec. 87; T. B. Tipton, J.D. 2550; G. J. Girtton, 1372; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; J. C. Leather, 2420; T. E. Biddlecombe, P.M. 1765; F. G. Soper, 1987; T. S. Henson, W.M. 1956; J. Leach Barrett, W.M. 2369; J. N. Kingwill, 2029; J. S. Marton, 864 (South Africa); J. H. Selmes, 45; W. J. Wilkinson, J.D. 742; R. C. Wilson, P.M. 766; R. De Lacy, 1706; E. Marriott, 1319; W. J. Rowe, P.M. 2021; J. H. Price, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey; A. L. Fryer, 1624; A. H. Preece, 2087; W. E. Willby, P.M. 538; J. Henning, W.M. 2398; R. Shears, 2272; C. Loran, D.C. 435; A. Scherz, W.M. 433; S. Machin, S.W. 2489; H. Machin, S.D. 231; H. Luff, J.W. 2409; G. Nalham, 2086; S. Raynor, S.W. 1491; H. Vorger, 291; J. Peyton, P.M. 172; T. G. Jeffery, J.W. 2148; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened at an early hour, there being a heavy programme of work for transaction. After the confirmation of the minutes and other business, seven brethren were raised to the Third Degree. The installation ceremony followed. Bro. Charles Davis was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. G. Ridout, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. Ridout, I.P.M.; A. C. Doughty, S.W.; T. G. Doughty, J.W.; the Rev. J. H. Ross, P.M., Chaplain; Samuel Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; E. B. Homewood, S.D.; C. T. Wilkinson, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; T. Steer, I.G.; T. B. Russell, Steward; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Messrs. G. Hubbard, F.R.I.B.A., and J. H. Payton were then impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M.

Lodge was afterwards closed and an adjournment made to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet was served.

After dessert, the usual toast list was proceeded with, the loyal toasts being very heartily received.

Bro. G. Ridout, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said it was the privilege of the brother leaving the chair to propose the health of his successor. The task on the present occasion was a very agreeable one, having had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Davis for nearly 20 years, and were he asked to sum up his brother's history during that time, he should sum it up in the one word—thoroughness. The W.M. was a thorough man of business, a thorough man of the world, and last, but not least, a thorough Mason. Those qualifications could not fail to assist Bro. Davis and benefit the brethren in the lodge and at the festive board. Their W.M. had ably filled every office in the lodge, from Steward to S.W., and had not only filled those offices, but adorned them. He (the I.P.M.) ventured to predict that under the distinguished presence and genial smile of the present Worshipful Master the future of the Great Northern Lodge could not fail to be one of success. He, therefore, asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the W.M.'s good health.

Bro. Chas. Davis, W.M., said that if he could reply in an equally eloquent manner to the remarks of the I.P.M. he should be proud indeed, but if he were to attempt to do so in the presence of such an enlightened body of brethren he might get a little out of his depth. As their W.M. he should endeavour to do the best he could during his year, and hoped the lodge would increase in numbers and continue to enjoy its present reputation.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The I.P.M.," and said he regarded it as the toast of the evening as it was the reflection of the last two years in the lodge as represented by the I.P.M. He could not help thinking the toast was mingled with a little feeling of regret, remembering what happened during the past year when they lost one they so much respected. However, Providence had ordered the course of events, and the I.P.M. came in to fill the breach and had done credit to the lodge and to himself. They all appreciated Bro. Ridout's services, and to accentuate that appreciation they had thought it right to add a bar containing a diamond to his Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the conscientious and able manner in which he had performed his work.

Bro. G. Ridout, I.P.M., in response, said it was difficult for him to find words adequately to express his thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He felt he had only done what any man placed in his position would have done. The cause that led to his occupying the chair for the second time was indeed a sad one for all. He had performed the duties to the best of his ability, and to have merited their appreciation would have been ample reward. As their appreciation had taken the form it had, he felt he was unworthy of their gratitude. He could only say that if at any time he could help them his services were at their disposal. He again thanked them for the cordial reception of the toast, and for the support always accorded him in anything he had undertaken on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. G. Hubbard replied for "The Initiates," and said it was with extreme pleasure he found himself on the threshold of a new world. He came there not in the least knowing what to expect, and certainly not expecting to make a speech. Freemasonry had been for a long time a subject he had studied from an outside point of view. It had been his lot to study ancient buildings in every country in Europe, and he was struck in the work of England by certain mysterious marks on early Norman work and afterwards in early English work. He was surprised to find that again on other work in Italy and on the pavement at Pompeii. What those marks were he did not know but believed they had some connection with this Brotherhood. It was marvellous that such a Brotherhood could hold together for centuries, and he hoped to remain a worthy member of the Order for many years.

Bro. J. H. Payton also replied.

For "The Visitors" the following brethren responded—Bros. Leach Barrett, W.M. 2369; J. H. Price, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey; W. E. Willby, P.M. 538; and T. E. Biddlecombe, P.M. 1765.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., in response to the toast of "The Chaplain," said he never doubted the good will and friendship of the members of that lodge, and it would be a bad thing indeed in his heart if there was a doubt about it.

Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas., replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that as the humble individual who started that lodge, without any assistance whatever, he was very proud of it and there was no reason why he should not be. He was sure that under the direction of the W.M. the lodge would go on and prosper. Bro. Willby had said they were a family party and that was the secret of their success. There were no sections or parties, and while they could keep it so they would continue to be successful.

Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec., having responded, "The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. A. Kenningham, Org., conducted the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bros. L. Fryer, De Lacey, and others.

### Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.

