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AN ORATION ON FREEMASONRY.

We read so many of the addresses and orations on Freemasonry which are to be found in our North American exchanges or in the printed Proceedings of the North American Grand Lodges, that we may be excused if we do not place an excessively high value on the remarks and opinions they contain. Many of those who deliver them are content to keep themselves on perfectly safe ground by giving expression to little else than a series of mild platitudes, which are not infrequently mistaken for something that is wonderful by audiences whose knowledge of Freemasonry as a science, and the aims and objects it has in view, is very limited. Others are more venturesome, and occasionally treat their hearers to a display of "tall talk" about the Order, and convert it from a plain and unassuming system of morality into something which, on careful examination, turns out to be not unlike a system of religion. A few, however, are to be found here and there in which the speakers, avoiding ancient platitudes on the one hand, and objectionable buncombe on the other, are reasonable in their expositions of Freemasonry and its purposes, and amongst these few we have no hesitation in including Bro. CHARLES C. STEVENSON, Grand Orator of Idaho, whose oration on Freemasonry, as published in the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge, at its 28th Annual Communication, in September last, is one of the best which it has been our duty to read for many a long day. It is evident that Bro. STEVENSON has a very clear appreciation of Masonry and the objects it is intended to fulfil. At the outset of his oration he refers to a tradition "that a mighty island, almost a continent, by some unaccountable manifestation of Divine Providence, disappeared from view, and over its remains now rolls the great Atlantic;" and he claims that it is not unreasonable to imagine that this "mighty island" may have had its "walled cities, its public institutions, its works of architecture, its wealth of forests, its stretches of meadows and vales dotted with the peaceful homes of husbandmen; its temples of worship crowded with faithful devotees; its valorous soldiers fired with a glorious history of noble deeds by gallant heroes; its literature sparkling with the gems of genius." Yet, in obedience to the will of a Supreme Power, that island has disappeared. And as it has disappeared, so, too, have the political creations of man. We may obtain from the pages of history some fleeting glimpses at the empires, kingdoms, republics of the past, at the valorous deeds of their military geniuses, the beautiful conceptions of their poets, and painters, and sculptors; the eloquence of their orators, the learning of their philosophers; but all have passed away, and nothing remains to us from former ages but that inspired book of the law, on which our system of Masonry is founded. He then proceeds: "The antiquity of Freemasonry has

been doubted by some of the most erudite sons of the Craft, but whether the noble science existed among the patriarchs of old, or was the creation of those brilliant minds that controlled the reorganisation in the eighteenth century, can be but a matter of indifference to those inspired with the sublime teachings of the noble Institution which we to-day represent." "The traditions we dramatically represent in our degrees may or may not be founded on actual historical facts, yet," as our respected brother most pertinently argues, "they point out to initiates the beauties of a perfect life and the glories of a life to come. It matters little to you and me in this practical life of to-day whether our ritual was derived from the Egyptian, the Phoenician, or the Grecian mysteries. We have an inherent regard for the age of our Fraternity, but whether it came down direct in its present form from King Solomon's Temple can have but little influence upon the great end we have in view." He carries his argument still further in the passage which follows, and in which he says "we are proud of our noble Institution; we are proud of its intimate connection with the advancement and improvement of the world. But while we may be reminiscent and indulge in the pleasant and agreeable privilege of revelling in the beauties and delights of a glorious history, we should never lose sight of the fact that Masonry is also a practical Institution, designed to perpetuate God's word and to carry out in a great measure the injunctions contained in the great Book of Revelations"—by which we understand him to refer, not to the concluding part of the New Testament, which bears that particular title, but to the whole Volume of the Sacred Law, as revealing the will of the Great Creator.

Proceeding onward, Bro. STEVENSON continues to lay stress on the practical character of Freemasonry. "The fraternity of Freemasons is to-day," he remarks, "a great breathing, living unity. Its doctrines and principles, inspired of God, contain all that is essential for a perfect and upright life. The lessons of the lecturer are calculated to improve and enoble mankind, but the great aim of our noble Institution will be lost sight of if we fail to put into execution the excellent instructions with which we are all invested." More follows that is couched in a similar strain, and then the orator propounds in the next paragraph a series of practical questions. "Are all our distressed, worthy brothers properly provided for?" "Are the sobs of the widow and the wails of hungry orphans soothed with peace and plenty? Are the secrets of our brother secretly guarded in faithful hearts? Is the fallen raised gently and are there sweet words of comfort whispered in his ear? Is the welfare of a brother remembered in our invocations to God? Do we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity, and do we practice out of the lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it?" He concludes with the following passage: "By a faithful adherence to the lessons taught us in the lodge, by a firm reliance upon our Supreme Grand Master, and by a strict obedience to the injunctions contained in that Great Light upon our Altar, we may confidently expect that our excellent Institution will escape a repetition of those disasters of old, and that Freemasonry will go down into futurity as a glorious vehicle for dispensing light throughout the length and breadth of the world."

We have followed Bro. STEVENSON pretty closely through his oration. We have made his line of argument apparent by the quotation of several of the most important passages in his address, and we have come to the conclusion that it would be

an incalculable benefit to Freemasonry in North America if more of its Grand Masters, Grand Orators, Grand Lecturers, and others who are wont to speak in behalf of our Order and explain its objects were to follow the worthy example set them by the Grand Orator of Idaho, and impress upon their brethren the immense importance of practically illustrating in their own acts the lessons taught them by Freemasonry. We are far from underrating the antiquity of the Craft. [Nothing would gratify us more than to have it proved to a demonstration from what source our ritual was derived. But after all, it is the practical side of Freemasonry which claims our chief attention, and if we would enable it to be of any benefit to mankind we must practice in our daily lives those tenets and principles which are taught us within the lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter met on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, under the presidency of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of the Province. There was a large attendance of members of the Order, who were congratulated by the G. Supt. on the progress Royal Arch Masonry was making in the province. The officers for the year were appointed, and after the transaction of financial and other formal business Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The following were the officers appointed :

Comp. Le Feuvre, 394, P.G.S.B.	...	Prov. G.H.
" Dr. R. Thomas, 195	...	Prov. G.J.
" Edgar Goble, 309, P.G. Std. Br.	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" M. Emanuel, 130	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" L. Steele, 394	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Col. J. Mead, 723	...	Prov. G.P. Soc.
" T. W. Haydon, 309	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. F. Westerman, 1776	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. Jenvey, 359	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Trueman, 175	...	
" H. Crisp, 903	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. L. Snell, 487	...	
" D. Williams, 195	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Boyce, 2068	...	Prov. G.D.Cs.
" J. Wickens, 2074	...	
" J. Hewitson, 342	...	
" S. Corbett, Mus. Doc., 195	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Lancaster, 257	...	Prov. A.G.S.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Grand Hotel, an excellent repast being served, Comp. Beach presided, supported by Comp. Le Feuvre. The usual Masonic sentiments were honoured.