The installation meeting of the above lodge, hitherto held on the second Monday in January, but now altered to the third Wednesday, was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 15th ult., when a large number of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. H. T. Meadows, S.W., W.M. elect. Lodge was opened at 4.45 p.m., Bro. A. Watts, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following: Bros. H. T. Meadows, S.W.; J. Hampson, J.W.; W. Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; Pitt, acting S.D.; G. Horwill, J.D.; C. M. Morris, I.G.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; P. Leach and G. Hall, Stwds.; G. Bull, A.D.C.; W. L. Barker, acting Org.; Clarke, Pummell, Gladwell, Presland, Davis, Pain, Foley, Davy, Speck, Truckell, Mand, McKenzie, Lee, Whitefield, Barnes, Farmer, and Young, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Spratling, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; A. Purkis, W.M. 879; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; C. J. Grove, P.M. and Sec. 742; R. Eadie, S.D. 742; C. H. Halford, P.M. 1637; W. F. Darnell, P.M. 1607, and 1679; W. L. Barker, J.W. 1607; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463; H. J. Lardner, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. C. Peach, 192; W. M. Ward, 1348; R. Carey, 1441; R. Sarson, S.W. 192; M. Wolf, 946; E. Foley, 2166; C. Kelly, 1772; E. Symonds, 147; J. Whitwell, P.M. 554; W. L. Crow, P.M. 106; and E. Parsons, 1627.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed and the accounts for the past year, as audited, showing a substantial balance in hand, adopted, and other business transacted, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Carey, P.M., Treas., when Bro. Henry T. Meadows, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Duffield, P.M., D.C., to receive the benefit of installation. The usual obligation taken, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, Bro. Meadows was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the whole ceremony and addresses being rendered by Bro. Carey, P.M., in a masterly manner, eliciting hearty congratulations. The investiture of officers followed, Bro. Meadows, W.M., appointing Bros. John Hampson, S.W.; F. P. Langford, J.W.; Wm. Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; G. Horwill, S.D.; C. M. Morris, J.D.; Percy Leach, I.G.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; George Hall, A.D.C.; Harry T. Speck and John McKenzie, Stwds.; R. W. Clarke, Org.; and Young, Tyler. The ballot for Messrs. Thomas Henry Talbot and Thomas Manley was then taken, and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in a manner reflecting much credit on the newly-installed Master. On the W.M. announcing his intention to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted on the W.M.'s list.

Before closing the lodge, the assembled brethren tendered "hearty good wishes" to the W.M., and letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Bros. C. W. Kent, P.M.; J. Penney, P.M.; W. F. Packer, P.M.; W. T. Johns, P.M.; and others.

An adjournment was then made to the banqueting table, Bro. James Pearce catering in his usually excellent style.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Watts, submitted "The Worshipful Master," and in kindly terms referred to the long connection of Bro. Meadows with the lodge, his efficiency in filling all the offices entrusted to him, his services to the lodge of instruction and affiliated charitable institutions, and his desire at all times to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Meadows, W.M., who was heartily received, in response, thanked the brethren for his election to the chair of the lodge—an honour which he should highly prize. Relying upon the co-operation of the Past Masters and brethren, he promised that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the best traditions of the Leopold Lodge.

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the pleasant year



of office which the lodge had just passed through, and sincerely hoped that, although Bro. Watts was retiring into the ranks of the Past Masters, he would long continue a member of the Leopold Lodge, and continue to give it the benefit of his Masonic experience. On behalf of the lodge, he (the W.M.) had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Watts a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Leopold Lodge, and as a souvenir of his year of office, and which he trusted he might long be spared to wear.

Bro. Watts, in reply, was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him, and returned his grateful acknowledgments for the goodwill of the brethren, and for the handsome jewel presented to him, which he should highly prize. His year of office had been a very pleasant one, and he was glad to think that it had been a fruitful one, having served as Steward on behalf of the lodge at the last Festival of the Boys' Institution. For the hearty co-operation of the brethren he was very thankful, and assured the brethren that anything he could do to further the prosperity of the lodge was at their service.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. referred to the excellent manner in which Bro. W. Carey, P.M., Treas., had carried out his duties, and his willingness at all times to do what he could for the lodge.

Replying to the toast, Bro. Carey said that it was a great pleasure for him to install Bro. Meadows, who had proved himself a worthy member of the lodge, into the chair of K.S. If his services as Installing Master had given satisfaction he was fully gratified, and sincerely hoped that the pleasant ties existing among the members of the lodge might be strengthened with advancing years, and that the lodge might continue to prosper in every respect.

"The Initiates" followed, Bros. Talbot and Manley suitably replying, and expressing the hope that they might be found useful and worthy members of the Fraternity into which they had that night been admitted.

"The Visitors" received a warm welcome at the hands of the W.M., who was pleased to see such a large and distinguished muster.

The toast, as usual, was heartily pledged, and Bros. W. J. Spratling, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; Purkiss, W.M. 879; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; and W. F. Darnell, P.M. 1607 and 1679, replied, referring to the excellent working of the lodge, and the hearty reception accorded to the visitors.

"The Masonic Institutions" next claimed attention at the hands of the W.M., who left the Charities to be dealt with by Bro. J. M. McLeod, who was with them that evening.

In reply, the Secretary of the Boys' School dwelt on the good which the three Institutions were doing, and felt sensible of the honour done to the "Boys" in having a Steward from the Leopold Lodge two years in succession. He sincerely hoped that the members of the lodge would send their W.M. fortified with a handsome list at the next Festival, over which Bro. his Grace the Duke of Devonshire would preside, and concluded an eloquent appeal by wishing all prosperity to the Leopold Lodge.

Responding on behalf of "The Past Masters," Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, Secretary, regretted the absence of several Past Masters through business engagements. He congratulated the W.M. on his election to the chair, which he had so deservedly earned. He promised for the Past Masters their hearty support and co-operation, and earnestly trusted that the sentiments of the installation ceremony, so feelingly given expression to by Bro. Casey, P.M., might find not only a fleeting, but an abiding place in their hearts.

For "The Officers of the Lodge" Bros. Hampson, S.W., and McKenzie, Asst. Stwd., returned thanks, promising a regular attendance and hearty support to the W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. Arthur Strugnell; Madame Edna Riga, Bros. H. Lewis Thomas, H. Mervyn, George Pritchard, P.M., P.Z, Ward and Strugnell contributing to the harmony of the evening.

#### Abbey Lodge, No. 2120.

On Wednesday evening, the 8th ult., there was a very numerous gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, the occasion being the installation of Bro. James Webb as W.M. for the year ensuing. The duties of the outgoing P.M., or to speak more correctly, the I.P.M., Bro. T. Dix, were efficiently carried out. The office of installation having been gone through with that excellence of working for which the lodge is famous, Bro. Webb invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Dix, I.P.M.; Frank Harper, S.W.; William Brooks, J.W.; H. C. Leigh-Bennett, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. J. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. E. R. Parr, M.A., Chap.; A. McCormick, S.D.; A. G. Hutchins, J.D.; H. G. Nesmyth, I.G.; J. F. Bailey, Org.; Charles Head, D.C.; R. J. Hunt and E. Squire, Stwds.; and G. J. Mason, Tyler.