MASONIC INSTALLATION AT WINCHESTER.

The brethren of the ancient Lodge of Economy, No. 76, celebrated the Festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when Bro. R. A. Anstey, the S.W. of the lodge during the past year, was installed as W.M. in the presence of an exceptionally large attendance of brethren, which included the Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre; and about 40 Past Masters, among whom were many Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers.

The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Hinxman, the outgoing Master, who was highly complimented by the Provincial Grand Master and others upon his working.

Among those present were Bros. A. Lamb, P.J.G.W.; J. G. Turnbull, P.G. Reg.; W. Hawksley, P.G.D.; J. T. Thackara, P.G.D.C.; S. Dacombe, P.A. G.D.C.; F. Bascombe, P.G.S. of W.; J. E. Thornton, P.G. Org.; E. Litchfield, P.G.D.C.; R. G. Pither, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Bundy, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Lawrence, G. Hobbs, E. W. Ward, W. Stopher, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Harris, P.P. G.W.; J. Adams, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Jacob, P.P.S.G.D.; F. King, H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D.; Dicks, E. Snook, J. L. Johnson, E. Long, W.M. 359; T. Stopher, P.P.G.W.; H. B. Rohss, W.M. 1461; G. Turville, W.M. 2016; F. W. King, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. J. Brown, S. B. Crook, G. Ward, Hollis, W.M. elect 394; H. Wint, 120; A. J. Leach, S.W. 130; and others.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, they partook of a *recherché* banquet, served by Bro. Clowser.

Speeches were made by the Prov. G.M. and his Deputy, and the duty of responding for the numerous body of visitors fell to Bro. E. Long, W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, of Southampton.

FREEMASONRY IN GREECE.

The following are translations of two circular letters, with copies of which we have been favoured by his Highness Prince Rhodocanakis, Hon. Grand Master *ad vitam* of the Grand Orient of Greece, and M.P. Sovereign G. Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for that Kingdom, with a request that they should be published in the columns of the *Freemason*:

"Athens, 9th November, 1895.

"To the M.W.G. Master of —

"M.W. Sir and Brother,—

"Subsequent to the dispatch of the communication from our Grand Master *ad vitam*, Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, announcing the re-construction of the Council of our Grand Orient, we learned from private correspondence that circular letters, bearing the printed headings of the

Grand Orient of Greece and stamped with its old seal, had been forwarded to foreign parts. With a view, therefore, to avoid mistakes and confusion, we beg to bring to your notice what has recently happened in our Grand East.

"At the close of certain discussions, our former Grand Master, Bro. N. Damaschinos, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Calyvas, Bro. A. Douroutis, and others having tendered their resignations as members of the Council, the remaining members, who formed only a minority of the Council, endeavoured to impose upon the representatives of the Grand Orient certain changes in the laws, which were in direct opposition to our Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and to the Masonic principles which have formed the basis of our Order since its introduction into Greece and its re-construction by our M.W. Grand Master *ad vitam*, Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis.

"The General Assembly, composed of representatives of the lodges, declining to yield to the pretensions of this turbulent minority, the latter saw fit to retire from the meeting. On this, the General Assembly, being at the time legally constituted and acting in accordance with our Constitutions and general laws, proceeded forthwith to the election of a new Council, the result of which has already been communicated to you by Prince Rhodocanakis, who—as well as the Supreme Council, 33° (see Appendix No. 1)—has sanctioned and approved all the acts of the General Assembly. He has since, in his capacity of Grand Master *ad vitam* and founder of the Grand Orient of Greece, solemnly installed the new members of the Grand Orient.

"When the members of the old Council who had withdrawn from the Assembly found they were not re-elected, they persuaded our former Grand Master, Bro. N. Damaschinos, who had already retired from all active Masonic work, to organise, under his presidency, a new Grand Orient.

"This council having in its possession the seals and printed papers of our Grand Orient—for the ex-Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Stephanou, is among the malcontents—has commenced sending out circulars under the title of the Grand Orient of Greece and giving itself out as the successor of the former Council, which, as the whole Masonic world is aware, was founded by Bro. Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis. This irregular Grand Orient, with Bro. N. Damaschinos at its head, has been officially disavowed by the Supreme Council of Greece and our Grand Orient, while the brethren comprising it since our disavowal have completed the realisation of their illegal scheme, both in contravention of our Rite by arrogating to itself the right pertaining to the Supreme Council, 33°, of conferring all Degrees from the 3rd to the 33rd, and by refusing to recognise the authority of the Supreme Council which established the Grand Orient in Greece.

"In face of conduct, so entirely opposed to the principles of Masonry, we have broken off all relations with them, and having learned that they are endeavouring to palm themselves off as the regular Grand Orient of Greece, we have, with great regret, deemed it our duty to put you in possession of the true facts with a view to placing you on your guard against any attempts which may be made to involve you in any misunderstanding of the circumstances.

"Accept, very dear and Worshipful Brother, our fraternal greetings and the assurance of our most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) "TIMOLEON PHILIMON, G. Master.
"A. VRYSAKIS, G. Secretary.
"ROUKIS, Asst. G. Secretary
for Foreign Correspondence."

CIRCULAR.

"Athens, 24 Nov., 6 Dec., 1895.

"M.P. Sovereign G. Commander and very dear and Ill. Brethren,
"We have the honour to inform you that our Lieut. G. Commander having tendered his resignation in writing in consequence of the state of his health requiring—as set forth in the resignation in question—that he should abstain from all kinds of Masonic work, and, that resignation having been accepted by the Sov. G. Commander and by our Supreme Council at its session of the 4th August, 1895, our Supreme Council of the 33° has been reconstituted as follows:

M.P. Sov. G. Commander	...	Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, 33°.
V.P. Lieut. G. Commander	...	Athanasius Durutti, 33°.
III. G. Secretary General	...	Andrés Kalyvas, Ph.D., 33°.
" G. Director General of the Ceremonies	...	Spiridion Karaiscachi, 33°.
" G. Archiviste	...	Spiridion Aravantinos, 33°. (Ex-Minister of Justice).
" G. Treasurer General	...	Michael Rodocanachi, 33°.
" G. Captain of the Guards	...	C. Nicolaides, 33°.
" G. Standard Bearer	...	Nicolas Rhados 33°.
" G. Sword Bearer	...	Prof. Emmanuel Gallanis, 33°.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Constantine Costis, 33°; John MacDowall, 33°; Anastasius Stouris, 33°; General Meredith Read, 33°; Lindsay Mackersy, 33°; Colonel Chas. Hunter, 33°; Lord Blythswood, 33°; and Captain N. G. Philips, 33°.

(Signed) "D. RHODOCANAKIS, 33°."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chair of M.E.G.Z. was occupied by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J., G. Supt. of Hants and the Isle of Wight; the chair of G.H. by Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.S., G. Supt. Bucks; and the chair of G.J. by Comp. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., G. Supt. Berks.

The other companions present were—

Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Thomas Fenn, as G.S.N.; Sir G. D. Harris, acting for the President of the Committee of Gen. Purposes; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; Baron de Ferrieres, as G.P.S.; Geo. Henry Hopkinson, P.G. Std. Br., as 1st A.G.S.; J. E. Le Feuvre, as 2nd A.G.S.; Col. Lorenzo George Dundas, G.S.B.; W. Newton, Deputy G.S.B.; Edgar Goble, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., as G.D.C.; S. Valentine, A.G.D.C.; Howard H. Room, A.G.D.C.; J. Newton, A.G.D.C.; Harry Tipper,

A.G.D.C.; A. C. Spaull, P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Moreton, Chas H. Driver, P.G. S.B.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.S.B.; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.G. Std. Br.; S. V. Abraham, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; F. H. Goldney, P.A.G.S.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, W. F. Smithson, J. G. Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B.; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.S.B.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; A. M. Trendell, P.G.S.B.; Hugh Mackintosh, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; R. G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Herbert J. Adams, P.D.G.D.C.; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.A.G.D.C.; Lennox Browne, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E.; J. J. Briginshaw, M.E.Z. 2256; George H. Lewis, J. 2048; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 749; William Bigg, M.F.Z. 808; William A. Sproat, P.Z. 174; C. N. McIntyre North, P.Z. 1275; Henry Lovegrove, M.E.Z. 2416, P.Z. 72, 1549; M. Slaughter, P.Z. 176; Alfred Molony, M.E.Z. 2346; Charles Kempton, P.Z. 2021; Rev. C. E. K. Wright, J. 236; Neville Green, P.Z. 154; J. W. Harding, M.E.Z. 1017; A. J. Berry, P.Z. 1524; J. W. Burgess, M.E.Z. 591; C. J. Taylor, J. 538; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; John Williams, P.Z. 591; M. Goldstein, M.E.Z. 1572; P. J. Davies, H. 685; Henry Wright, P.Z., S.E. 1615; Richard P. J. Laundry, M.E.Z. 890; J. H. Cureton, M.E.Z. 2182; N. Salmon, M.E.Z. 177; and Arthur H. Scurrah, P.Z. 2048.

On the motion of Comp. Sir GEO. D. HARRIS, P.A.G. Soj., acting for Comp. Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.A.G.S., charters were granted for new chapters to be attached to the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, Sheffield; the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, London; the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, London; the Carington Lodge, No. 2421, Amersham, Bucks; and the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, London. A charter of confirmation, moved and seconded by the same two companions, was granted to the Bulwer Chapter, No. 1068, Cairo, the original charter having been destroyed by fire, and it was resolved that, inasmuch as the Rock Chapter, No. 260, Trichinopoly, Madras, has ceased to work, the charter be returned.

It was also resolved that St. Peter's Westminster Chapter, No. 1537, London, having ceased to work and returned its charter, the chapter be erased.

The Amity Chapter, No. 171, London, having ceased to work, it was decided that the chapter be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the roll of chapters.

Bro. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS next said that he had been requested by the President of the Committee of General Purposes, who was not able to be present, to ask the permission of Grand Chapter to move a resolution, notice of which had, unfortunately, been omitted from the agenda paper. He would read it—"That the sum of £50 be given from the funds of Grand Chapter towards the proposed establishment of the Endowment Fund of a Scholarship in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the funds for which are being raised."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, and said the object was an excellent one.

Leave was unanimously given.

Bro. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS then moved the resolution.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., in seconding the motion, said that at present there had been raised £850 to that fund, and he believed that Grand Chapter would grant a contribution to it, the same as Grand Lodge had done.

The motion was carried, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE JOPPA LODGE, No. 11, OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

This the first Royal Ark Mariners lodge in Cheshire was consecrated on Friday, the 31st ult., by Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.D.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.W. Lancs.; W. Platt, P.P.G.W. Lancs.; and others.

Being favoured with the presence of Bro. Vincent, the Preceptor of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons, the W.M. of the Joppa Lodge of Mark Masons, Bro. John Armstrong, in order to bring the working of the Degree into harmony with the best practice, suggested the idea of a Mark lodge of instruction to be opened an hour earlier than the Ark Mariner lodge, to which Bro. Vincent readily assented, and which was carried into effect. The ceremony of advancement was worked under the guidance of Bro. Vincent, and from this the members of the Joppa Lodge gained much real information on many points of detail about which great diversity of opinion had previously prevailed. The information and instruction given by Bro. Vincent earned for him the unanimously expressed gratitude of those privileged and fortunate enough to be present. Precisely at three o'clock a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (for which a dispensation had been granted) was opened, with Bro. Vincent in the chair, who appointed Bros. Fletcher, W.C.N. 359, as S.J.; A. Cross, S.S. 359, as S.S.; J. C. Robinson, P.C.N. 359, as S.S.; and John Armstrong, 359, as Guardian, when the following duly qualified and approved Mark Masons were admitted and elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner in Bro. Vincent's well-known and impressive manner—

Bros. Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., Rev. G. R. Johnson, E. W. Armstrong, A. H. Baird, Geo. Barclay, J. F. Booth, Dr. C. S. Brewer, J. E. Buckley, Jos. Clarke, A. E. Coveney, L. Crosthwaite, W. Dykes, J. S. Derbyshire, P. Duff, John Frazer, Sam Green, Wm. Hudson, J. H. Jackson, Owen Jones, Sam Jones, F. W. Marsh, S. S. Morris, W. J. Newton, R. Robinson, W. F. Robinson, Jas. Smith, Dr. George Tate, A. J. Thompson, H. E. Thompson, J. G. Wallace, Wm. Williams, and others.

At four o'clock the G. Sec., Bro. Chas. Fitzgerald Matier, entered the lodge, accompanied by a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and on assuming the chair appointed Bros. Goodacre, P.G.D., as S.J.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.W., as S.S.; W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. Platt, P.P.G.W., as Guardian.

After an able address from the Chair, the founders of the lodge, numbering 37, were arranged in order, and the warrant read by Bro. W. VINCENT, P.A.G.D.C.

An interesting oration was then delivered upon the history and principles of Royal Ark Masonry by Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. WRIGHT, M.A., P.G.