After the installation the brethren sat down to a banquet, which quite eclipsed Bro. Mason's usual successful attempts at catering; indeed, as Bro. Gould, P.G.D., stated during the speeches, after the feast, visitors had to confess that for good catering they had to give the palm to Bro. Mason.

Among those present at the banquet besides the officers alluded to above were: Bros. W. H. Gardner, P.M.; A. W. Crewdson, P.M.; E. T. Madeley, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; A. W. Gerrard, P.M.; A. Reed, V. J. Bradbury, J. Hunt, G. Gardener, G. Fletcher, J. F. Bailly, J. Bower Binns, F. J. Winkworth, A. Althorpe, E. Squire, J. Martin, W. Bates, and T. J. Rawlings. The visitors were Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. 92; J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M.; J. H. Askham, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; H. W. Gloster, 2317; J. J. Watts, 370; Fredk. Thomas, J.W.; A. Grace, 2521; J. Goodman, J. Goring, 1900; J. J. Robertson, Dr. Floyer, E. Jukes, 2460; T. Spyers, 47, N.Z.; E. Head, 1681; J. Farmer, and Chapman, 467.

The banquet hall was very beautifully decorated. At the ends of the room were scrolls bearing the following words: "Abbey Lodge, 2120, Bro. Webb, W.M." and "Success to the Abbey Lodge and Chapter."

The following were the toasts: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," given by the Worshipful Master, and the last responded to by Bro. Gould, P.G.D.; "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. Rev. E. R. Parr, M.A., and E. T. Madeley; "The Worshipful Master" was given by the I.P.M., Bro. T. Dix, and vociferously received; "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Littleboy, 2317, J. J. Watts, 370, W. Goodman, W.M. 1500, W. Thomas, 2521, and Dr. Floyer, 2460; "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. W. H. Gardner and T. Dix; "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bro. Bidwell, in the absence of Bro. Bennett; and "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bros. F. Harper and W. Brooks.

During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. Squire, Bailey, Chapman, Welch, Harper, Thomas, Head, Grace, Gerrard, and others.

#### Scots Lodge, No. 2319.

The January meeting of this lodge, at which the brethren always celebrate the Burns' Anniversary, was held on the 23rd ult. at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, London. Bro. Joseph J. Whitehead, W.M., presided. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors.

Bro. Robert Russell Paton, 1675, was elected a joining member, and Bros. George Guastalla and Edmund Watts were passed to the Second Degree. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. D. F. Gellion, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon William Macdonald Sinclair, B.D., Chaplain of the lodge, and Past Grand Chaplain, for the visit of the brethren of the lodge, at his invitation, to St. Paul's Cathedral to view the mosaics and other objects of interest there. The brethren were reminded of the ladies' night on the 7th instant at the Holborn Restaurant, and were besought to make it as great a success as the similar meeting of 1895.

The brethren then closed the lodge and banqueted, and afterwards there was some capital singing by Bros. Grant, P.M.; Thomas Charteris; Gellion, P.M.; Laurie; and James Thomson, S.W.; and some grand recitations by Bro. Reynolds.

Bro. Thomas Grant, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that every brother of the Scots Lodge admired his W.M., who, although a comparatively young Mason, did his work well, and did not forget the undertaking he had given to bring the ladies' night of February 7th to a successful issue. He hoped that the officers would rally round the W.M. on that occasion, give him a jolly good evening, and bring as many ladies and brethren as they could.

Bro. Whitehead, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that whatever he had done or might do was for the benefit of the Scots Lodge. During his year of office it had

been his aim to do the best he could for its welfare, and no brother who followed him would fail to do that, because with so much enthusiasm in the lodge, every Master would be well supported. With reference to the ladies' night, he might say that unless every brother gave his most hearty support it could not be a success, and thus would be a detriment, not only to the brethren, but to the lodge itself. Therefore, he would impress upon the brethren the necessity of supporting it. He should do his best, and he hoped every brother would do the same. He then called upon Bro. J. Nicol to propose "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns."

Bro. J. Nicol, in responding to the W.M.'s call, said he looked upon it as a great honour to be asked by the W.M. to propose "The Sacred Memory of Burns," but he wished that he had been given time to prepare something on the occasion. However, he thought he should be unworthy of the character of a Scotchman if he was not able to say a word in appreciation of the name they all honoured and revered so much as that of Robert Burns. It would be difficult to find any new words or anything fresh to say on the subject. Bro. Burns' fame had increased, although he was born 100 years ago. Of late years there had been a tendency among a certain class of speakers on these festive occasions not to criticise his work and its merits or to look on his demerits as to point out that it was an excuse for festivities. But they as Scotchmen as well as all the world knew the work he had done. He thought that on the anniversary of Burns' birth they would rather be with the multitude who might be supposed to sin than with the few who were described by Burns as "the unco guid." Burns was always against hypocrisy; he was a true man, a man of the people, and he was always with his humble poor. This was evidenced in his Cotter's Saturday Night. He was there; he assisted; he was with the humble one making their life sweeter, their toil pleasanter; everything he touched was affected with the magic of his wonderful mind; everything seemed transported into beauty and glory; the beautiful songs he sang seemed like larks soaring up into the heavens that all the world might hear. They knew that the works of Burns would never die, they could never die. His life was not a prosperous one, but the feeling which seemed to upset him on many occasions both in his fortune and his health was an incentive to bring forth a beautiful song [which he was bound to produce—a song that never failed him. He was almost a credit to us all as well as an incentive to us all, for even amidst all his troubles he could sing—

"Give me a cannie oor at e'en,  
Ma alims aboot ma dearie o',  
An' warldly cares an' warldly men  
May a' gang tapsie tearie o'."

Burns never thought amidst all his depression of the beautiful works naturally engrafted into his life—the beautiful mountain stream, everything seemed to fertilise and beautify. Although nations envied us and had jealousies the works of the poet Burns were doing more to cultivate that true fellowship of men throughout the whole world than any man who ever lived. He did not think it possible that the works of any man had done more to bring men together than the songs of Bro. Burns. Take for instance the lines

"When man to man the world o'er  
Shall brithers be, and a' that."

Bro. Joseph J. Whitehead, W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said that of Bros. Thomas Grant and Gellion, who were the only Past Masters present, he could say as of the other Past Masters of the lodge, that they had the confidence of every member of the lodge. They rendered every assistance they could and they were regular attendants there and at the lodge of instruction. He was sorry that Bros. Page and John Whitehead, who were very busy, were not present.

Bros. Grant, P.M., and Gellion, P.M., replied, expressing the pleasure they had in being present and assisting at the ceremonies and helping the pleasure of the meeting, and Bro. Gellion stated that he was only too pleased, in his humble way, to contribute to the comfort of the brethren. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among the brethren. He was very pleased to find that although an old man he always received a hearty welcome from the brethren.

Bros. Edward Watts and George Guastalla responded to the toast of "The Initiates," they having been admitted at an emergency meeting, and Bros. Gandy (Canada), Reynolds, Bond, Coleman, and Spooner to that of "The Visitors," and Bros. D. A. Ross and James Thomson to the toast of "The Officers," the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

#### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held recently, at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, when Bro. S. Robinson, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Niven, as I.P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treasurer; J. T. Last, P.M., Secretary; J. Haigh, P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; J. A. Drake, S.D.; J. Bland, J.D.; J. Morton, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; and a number of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. N. and E. Yorks; A. Sutcliffe, P.M. 308; E. Lord, P.M. 910, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Read, P.M. 1648, Prov. J.G.D.; S. A. Auty, P.M. 387; H. Henry, 600; and W. Bailey, S.D. 1248.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The distinguished visitors were saluted according to their rank. Bro. Peat was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hird, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Fearnley, S.W. The sum of £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds towards the "Henry Smith Testimonial Fund." The Secretary reported, for the information of the brethren, that on the following evening the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648, would present a founders' jewel to Bro. Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.D., the senior P.M., and sole surviving founder of that lodge. As Bro. Stephenson was a founder and senior P.M. of this lodge, the announcement was received with much gratification by the brethren.

Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of a number of the brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Last, P.M., Sec., stated that the lodge was honoured that evening by receiving a visit from brethren from Scarborough, York, Pontefract, Southampton, and Eastwood, amongst them being the Prov. G. Chap. of North and East Yorks and the Prov. J.G.D. of West Yorks, to all of whom he, on behalf of the lodge, gave a very cordial welcome.

Bro. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, M.A., P.M. 2328, Prov. G. Chap. N. and E. Yorks, responded, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to break his journey from the North and visit the lodge that evening, and he appreciated the compliment the brethren had paid him in the lodge. He experienced much pleasure from visiting lodges. That evening the visitors had been most kindly received and hospitably entertained.

Bro. E. Lord, P.M. 910, P.P.G.D.C., also responded, and stated that he was glad to have an opportunity of acknowledging the hearty manner in which both the toast and the visitors had been received and entertained. He had journeyed that day from Pontefract to be present at the lodge, and had been much gratified, both in the lodge, where all the officers had so efficiently discharged their respective duties, as well as at refreshment, with the ample provision made. He had had a long Masonic experience, and had often proved the goodfellowship displayed in Freemasonry—it had again been illustrated that evening, inasmuch as he came amongst them an entire stranger to almost all the members, yet from the kindly manner he had been received, he felt perfectly at his ease, and hoped to have the opportunity of again visiting them on a future occasion.

Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M. 387, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," referred to his own previous connection with the lodge and his regret at having severed it owing to increasing duties, which prevented his attending the lodge. He wished it every success, and had much pleasure in having the privilege of proposing "The W.M.'s Health," which was very cordially received.

Bro. S. Robinson, W.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner the toast had been received. He was pleased to have been honoured by the presence of so many visitors that evening, amongst them his old friend, Bro. F. Read, Prov. S.G.D., who was initiated the same evening as himself, nearly 20 years ago, in the Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1034.

Other toasts followed.

Bros. Fearnley, Smith, Last, and Decksey contributed songs and music to the harmony of the evening.



## Royal Arch.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.

The meeting for the installation of Principals took place at the chapter room, Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 22nd ult. Comp. James Terry, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I., installed all the three Principals, viz.: Comps. J. Royston, M.E.Z.; H. E. Grief, H.; and P. H. Young, J. The officers were then invested by Comp. Royston, viz.: Comps. J. S. Youngman, P.Z., S.E.; James Catling, S.N.; H. Sharman, P.S.; G. Bull, 1st A.S.; F. W. Potts, 2nd A.S.; J. Vail, Treas.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., D.C.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z., Stwd.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor.

The attendance also included Comps. Col. R. T. Caldwell, G. Supt.; O. Papworth, P.G.H.; T. Watts, P.Z.; J. Fuller, P.Z.; J. F. Symonds, P.Z.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z. SS; W. P. Spalding, M.E.Z. SS; J. G. Chennell, SS; C. H. Banham, J. SS; R. H. Adie, SS; W. James, C. P. Jones, F. W. Bird, and others.

Bros. A. R. Jennings, C. E. Ing, and P. Body were elected and exalted. The lecture on the historic lodges was given by Comp. P. H. Young, J., and the signs by Comp. J. Royston, M.E.Z.

At the close of the chapter, the companions adjourned to banquet.

### St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. H. Nuding, M.E.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z., as H.; W. H. Clemow, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; W. Farrington, S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; and W. T. Farthing, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member, for services rendered to the chapter. The resignation of Comp. W. Lake, P.Z., was received with regret. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. J. W. Gaze, P.Z.; C. Moore, P.Z.; and R. Evans, H.

The chapter was then closed; refreshment followed labour.

It being an off-night, the only toast given and honoured was that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

## Knights Templar.

### Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).