Chaplain of North and East Yorkshire, and W.C.N. York Lodge (T.I.), as follows:

The circumstances under which we are met together to-day must ever be of great interest in the annals of Royal Ark Masonry, since the lodge which we are about to consecrate is the very first in the Royal Ark Mariners Degree which has ever been founded in the Province of Cheshire. I esteem it a great privilege that I should have been asked to officiate as Grand Chaplain, and to deliver this oration, not only because the occasion is so unique, but also because, though I now live in the south, I spent many years of my life in Lancashire and Cheshire, and I am glad to think that when I have to come so near my old home, it should be to fulfil so interesting a duty as this. The Royal Ark Mariners Degree is of great antiquity, though it is impossible to say exactly how it originated. It was much in favour, and extensively worked during the 18th century, under a Grand Lodge of its own, and in the year 1793 we find H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, afterwards King William IV., as Grand Commander of the Order. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Kent and Sussex also belonged to it. But from various causes after this period, the Degree languished, and at last, after many negotiations, an arrangement was made by which it was transferred to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Canon Portal, who was then Grand Master, being the first Grand Commander. Hence it is that the Degree is only conferred upon a regular Mark Master Mason, and that every lodge of Royal Ark Mariners must be attached to a Mark Master Masons lodge. In Scotland, the possession of the Royal Arch Degree is also required, and it is extensively worked in America and in many of the colonies. The Degree itself was founded, as you are well aware, to commemorate various interesting circumstances connected with the Flood. We live in days, in which, I am sorry to say, the simple faith which animated our forefathers has largely given way to a spirit of scepticism. Many people in the present day refuse to believe what they cannot absolutely prove. And to so large an extent has this sceptical spirit involved us that even the sacred writings which are given us as the rule and guide of our faith have not escaped. Thus people will tell you that the teachings of the Volume of the Sacred Law are not in accordance with science, and yet it is an extraordinary thing, but the further science advances, the more it confirms the truth of the bible. And it must be remembered that science is continually changing. The theories that are held to-day have to be given up to-morrow owing to some new discovery, but the bible never changes. That Sacred Volume stands grim and immutable, and when science has said her last word, the sacred record will remain triumphant. Again, with regard to the object which this Degree commemorates. Some people will tell you that Noah and the Flood were only a myth—that Noah never existed, and that the Flood was only invented as a sort of pretty little story. I do not think any Royal Ark Mariner would say so, since, by taking the Degree, he pledges himself to belief in Noah and the events therein recorded, and, as every Mason is taught to regard the Volume of the Sacred Law with unbounded veneration, it should be his especial care to guard it from the attacks of the insidious. But yet if there were no Flood, do you not think it is an extraordinary thing that all the nations of the earth seem to have heard of it? I do not say whether it was total or partial, or that we ought to accept literally every statement about it in the Book of Genesis, any more than we should take the days of creation to be literal days, when we know that the word means period, and in many cases thousands of years. But that there was a flood of some kind is undoubted, and every nation of the earth has some traditional account of it. It is to be found in the traditions of India, amongst the Greeks and Romans, and even the Red Indians of North America include a flood amongst their mythology. And we must remember, too, that the earth is in a very different condition now to what it was then. What exactly was the scientific cause of the Flood we do not know; but it has been suggested that it was caused by the changing of the Polar line by the attraction of the central line round which our system now revolves. This would cause vast fields of ice to be thrown from the Poles to the Equator, which, as we know, took place during what we speak of as the glacial epoch, when all the tropical vegetation and those enormous creatures which we still speak of as antediluvian monsters were destroyed. There is, perhaps, less esoteric teaching amongst our Royal Ark Mariners than in any other Degree in Freemasonry. The lessons which are inculcated therein are not of that deep import which may be found elsewhere; but, though of a very simple nature, they are eminently practical, and should be thoroughly laid to heart. They more especially teach us our duty to our fellow-men, and particularly to our brethren in distress. They exhort us earnestly to the practice of the five cardinal virtues, to remember always that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and in general to act up to that precept which tells us "to do unto others as we would they should do unto us." I trust that in fulfilling these precepts you may have a long and prosperous career before you, but, in conclusion, let me give you one word of advice. In this Degree, as in all other Degrees in Masonry, it is important to get the right sort of men to join your lodge. Think more of quality than of quantity. To have 20 earnest, zealous, enthusiastic Masons is much better than to have double that number of men who take but little interest in the Degree when they have once got it. As a rule you will find that men who take up the higher Degrees in Freemasonry have so far proved their devotion to it by their proficiency in other ones, that there is less danger of this to be apprehended, but still, never be tempted to try and get men into the Order for the mere sake of increasing your numbers. Be careful to see, so far as in you lies, that all who are proposed for the honour of elevation are good men and true. Thus you may hope to advance the interests of the Order and the prosperity of your lodge, and may the S.G.C.O.T.U. have you in His Holy keeping both now and for ever.

The lodge was afterwards formally consecrated and constituted, and Bro. John Armstrong was installed by Bro. Vincent as first W.C.N. of the lodge, and Bro. Owen Jones was passed the chair and constituted P.C.N. of the lodge.

Bro. Armstrong invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Frazer, S.J.; James Hamilton Jackson, S.S.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, Chap.; A. H. Baird, Treas.; Dr. C. S. Brewer, Sec.; Joseph Clarke, S.D.; W. F. Robinson, J.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.C.N., D.C.; Wm. Hudson, O.g.; L. Crosthwaite, Guardian; Dr. Geo. Tate, F. W. Marsh, G. Barclay, and W. J. Newton, Stwds.; and J. Duran, Warden.

Before the lodge was closed, the W.C.N. proposed, and Bro. the Rev. G. R. JOHNSON seconded, that the Consecrating Officer, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., and his assistants, Bro. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., and Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.G. Chaplain North and East Yorks, be elected hon. members of the lodge, and the motion being unanimously carried, Bros. MATIER, G. Sec., VINCENT, and WRIGHT severally acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Matier was afterwards presented with the first founder's jewel of the lodge, Bro. Vincent the second, and Bro. Wright the third.

The W.C.N. and officers, together with Bros. Samuel Jones and Peter Duff, were elected a Committee to draw up the by-laws for the government of the lodge.