A meeting of this ancient encampment was held at the Inns-of-Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 10th ult. Among those in attendance were: Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, P.E.C., in the chair; N. Prower, M.A., P.E.C., Prelate; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, 1st Capt.; B. Johnson, Expert; B. Stewart, C. of L.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Capt. of Gds, P.E.C., Reg.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; L. Steele, P.E.C.; C. Slater, P.E.C.; and J. R. Carter.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comps. H. Lindus and J. R. Ubsdell were duly installed Knights of the Order by the acting S.E., the ceremony being most ably performed. Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, was then inducted as Eminent Commander. The following officers were appointed and invested: Sir Knights W. Maple, Prelate; H. Hills, 1st Capt.; B. Johnson, 2nd Capt.; Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.E.C., Reg.; B. Stewart, Expert; H. French Bromhead, C. of L.; J. R. Carter, 1st Herald; H. Lindus, 2nd Herald; and J. R. Ubsdell, Std. Br. Frater Rawles, having been duly elected, was invested as Equerry. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to E. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner for his services in the chair. The resignation of Colonel Richardson was received with regret. Sir Knight W. Maple being too unwell to attend, a vote of sympathy was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The presentation to him of a Past Commander's jewel was postponed till the next meeting. Communications regretting inability to attend were also received from Sir Knights E. Letchworth, W. Paas, G. Graveley, T. Wood, O. Berry, H. Hills, F. Egbert Roberts, H. F. Bromhead, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The Eminent Commander presided most ably and pleasantly.

Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser responded on behalf of "The Officers of Great Priory" in most eloquent terms.

Among other notable speakers were Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, N. Prower, and J. R. Carter.

The Eminent Commander and Sir Knight F. W. Driver contributed several poetical and other pieces, which gave unqualified satisfaction.

### St. Joseph Preceptory, No. 9.

The yearly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, and it was a most successful gathering. Sir Knight C. E. Towell, P.P., presided, and opened the preceptory. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The throne was resumed by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, P.E.P., for the purpose of installing Comp. A. Wilson as a member of the Order, which ceremony he performed exceedingly well and in a most impressive manner. V.E. Sir Knight Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. Grand Prior, took the chair and inaugurated Sir Knight J. Hardwicke Marsh, Constable, E.P. elect, on the throne, who immediately invested his officers for the ensuing year. The balance-sheet was received and adopted and was exceedingly satisfactory. The following were present—Sir Knights C. E. Towell, G. S. Smith, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Marsh, G. A. Myers, E. Pike, F. W. W. Lean, Sergt. Scarle, W. T. Beane, J. Arnott, and Bennett Flower, Guard. Visitors: V.E. Sir Knights Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, P.G. Prior; W. N. Molesworth, P.G. Reg.; Tyrer, Prov. Sub-Prior; E. Hindley, P.G. Std. Br.; Duckworth, E.P.; Rowland J. H. Robinson, E.P.; Lowery, J. Davies, R. Sharrack, J. J. Lambert, Hy. Thomas, P.P. Sub-Prior; J. Truelove Richardson, P.E.P., P.G.W. of Reg.; Wm. Duncan, P.E.P.; and others.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

### Stewart Council, No. 16.

The installation meeting of this council was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The W.M., Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G.W., opened the lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Letters and telegrams of regret that they could not be present were received from Bros. Lord Euston, F. Richardson, Cockburn, and many other distinguished Masons. The Orders of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople and Red Cross of Babylon were well worked by the W.M., his officers, and the help so kindly and efficiently rendered by Bro. W. Vincent, G.D.C. The Council of Grand High Priest was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier, who worked the Degree in his usual most efficient manner, assisted by Bros. Wallis, Driver, Vincent, Smith, Hill, and others. The candidates for the evening were Bros. Sir T. Roe, Walker, and Chapman. The installation of the W.M., Bro. A. Woodiwise, was then splendidly performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, assisted by a Board of distinguished Past Masters, among whom were Bros. Col. Cook, Belton, Driver, and others. The W.M. then invested his officers—Bros. J. Hill, S.W.; T. Taylor, J.W.; J. Smith, Conductor; Kilpin, S.D.; Peck, Ebbetts, Green, Eastwood, and others, in the other office.

The banquet was held in the Freemasons' Tavern, and the 21 sat down to a splendid spread as the "Guests of the W.M." This is an increasing and promising council and we are pleased to see so much progress in these Degrees.

## Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

### Premier Conclave.

A meeting of this distinguished conclave was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th instant, when there were present, among others, Sir Knights J. J. Pakes, M.P.S.; W. A. Scurrah, 1st Gen.; G. J. Phillips; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; and T. G. Robinson, G.S., P.M.P.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was resolved unanimously "That the March meeting be discontinued." A notice of motion was then given "That subject to the Hall being available, the first Monday in February be substituted for the first Monday in January on which to hold a meeting." The death of E. Sir Knight T. Cubitt, P.G.G., having been reported, a resolution expressing regret was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Apologies for non-attendance principally in consequence of engagements at New Year festivities were read from Sir Knights C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.M.P.S.; J. Purrott, P.M.P.S.; G. Graveley, V.E.; L. Stule, C. B. Cooper, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Major G. Cockle, and others.

The conclave was then closed, and a banquet followed.

The M.P.S. won golden opinions for the brevity that characterised his speeches in proposing the various toasts.

## Lodge of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A large number of brethren participated in a most enjoyable and instructive meeting on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, under the courteous presidency of the Preceptor, Bro. D. Harlow, P.M. 65, who on this occasion occupied the W.M.'s chair, and in a very able manner worked the ceremony of installation, with the valuable assistance of the Past Preceptor, Bro. Talbot, as D.C. Bro. Greig then occupied the chair and invested his officers, and after the addresses had been well rendered by Bro. Harlow, proceeded to pass Bro. Galey to the Second Degree.

The various offices were filled by the following: Bros. Harlow, W.M.; Greig, S.W.; Kinipple, J.W.; Meadows, Sec.; Wise, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; Talbot, D.C.; and Robeson, I.G.

There were also present: Bros. Dorton, P.M.; Saunton, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Purkis, P.M.; Sheldock, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; R. D. Smith, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Bone, P.M.; Pepe, Spencer, Pearl, A. J. Rippen, Galey, Stokes, White, Holmes, Drake, Knight, Evans, Riss, Tidder, Green, Chubb, and Doody.

The lodge was closed in due form.

As by the courtesy of the Prosperity brethren the lodge will be officered by the Lion and Lamb officers on Wednesday next, it is hoped that the members of No. 192 will muster in strong force on that occasion to support their W.M.