The best thanks of the members having been tendered to the Grand Secretary and his assistants for coming specially from London to perform the ceremony, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

The following is a list of the founders—

Bros. John Armstrong, T. C. Thorburn, J. C. Robinson, Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., Rev. R. G. Johnson, Rev. Harry Vernon Pigot, E. W. Armstrong, A. H. Baird, Geo. Barclay, J. F. Booth, Dr. C. S. Brewer, J. E. Buckley, Jos. Clarke, A. E. Coveney, L. Crosthwaite, W. J. Doran, J. S. Derbyshire, Peter Duff, Wm. Dykes, John Frazer, Samuel Green, Wm. Hudson, J. Hamilton Jackson, Owen Jones, Samuel Jones, F. W. Marsh, S. S. Morris, W. T. Newton, Robert Robinson, W. F. Robinson, James Smith, Dr. George Tate, A. J. Thompson, H. E. Thompson, J. G. Wallace, and Wm. Williams.

The speeches at the dinner were short and to the point, those by the Grand Officers and visitors being models of brilliancy and conciseness.

The toasts of "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Commander," being most loyally given and received,

In proposing "The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council," the W.C.N said this consisted of three active and several honorary members, and they were greatly favoured that day in having two of the three active members with them in the persons of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, and Bro. Vincent, and in coupling the name of the latter brother with the toast, he could safely say he had never, in the course of his 22 years as a Mark Mason, listened to such correct and finished working of that or any Degree.

Bro. VINCENT, P.A.G.D.C., said his visit to Birkenhead had given him great pleasure. He was always glad and ready to place himself at the service of brethren anxious to improve themselves in the beautiful ritual, and was pleased to find the assistance he had been able to give that day so highly appreciated.

The GRAND SECRETARY, as Consecrating Officer, then gave the toast of "The W.C.N., Bro. John Armstrong," in well-chosen words, in which the latter replied, thanking the Grand Secretary for his encouraging remarks.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officer, R.W. Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary," was received with long continued applause.

In reply, the GRAND SECRETARY said it always gave him great pleasure to assist in the consecration of a new lodge, more especially when started under such favourable auspices as the Joppa Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. The Joppa Mark Lodge, No. 11, he looked upon as one of the best on the roll of Grand Lodge. His last visit to it was some 26 years ago, when he was Deputy Grand Master of Lancashire and the North of England. At that time it was one of the most prosperous lodges, and he was glad it was to-day in an equally prosperous condition. He hoped the Joppa Ark Mariners Lodge, as it had commenced well, would follow in the footsteps of the Joppa Mark Lodge, and become prosperous and useful. He also referred to the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was doing such an amount of good, and hoped now that the Province of Cheshire, which had responded so nobly, not only locally, in the establishment of a large Benevolent Fund, to meet the immediate wants of its aged and distressed members and their widows, but also in the support it gave Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the P.G.M., when presiding at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, would not overlook the claims of the Mark Fund. He hoped at no distant day that Fund would have the support, not only of the province, but of the Mark lodges and their members.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably responded to by Bros. FLETCHER, PLATT, and BARROW.

The toasts of "The Officers" and "Wardens" brought a very successful meeting to an end.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wm. Hudson, ably assisted by Bros. Hamilton Jackson, A. H. Baird, Geo. Barclay, and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE OLD PRIORY LODGE, No. 2594, AT NOTTINGHAM.

A very imposing ceremony was performed at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Wednesday afternoon, the 29th ult., when the attendance, though not so large as expected, was a fully representative one, and included many Masons from the various lodges in the Provinces of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

The new lodge is located at Beestow, the ceremony being performed at Nottingham by dispensation of his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G.M. of Nottinghamshire, by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., assisted by Grand Officers. Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Newton, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. his Honour Judge Masterman, D.C.L., P.G.D., the Junior Warden's chair. Bro. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., acted as D.C., and the Grand Tyler, Bro. Sadler, as I.G.

By permission of Bro. Sir A. Woods, K.C.M.G. (Garter), the golden consecrating vessels of Grand Lodge were used upon this occasion.

The first W.M. is Bro. Dr. W. H. Wright, P.M. and P.Z. 731, founder and P.M. 2425, P.P.G.D.C., Vice-Patron R.M.I.B.; the first S.W., Bro. Dr. W. J. Sprott, S.D. 402; and the first J.W., Bro. James Harrison, 731.

Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., there being present Bros. J. Jones, P.M. 731, P.G.S. of W.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Dr. Rowan, W.M. 802; Lomas, 731; Banks, 731; Essex, P.P.G. Org. Notts; Hunt, 731; Millington, 731; Greenhill, J.D. 1405; S. Hunt, 2224; P. J. Jackson, 1794; T. H. Newan, 1085; W. H. Barnett, Stwd. 1405; J. Hampson, 1493; T. H. Lumey, 1493; and numerous other brethren.

The ceremony began with an opening hymn, after which Bro. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., presented the warrant of the new lodge to Bro. Letchworth.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A., delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and privileges of the Institution. In the course of the address, the rev. brother alluded to the splendid services rendered to the Craft for upwards of 40 years by the father—the late Bro. G. S. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.J.—of the W.M. designate.

The anthems were very efficiently rendered by Bro. Bingley Shaw, and the benediction was pronounced by the Prov. G. Chap.

The installation of the new Master was proceeded with, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., Bro. Matthews, P.D.G. D.C., presenting the W.M. designate.

The W.M., Bro. Dr. W. H. Wright, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. W. J. Sprott, S.W.; Joseph Harrison, J.W.; W. Millington, Sec.; R. Jackson, S.D.; Joseph Hampson, J.D.; G. A. Greenhill, D. of C.; T. Newam, I.G.; and E. Hewitt and A. D. Hunt, Stewards.

The W.M. proposed, and Bro. HARRISON J.W., seconded, Bro. J. J. Turner for the post of Tyler, and he was elected.

The W.M., Bro. Dr. W. H. WRIGHT, then rose and said that his first duty as W.M. was a most pleasing one, viz., to present Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Sec., with a handsome founder's jewel, as a slight memento of his great kindness in being present to perform the ceremony of consecration and installation.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., suitably replied.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the Grand Officers.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed with the honours of the Order.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarked how Masonry was flourishing in England. He stated that it was only three years ago that he was one of the founders of the Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425, and since then 169 lodges had been consecrated.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. his Honour Judge Masterman, P.G.D. Eng.

The W.M., replying, said: It was written in old times "that out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." Well, my heart is very full to-night, and I feel utterly unable to express my feelings, I don't think that sentiment meant a man to make a long speech, but if the fulness of the heart means "Thank you," I thank you most sincerely for the honour done me to-night. I am deeply sensible of the high position in which I have been placed, and my best endeavour will be to promote the best interests of the lodge. My earnest wish is to win the esteem and confidence of my brethren, for I take it it is better to reign sovereign in the heart and affections of men than to rule over their lives and fortunes. It is also my wish to identify myself with Masonic Charity, therefore I have decided to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and I have sent up a donation of 25 guineas. I trust the officers and brethren will assist me in this grand and excellent undertaking. I also wish to take an active part in the local Masonic Benevolent Fund, which is doing such excellent work and reaching brethren that it would be impossible to aid from the central Masonic Charities. I also trust, brethren, that we shall never forget that broader Charity, which vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, and which never faileth. Brethren, I feel deeply your kindness, and I trust that peace and harmony will prevail in the lodge, and that you will never have cause to regret having placed me in the position of first W.M. of the Old Priory Lodge.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Barnard, J.G.W. Eng.; W. H. Marsden, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; Heywood, W.M. 731; W. J. Piper, P.A.G. Treas. Derbyshire; and many other brethren.