## Obituary.

### BRO. JOHN SYMONDS, P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. John Symonds, whose death on the 20th ult. it was our mournful duty to announce in our issue last week, was initiated in the Ionic Lodge—now No. 227—in 1839. Two years later—the year of the Great Exhibition—he joined the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1856-7, and occupied its chair as W.M., he was appointed, in 1861, to the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, while in the Royal Arch his services were rewarded with the collar of Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. In Grand Lodge he was known and respected as an able and fluent speaker, and always was able to command the attention of his audience. It was, however, in connection with our Masonic Institutions that his most valuable services were rendered. Not only was he Vice-President of the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, but he likewise took an active part in the regulation of their affairs. In respect of our two Schools, he did some capital work, and, as we mentioned last week, was associated with Bro. Frederick Binckes and the late Bro. the Rev. W. H. Lyell on a Special Committee, which was told off for the purpose of revising and extending the system of education which had previously been in force in each of those Institutions. Thus to him, in conjunction with the brethren we have named, our Schools are indebted for that admirable training which has won for them so high a reputation among the middle-class scholastic institutions of this country. We are confident that in years to come the memory of these great services which Bro. John Symonds cheerfully rendered will be cherished by all friends and supporters of our Charities.

The funeral took place at Bexley Cemetery on the 24th ult. A procession of open hearse, bearing coffin, profusely decorated with flowers, followed by four or five carriages, left the deceased brother's residence, Castle House, Bexley, at 3 o'clock, and proceeded to the old parish church, where the burial service was impressively read by the rector, after which the body and mourners went on foot to the cemetery, some few hundred yards away, where at the grave-side the remaining obsequies were performed. Those present included Mrs. Charles Symonds; Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Miller-Hallet (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Richd. Symonds; Miss Symonds and Miss Constance Symonds (daughters); Mr. Chas. Symonds (grandson); Bro. Henry Law, P.M.; and Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S.

### BRO. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. James Stevens, whose death we regretfully announced last week, was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, in 1857, and having joined the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, was in time elected W.M., and subsequently held the post of Secretary for five years. He had a hand in founding the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, connected with the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers, and ranked amongst its Past Masters; and he also assisted in founding the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and occupied the chair during the first year of its existence, while he was serving as I.P.M. when in the course of 1875 the lodge was visited by Bro. Lord Mayor William Stone and other prominent members of the Fraternity. He was exalted, if our memory serves us, in the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25; was a founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720; and for three consecutive years occupied the chair of First Principal in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Old Kent (T.I.) Lodge, he rose to be a Past Grand Overseer, after helping to found the Macdonald and Panmure Lodges, Nos. 104 and 139, respectively, and serving in both of them as W.M., while he was Past Prov. Grand Secretary of the late Mark Province of Middlesex and Surrey. He was also a Royal Ark Mariner, Past M.W.S. of the St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, and Past M.P.S. of the Macdonald Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, as well as a member of the Royal and Select Masters. In addition, he was an honorary member of many lodges, a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and was a promoter and director of the Surrey Masonic Hall. Of late years he had taken to lecturing on Freemasonry, and had arranged to repeat his lecture on "The Symbols of the Three Degrees in Craft Masonry" only two or three days prior to his decease. He was a great advocate for Uniformity of Ritual, and had also written much on Masonry, his best known work being entitled "Knobs and Excrescences." He was, in short, a man of great energy and ability, and in the various parts he had played in Masonry succeeded for the most part in acquiring himself well.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. HERBERT JOHN ALLCROFT, Treasurer of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West Hill, Putney Heath, will preside at the annual festival dinner which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, the 19th May, in behalf of that Institution.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. William J. Barry, third son of Mr. F. T. Barry, M.P., with the Lady Grace Murray, third daughter of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dunmore, took place at St. Andrew's Church, Wells-street, on Saturday last.

BRO. W. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., will take the chair at the annual festival dinner which will be held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, in aid of the Westminster Philanthropic Society, and will be supported by Baroness Burdett-Coutts and the Duke of Westminster.

AMONG THE GUESTS entertained by Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey last week were Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Granby, the Earl of Rosebery, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Lord Rowton, and Bro. Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck.

AMONG THOSE who attended the service held in Christ Church, Mayfair, on Sunday last in memory of the late Sir Henry Calcraft were Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Tweeddale, and Lord Stanley, M.P., Lord Radstock, the Hon. H. Sturt, M.P., and many other friends of the deceased.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Playgoers' Club was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Saturday evening last. Mr. Edward Ross, President, occupied the chair, and among the 400 members who were present were Bros. S. B. Bancroft, Lionel Brough, A. B. Walkley, Mr. Weedon Grossmith, and Mr. Carl Henschel.

A LARGE MEETING of the friends of voluntary schools was held in the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon, under the presidency of the Bishop of Ely, among those present in support being Professor Jabb, M.P., Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Viscount Peel, the Dean of Ely, the Master of Trinity, and others.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY has made arrangements for receiving the deputation from the Church of England Temperance Society on Friday next, the 7th instant at 12.15 p.m. The deputation will include the Bishops of London, Durham, Peterborough, Ely, Winchester, Hereford, Rochester, and many other members of the Society.

THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the Institution of Junior Engineers was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Saturday last under the presidency of Mr. Archibald Denny, among the guests being Sir Donald Currie, Mr. A. J. Darston, Engineer-in-chief of the Navy, and Mr. James Dunn, Acting Director of Naval Construction.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has arranged to visit Brighton on the 15th inst., in order to lay the foundation-stone of a new out-patients' department of the Sussex County Hospital. Owing to the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, intimation has been received in Brighton that the proposed visit will be postponed until the end of the month.

THE AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER ST. PAUL ran ashore off Long Branch on Saturday morning last during a dense fog. The passengers were all successfully landed, and hopes are entertained that the vessel will be got off shortly. The heavy seas, however, prevented any serious attempts to affect this from being made till some time after the catastrophe.

THE TROOPS are fast returning to the coast from Coomassie, and it is announced that the West Yorkshire battalion will embark on board the Manila on her homeward voyage on the 7th instant. Major C. B. Pigott, A.D.C., 21st Hussars, has been appointed British Resident and Governor at the Ashanti capital. The troops and prisoners are reported healthy.

A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE with the Queen, Princess Beatrice, and the Royal Family on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, has been forwarded to her Majesty through the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Agents-General for the different Australasian Colonies, and for the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, as well as from the High Commissioner of Canada.

LARGE CROWDS of people visited Trafalgar-square on Monday last for the purpose of paying honour to the memory of General Gordon, who was killed at Khartoum on that day 11 years ago. The Gordon Statue was decorated with wreaths, crosses, &c., &c., and memorial services, which were very numerous attended, were held in the Guards' Chapel and the Gordon Memorial Chapel.

LORD HAWKE'S team of cricketers playing 12 men were unexpectedly but decisively beaten by a colonial team of 15, at Natal, on Saturday last. The English made 154 in their first innings, while Natal were out for 100. In their second innings the former scored 173, when the Colonials went in and knocked off the required 228 runs with nine wickets still to fall. Lieut. Moore, who had previously distinguished himself at Pietermaritzburg, carrying out his bat for 107 runs.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION occurred on Saturday night last at the powder mills belonging to Messrs. Curtis and Harvey, at Hanworth, near Hounslow. Fortunately the men employed had left the premises only a short time previously, so that no lives were lost and no one was injured, but three mills were totally destroyed. The reports, of which there were two in quick succession, were heard within a radius of four or five miles, and caused a considerable degree of excitement in the neighbourhood.

VERY SINCERE REGRET is felt in all quarters at the unexpected death of Lord Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, at his residence in Holland Park-road, on Saturday last. His lordship had been in bad health for some time past, and was prevented presiding at the Royal Academy dinner in May last. But no one anticipated the occurrence of the sad event, and the mournful news has surprised as well as pained the public. Lord Leighton was born in 1830, and as recently as the 1st ult. was raised to the peerage, so that he has not survived long to enjoy the honour conferred upon him by her Majesty. The funeral will take place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday next.

WE LEARN from the fifth annual report of the Horniman Museum, London-road, Forest Hill, S.E., that many valuable additions have been made to the several collections on view in the museum, the majority of which are gifts from friends of the institution, while others have been purchased. Among the most notable are a duplicate of the original "Irish Wishing Chair," at the Giant's Causeway, Antrim; an "Old English Violin," in excellent condition, made by "John Crouck at Ye 3 Lutes in Drury Lane, near Princes St., London, 1682;" and a "Panel from the Juggernaut Car of India," in which are represented "Vishnu and his Salite or female form Lakshmi, riding on the watery principle of nature—the alligator, &c." We are also glad to learn that the number of visitors on the 188 days it was open during the year 1895 was 85,807, which shows an increase of over 20,000 when compared with the number in 1894, of 44,000 as compared with that in 1893, and of 49,000 as compared with that of 1892. Institutions such as this museum, which has been established by Bro. Horniman, M.P., deserve to be encouraged in every possible way, and we trust that during the present year a further advance will be made in popular favour.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that Prince Henry of Battenberg, in accordance with the wish expressed in his will, will be buried in Whippingham Church, in which his marriage with the Princess Beatrice was solemnised, and that his remains will be interred in a vault beneath the Royal pew. The first-class cruiser Blenheim, which conveyed home the body of the late Sir John Thompson, Prime Minister of Canada, who expired suddenly at Windsor Castle, and which is capable of 21 knots an hour, has been despatched to meet the Blonde, and bring home the body of the Prince. On her arrival in Portsmouth Harbour, the body will be transferred to the Royal Yacht Alberta, and conveyed across the Solent to Cowes. Surgeon-Captain Hilliard, who attended the Prince during his illness, will return to England with the remains. Innumerable messages of condolences with the Queen, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Royal Family on the sad calamity which has befallen them, have been received at Osborne, among them being one from Admiral Sir Algernon Lyons, Commander-in-Chief Devonport, and First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, from all classes of the Fleet in the Plymouth command, while resolutions of a similar character have been passed by various bodies, among them being the Constitutional Club, the London Indian Society, per Bro. L. Naoroji, and the Berkshire County Council, on the motion of Bro. Sir John R. Mowbray, Bart., M.P.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to grant to Bro. Colonel Egerton the use of the Stud House, Hampton Court, formerly occupied by the late Sir George Maude.

ACCORDING to present arrangements, the christening of the infant son of the Duke and Duchess of York will take place at Sandringham on Monday the 17th inst.

THE LADY MAYORESS (Lady Wilkin) will hold receptions at the Mansion House on the first Tuesday in every month, the first being held on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., from 3 to 5 p.m.

THE SPOT-BARRED MATCH, 24,000 up, which has been in progress for a fortnight, and in which Roberts, the champion, gave his opponent, Mitchell, a start of 9000, was concluded on Saturday last, the champion winning by 277 points.

IT HAS BEEN definitively arranged that an Australian team shall visit England during the approaching cricket season, and the members that will compose it have already been selected. Among them are several who have visited England before, but three new players are also included.

AT THE MEETING of the Herts County Council on Monday a resolution was moved by Bro. Earl Cowper, seconded by the Earl of Clarendon, and unanimously carried, of sympathy with the Queen and the Princess Henry of Battenberg in the terrible domestic bereavement by which they have just been visited.

THE TREASURER AND BENCHERS of the Middle Temple gave their usual dinner on Wednesday, being "Grand Day" in Hilary Term, among the principal guests being the American Ambassador, the Bishop of Oxford, Mr. John Morley, Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and Bro. Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P.

IT IS ANNOUNCED under authority from the Lord Chamberlain (Bro. the Earl of Lathom) that the Drawing Room fixed for the present month will not be held, and that the names of ladies submitted for presentation on that occasion will be included in the list for the Drawing Room to be held in March, unless otherwise desired.

BRO. ALDERMAN TRELOAR has been able to pay over to the Ragged School Union, 37, Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C., a balance of £91 10s. 2d., after meeting all expenses connected with the poor children's banquet recently given in the Guildhall under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

THE JAPAN SOCIETY held a very successful conversazione at their rooms in Hanover-square, on Wednesday, when a large number of guests assembled to meet the Japanese Minister and Madame Kato, among them being Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Reed, Lady Hannen, Sir Julius and Lady Rennie, Capt. Rolleston, and Bro. Imre Kiralfy.

MR. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and Bro. W. G. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Parliamentary and Financial Secretary, returned to town on Tuesday from Devonport, where they had been inspecting the Royal Naval Hospital and Royal William Victualling Yard. During their stay in Devonport they were the guests of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear-Admiral E. J. Church.