During the evening, songs were rendered by the W.M., Bro. Bingley Shaw, Madame Clara Gardiner, and others, under the conductorship of Bro. Professor Essex, P.P.G. Org.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF PRINCE FREDERICK LODGE, No. 307.

Tuesday, the 28th ult., will be a day which will long be remembered and cherished by the brethren at Hebden Bridge, W. Yorkshire, and especially by members of the Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307. On that day the above lodge, with Bro. Ethelbert Harwood at its head, emphasised its centenary with impressive dignity and hospitality. In consequence of the lodge rooms in Hope-street being inadequate for the convenience of the large numbers expected to be present, the two Co-operative Halls were requisitioned. The smaller hall was transformed into a lodge-room, and the larger hall was reserved for the banquet in the evening. To an impartial observer and guest at this celebration there was much that was interesting and some food for reflection. No one could fail to perceive, and all undoubtedly recognised, the open-hearted welcome which the W.M. extended to his visitors, and how cordially his officers and brethren supported him. The celebration of the centenary of the Prince Frederick Lodge also demonstrated beyond question the popularity of Bro. W. L. Jackson as Provincial Grand Master, and the loyalty of the province to its chief, although it was to be regretted that, in consequence of another important engagement, Bro. Jackson was unable to be present, and his duties fell upon the shoulders of the highly-respected D.P.G.M., Bro. Smith.

Bro. Harwood, who has the honour to be in the chair during the eventful year, is a Mason who has taken a quiet and unostentatious part in the affairs of the lodge for a good many years. It was only last December that he was installed W.M., but immediately he got his hand on the plough he never looked back, and went heart and soul into the duties which devolved upon him. He filled his post on the 28th ult. with considerable dignity, and had the hearty greetings of a large number of visitors.

The day being a real "red-letter" day, nothing but the business of the centenary celebration was entertained. The brethren assembled shortly after three o'clock p.m. There was a large attendance, about 40 members and about 45 visitors being present. The lodge being duly formed, the opening ode was sung with much heartiness.

The Provincial Grand Officers then entered, and were saluted by the brethren. They were as follows: Bros. W. Cockcroft, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Uttley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Patman, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Gaukroger, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; W. Watson, Prov. G. Librarian; Asa Fawthrop, P.G. Std. Br.; George Bolton, P.G.T.; G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; T. Ibbetson Walker, P.P.G.D.; J. Marshall, P.P.G.P.; Aus'en Roberts, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Tate, P.G.S.B.; and J. Partington, P.P.S.G.D.

In addition to the above there was a large gathering of brethren from Eastwood, Todmorden, Littleborough, Manchester, Halifax, Elland, Sowerby Bridge, Leeds, Bradford, London and other towns. Altogether there were nearly 50 visiting brethren, a feature which was indeed highly gratifying to the members of Prince Frederick Lodge. Apologies were read from the P.G.M., Bro. W. L.

Jackson, and other provincial brethren, who through various reasons were unable to be present.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M., next entrusted the centenary warrant to the W.M., and in doing so congratulated the brethren of Prince Frederick Lodge on their uninterrupted existence for 100 years. He hoped that there would be good men and true to follow and take that deep interest in the lodge that their worthy brethren in the past had done.

Bro. COCKCROFT afterwards read the warrant and returned it to the W.M. It is signed by the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The W.M., Bro. HARWOOD, followed with a short address. He said that during his connection with Masonry he had seen the work of the lodge carried out in a most brilliant manner and he hoped it would be in the future. He hoped there would always be harmony amongst the brethren and that the lodge would continue to prosper. He thanked the brethren for their attendance, as it was an occasion which none present would live to see repeated in connection with the Prince Frederick Lodge. He also thanked Bro. Smith for presenting the warrant and hoped that his successors would do their best to hand it down as their predecessors had handed down theirs.

Bro. SMITH then presented the centenary jewels to the brethren who had applied for them, and in doing so spoke a few encouraging words and shook hands with each.

Bro. J. W. SHAW, S.W., then read a sketch of the career of the lodge, which he had prepared for the occasion. It was a real literary production and must have entailed a considerable amount of labour and self-sacrifice in compilation. There are several instances of real good humour in the production, and the spicy manner in which Bro. Shaw had introduced the amusing resolutions passed during the infancy of the lodge called forth hearty applause.

We give a few brief extracts. The original warrant constituting the lodge, and which is now in its possession, is dated 28th January, 1796, the title of the lodge being "Loyal Halifax." The meetings were then held at the Ring of Bells, an Inn at that time of considerable importance in Halifax. Meetings were held there until April, 1804, when the brethren removed to the Rose and Crown, Halifax. In 1808 the Loyal Halifax Lodge appeared to be in straitened circumstances, being both in debt and the numbers having been considerably reduced. At this time several brethren resided at Heptonstall who were anxious to form a lodge of their own. Knowing the reduced state into which Loyal Halifax had fallen, they thought it a good opportunity of acquiring the dispensation of that lodge and transferring it to Heptonstall. After a few little difficulties had been settled this was successfully accomplished in 1809, when the lodge was transferred to the Stag's Head, Heptonstall, and the name was altered to Prince Frederick. Here the lodge commenced new life again with the brightest hopes, and was successfully carried on until 1822, when it was unanimously agreed that the lodge be transferred to the White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge, but no reason is given for that determination. The lodge continued to prosper, and was held here for by far the longest period in its history, viz., until the 27th October, 1890, when it was determined to have private rooms, with the result that the present rooms in Hope-street were taken upon lease, and at considerable cost adapted to the use of the lodge.

Bro. Shaw concluded with a few appropriate remarks, and then resumed his seat amidst the hearty plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Shaw was also warmly congratulated for the excellent epitome which he had prepared.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. HENRY SMITH, addressed the brethren briefly, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet, which was on a truly magnificent scale, took place in the large hall. The catering was entrusted to Mr. Marsh, of Halifax, to whom the greatest praise is due for the excellent viands provided and the expeditious manner in which they were served. The *menu* left nothing to be desired.

Bro. E. HARWOOD, W.M., proposed the two opening toasts—"The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family"—the latter being drunk in silence, in consequence of the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

Bro. J. G. ASHWORTH, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. H. KING, P.M., D.C., proposed "The R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Jackson; the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Smith; and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. SMITH and BOLTON very ably responded.

"The Worshipful Master of No. 307, Bro. Harwood," was entrusted to Bro. J. GREENWOOD.

Bro. HARWOOD suitably responded, and B. o. Buckland sang with much enthusiasm "Here's to his health in a song."

Bro. R. SUTCLIFFE, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Neighbouring Lodges and the Visiting Brethren."

Bros. CROSSLEY, DICKENSON, RUSSELL, POWELL, BAIRSTOW, MARSHALL, and CRAVEN responded.

Bro. J. W. SHAW, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters of No. 307."

Bros. PATMAN, GAUKROGER, and THOS. UTTLEY acknowledged the toast.

"The Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of Prince Frederick Lodge" was proposed by Bro. E. R. DICKENSON.

Bro. J. W. SHAW responded.

The closing toast—"Prosperity to Lodge Prince Frederick"—was very ably proposed by Bro. PAIMAN, P.M., P.P.G.P.

The musical part of the evening's programme was all that could be desired, excellent talent being at the command of the D.C.

The proceedings were brought to a close shortly after 11 o'clock.

Prince Frederick Lodge is certainly to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements which they made for the comfort and entertainment of their numerous guests. Much credit is due to the Committee who had the arrangements in hand, as the foresight and ability which they displayed prevented any hitch in the proceedings, and caused everything to pass off comfortably, and in an eminent degree satisfactorily.

A word of praise is also due to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Cockcroft. Bro. Herbert King discharged the duties of D.C. in a pleasing manner.

BIRKENHEAD MASONIC CHARITY BALL.

On the 28th ult., took place the third annual Charity ball of the combined lodges of Birkenhead and district in the Cloughton Music Hall, Birkenhead, which was crowded with a brilliant assembly of guests representing many of the leading families of the district. The ball was under the patronage of—Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., President; Bros. His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., the Hon. Allan De Tatton Egerton, M.P., G. Supt., P.G.M. (Mark), and Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec., Vice-Presidents; Her Grace the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, the Mayoress of Birkenhead, Mrs. Elliott Lees, Mrs. E. C. Jodrell, and Mrs. W. H. Lever, Lady Patrons; and Bros. G. S. Oldam (Mayor of Birkenhead), Col. C. S. Dean, P.P.G.D., D.P.G.M. (Mark), Henry Bratt, P.S.G.W., Alderman T. Shaw, P.J.G.W., John Clayton,

P.P.G.W., Elliott Lees, M.P., Colonel E. C. Jodrell, M.P., and W. H. Lever, Patrons.

As a social function this ball holds a foremost position in the district, and the guests attending numbered some 260. The handsome building, which belongs to the Freemasons, needs but little in the way of adornment, but that little was most tastefully accomplished, Bro. J. Smith, 605, supplying the plants and floral ornaments, and Bro. J. Gamlin, P.M. 605, P.P.G.D., being entrusted with the other decorations.

Dispensation having been obtained from the Provincial Grand Master, the brethren appeared in full Masonic dress, wearing the jewels and insignia of their ranks and offices, and, in addition to the ordinary Craft lodges, the Allied Degrees, and several Royal Arch chapters and Mark lodges were represented. Bro. J. Armstrong appeared in the clothing of the Royal Ark Mariners, and it is anticipated that a lodge of this Degree will shortly be founded in Birkenhead. The various aprons, collars, and sashes, with the jewels and orders, combined with the picturesquely-designed dress of the ladies, contrasted pleasantly with the more sombre hue of the gentlemen's ordinary evening dress, and rendered the *ensemble* brilliant in the extreme.

The guests were received at the entrance of the ball-room by Bro. Enoch Evans, P.M. 477, P.P.G.T., and Mrs. Evans. The Stewards were presented each with a handsome jewel in the form of a gold and enamelled Maltese cross, which bore the arms and inscription of the province.

Bro. T. A. Jackson, W.M. 2375, made a most courteous and indefatigable M.C., and his assistants were Bros. A. Saunders, W.M. 477; J. H. Jackson, W.M. 605; H. Matthews, 1276, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. G. Hoskyn, W.M. 1289; R. C. Davies, 1576; J. H. Pagin, W.M. 2132; J. G. Holmes, S.W. 2375; W. F. Robinson, W.M. 2433; and T. E. Tomlinson, W.M. 2496.

The Committee were under the leadership of Bros. E. Evans, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. (Chairman); J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. of W. (Vice-Chairman); Richard Olive, 605, P.G. Stwd. (Treasurer); and R. Robinson, P.M. 477 (Secretary).

The catering was in the hands of Bro. Dan Baker, 477, who gave every satisfaction. Light refreshments were served in the *foyer*, and supper in the lower hall.

There were 18 dances on the programme, besides six supper dances, and at the close of the ball two extras were also given.

The music was excellently rendered by Hollis's band, and included all the latest things.

Among the guests present were Bros. G. H. Brown, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Gamlin, P.P.G.D.; Owen Jones, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Matthews, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.G.C.; Samuel Jones, P.P.G.D.; John Barnes, P.P.G.S.B.; C. N. Stewart, P.M. 1576; R. Jones, P.M. 1276; A. E. Coveney, P.M. 605, Charity Representative; W. M. Gauvly, P.M. 1570, P.P.J.G.D. West Lancs.; E. C. Davies, Stwd. 1576; Millward Hughes, P.P.G.O.; J. H. Carter, J.D. 477; R. Cecil Davies, J.W. 1576; C. H. Davies, 1576; L. Crosthwaite, S.W. 1289; O. Minck, Stwd. 1289; J. W. Evans, P.M. 1576; and W. Rudyard, 477.

THIRD LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

The regular meeting of this noted lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. At the conclusion of the usual business and the reading of dispensation from Grand Lodge, which permitted the brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels at the banquet on that evening, at which ladies would be present, the brethren adjourned to the drawing room. Here a reception was held by the energetic and popular W.M., Bro. Joseph Hands, and Mrs. Hands.