THE FUNERAL of the late Lord Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, will take place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday next. The Queen, who has signified her approval of the arrangements, will be represented, and so, too, will the Prince of Wales, while the German Ambassador will represent the Emperor William. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin and the Corporation of London will also attend in State.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES went to Osborne on Saturday last for the purpose of paying a visit of condolence to the Queen and Princess Beatrice on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg. His Royal Highness travelled by special train from Victoria and crossed over to the Island in company with the Duke of Connaught. He returned to Marlborough House on Sunday afternoon.

A CIRCULAR has been addressed to the junior members of the bar and law students calling upon them to give all the support in their power to the Inns of Court Volunteer Corps, which has latterly been re-organised by Bro. Lord Wolseley, but which still retains its representative character. The circular is signed by the Attorney and Solicitor-Generals, and Bros. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF THE ISLE OF MAN.—Bro. Lord Henniker was sworn in on Friday, the 24th ult., as Governor of the Isle of Man. The ceremony took place at Castletown, and the spectators showed considerable enthusiasm. Replying to an address of welcome, his lordship alluded in feeling terms to the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg and the sorrow of the Queen, and said the entire nation sympathised with the stricken Royal Family.

BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS, as Master of the Liners' Company, presided at the dinner given by that Corporation at Fishmongers' Hall on Tuesday evening to a distinguished company, which included Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Wilkin, and Bros. the Earl of Lonsborough and Viscount Dungarvan, Bro. Sheriff Cooper, Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard, and Bros. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart.; Sir F. Dixon Hartland, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Davies, M.P.; E. Boulnois, M.P.; J. C. Parkinson, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Albert J. Altman, Alderman F. P. Alliston, J. H. Matthews, Rev. Smith (Chaplain), P. de Land Long, C. F. Matier, Loveland Loveland, James Willing, jun., and Col. T. Davies Sewell.

A MEETING was held in the Salisbury Town Hall on Tuesday evening under the presidency of the Mayor of the city for the purpose of aiding the fund that is being raised for the repair and preservation of the tower and spire of Salisbury Cathedral. Among the principal speakers were the Bishop of Salisbury, and Bros. the Earl of Radnor and Viscount Folkestone, M.P., Earl Nelson, Colonel Williams, M.P., and Mr. Halse, M.P. A donation of £100 from the Queen was acknowledged by the Dean.

ON WEDNESDAY the annual "At Home" and ball, under the auspices of the Constance Lodge, No. 2135, took place in the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a large and fashionable gathering, Bros. John Coulthard, W.M., and T. D. Dryden, S.W., acting as M.C.s., while about 30 brethren officiated as Stewards. Music was supplied by Mr. John H. Amers's Band (Newcastle), and the following artistes sang at intervals: Madame Bellas Dryden, Miss Harker, Miss A. C. Harker, Miss Grainger, Miss Coulthard, Bros. T. D. Dryden, C. Stephenson, and Messrs. Davis, Millburn, Pallister, and others, Mr. Geo. P. Stephenson being the accompanist.

A MASONIC BALL will be held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, under the auspices of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, Lodges 19, 21, 30, and 194 M.M.M., and 19 R.A.M., with the distinguished patronage and presence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master. By special dispensation full Masonic clothing will be worn. Dancing will begin at nine and continue till three, the tickets, including supper and light refreshments, are 12s. 6d. each. After payment of expenses the surplus will be given to the Kelly Memorial Fund.

A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER was given at Goldsmiths' Hall, on Wednesday, to the Duke of Norfolk on the occasion of his retirement from the representation of the City in the London County Council. Among the 80 guests, who were presided over by Mr. Henry Clarke, were Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, the Earl of Denbigh, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, the Attorney-General, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart.; Bro. Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P.; Bro. Sir John Puleston, Bro. Alderman and Col. Davies, M.P.; and Bro. Alderman F. P. Alliston.

NEWS HAS BEEN received of the funeral at Libau, Russia, of Mr. C. B. Tickle, the son of Bro. J. Tickle, C.C. It was intended to bring the remains to England for interment, but that step proved impracticable owing to the superstition existing amongst the seamen. The body was followed to the grave by the captains, officers, and crews of the ships then in port, and also by the British Vice-Consul and the chaplain to the Consulate and the English residents of the place. The chaplain (the Rev. Edward T. Woollard) was most assiduous in his care of the deceased throughout his fatal illness, scarcely leaving his bedside the whole time, and practically undertaking the nursing himself. The family have just received a communication from that gentleman and also from the British Vice-Consul containing an account of the last moments of their son. Both these gentlemen speak eloquently of the bravery and fortitude of the deceased.

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## MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.  
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.  
250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.  
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.  
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.  
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
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, FEBRUARY 4.

## Colonial Board, at 4.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
166, Union, Criterion.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
765, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-road.  
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.  
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monico.  
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.  
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.  
2469, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 92, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

## MARK LODGES.

- 315, Kenniker, Mark Masons' Hall.  
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kilby, 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 Tavern, 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, FEBRUARY 5.

## GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern.  
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.  
1471, Athenaeum, Criterion.  
1505, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.  
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.  
1697, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

## MARK LODGE.

- 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

## 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.  
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.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, 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.  
South Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 19, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.  
102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
227, Ionic, Criterion.  
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
812, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1351, St. Clement Dances, Holborn Restaurant.  
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.  
1435, Hyde Park, The Westbourne.  
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.  
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.  
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.  
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.  
2512, Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham.  
2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monico.  
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.

## MARK LODGE.

- 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
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.  
Montefiore, 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, FEBRUARY 7.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.  
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
2407, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

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

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Fairleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Colborn, 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.  
Ke mington, 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-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

## CRAFT LODGES.

- 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.  
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.  
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Falinge.  
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
1830, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall.  
2570, Lewisham, Parish Hall.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.  
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, New Cross House, 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.

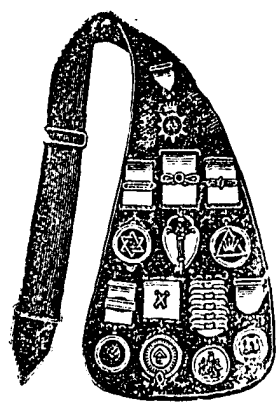
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