The following brethren and friends were most heartily welcomed: Bro. Gaskin, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., and Mrs. Gaskin; Mr. and Mrs. Reeves; Bros. Todd, P.M.; Small, and A. Wright, P.M.; Miss Overall, Bro. Clarke, P.M., and Mrs. Clarke; Mr. Davies, Misses Hands, Miss Pring, Bro. Morath, Miss Blackman, Bro. Drapskin and Mrs. Drapskin; Bro. Hopton, Bro. James Austin, P.M., Sec., Mrs. Austin, and Misses Edith and May Austin; Mr. Robert Wilfrid Scarlett, Mr. and Mrs. Challis; Bro. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson; Bro. Hardwick and Miss Hardwick; Bro. Rev. H. V. Tyrrel, Bro. Francis Austin and Mrs. Austin; Bro. Price, Miss Wood, Bro. Blake and Mrs. Blake; Bro. Atkinson, Miss Missing, Bro. Beecroft, P.M., and Mrs. Beecroft; Bro. Belchamber, S.W., and Mrs. Belchamber; Bro. W. W. Block, P.M., and Mrs. Block; Bro. Tims and Mrs. Tims; Bro. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell; Mr. and Mrs. Cook; Bro. Renwick, Bro. Thompson, Miss A. Wood, Mr. Clunie, Miss Clunie, Miss Bushell, Miss Joad, Bro. Richards, J.W., and Mrs. Richards; Bro. Wells, P.M., and Mrs. Wells; Miss Trody, Bro. Day, Mrs. Day, and Miss Day; Bro. W. Green and Mrs. Green; Mr. Etheridge and Miss Etheridge; Bro. Tarrant, P.M.; Bro. Tanner, Mrs. Tanner, and Miss Tanner; Bro. T. Green, Mrs. Green, and Miss Green; Bro. Blandford, Bro. Hayward and Mrs. Hayward; Bro. J. Block, P.M., and Mrs. Block; Miss Legars, Bro. Bellinger and Mrs. Bellinger; Bros. Needle, Gething, and Morris, Bro. Downes, Mrs. and Miss Downes; Bro. Bushell, Bro. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson; Bro. Knifton, Bro. Ashbourn and Mrs. Ashbourn; Mrs. Manns, Mr. Menninger and Mrs. Menninger; Mrs. Hutchley and Miss Hutchley; Bro. Isaacs, Bro. Parker and Mrs. Parker; Bro. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper; Bro. Bruce, Miss Bancher, Mr. Gauthony, Prof. Du Val, Mr. Treiver, Bro. J. Bunker, P.M.; Bro. Knibb, I.P.M., and Miss Knibb; Mr. Simpson, Bro. Hattersley, Bro. King and Mrs. King; Miss Philpot, Mrs. Bunker, Bro. Briscoe, P.P.G.O. Surrey, and Mrs. Briscoe; Bro. Busby, Bro. Du Pledge, Bro. Gainger, Miss Motterway, Miss Moore, Mr. E. Roberts and Miss Roberts; Miss Franklin, Miss Howard, and many others; the guests and brethren numbering upwards of 150.

The banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Pearce, was well served and most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and referred in most sympathetic terms to the bereavement which had befallen the Royal Family, in the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg. These were duly honoured by all.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was enthusiastically received, and duly responded to by Bro. Gaskin, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. T. F. KNIBB, I.P.M., who, in a very able manner, described Bro. Hands as one of the best that could be found in the Craft, being thoroughly acquainted with his duty, and doing it in such a manner that any lodge might feel proud of him, and he congratulated the W.M., in the name of the brethren present, upon the signal success of that splendid gathering.

The toast was most heartily received.

Bro. J. HANDS, W.M., thanked the company for such a cordial reception. He felt sure, from the numbers present, that such meetings were making their mark in Masonry and doing good. The great success of that event amply repaid him for all his exertions, and he hoped to have the pleasure of being present at many such gatherings. He could not let that opportunity pass without expressing his thanks to Bro. J. Austin, P.M., Sec., for his untiring and energetic assistance; also to the Committee, Stewards, and all officers of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said that that was the toast of the evening. He was sure it would be received by all with the utmost enthusiasm, for the brethren were always happy in the society of the ladies, and he was sure that they would ever be welcomed by the members of the Southern Star Lodge. With that favourite toast he would couple the name of Bro. the Rev. H. V. Tyrrel, Chaplain of the Cornish Lodge.

In responding, Bro. TYRREL said he had no idea when he entered the room that such a task would be imposed upon him, but the W.M. having laid his commands, he would endeavour in some way to perform his duty—and in a very humorous and able manner he did so. He supposed that the reason why he was selected for that delicate task was that he was a modest, young, unmarried curate, who would be supposed to know so much about the ladies, and who, belonging, as the small boy once said, to neither the masculine, feminine, nor neuter, but to the "clergyman" gender, would, of all the company, be the most likely to please both ladies and gentlemen. Among other matters, he mentioned that since he had arrived, he had found out that he was in the immediate presence of a lady, who, he thought, held an unique position with regard to Masonry. He referred to Mrs. J. Austin, wife of the Secretary of the lodge, who was the daughter, sister, wife, mother, and aunt of Freemasons, and he thought that if in a few years all the ladies present could show such a record as that, there would be no doubt of the success and stability of the Southern Star Lodge. In conclusion, he tendered, on behalf of the ladies, their sincere thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. mentioned he had received from all the greatest kindness and help during his year of office. They had conscientiously worked and earned the thanks and praise of those present. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. R. E. Clarke, P.M., a founder; T. F. Knibb, I.P.M.; and J. Bunker, P.M.

Bros. R. E. CLARKE and T. F. KNIBB replied in a few well-chosen and cordial words, and thanked the W.M. for his testimony to the Past Masters.

Bro. J. BUNKER gave some very interesting statistics concerning the Masonic Institutions, the number of children admitted into the Schools, and the successes attained by them. He put forward strongly the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, from figures that he quoted, pointed out specially to the ladies and non-brethren present that genuine good was done by the Charities of the Craft. He heartily thanked the ladies and visitors for the interest they had taken in the welfare of the Southern Star Lodge.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., who stated that it was always a pleasure and an honour to the members of the lodge to give a hearty welcome to their visitors, and he hoped they would come again. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Todd, P.M.; King, and Knifton.

These brethren most ably responded, tendering their thanks to the W.M. and brethren, and expressing the wish that all lodges would endeavour to follow the example of hospitality that that lodge had set.

An English-made leathern purse, with silver fittings, was presented to each lady visitor. The following inscription was stamped in gold upon every purse: "Souvenir from the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158. Jan. 28, 1896. Bro. J. Hands, W.M."

A choice selection of music was rendered by Miss Alice Motterway, Miss Moore, Bro. Robert Miles, Bro. George De Pledge, Mr. Harry Hudson, and Signor Alcepi. Bro. A. Briscoe, P.P.G.O. Surrey, presided at the piano. Professor Du Val gave an interesting entertainment of drawing room magic.

A most enjoyable evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the rendering of "Auld lang syne."

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when there was a full programme of business, for the delectation of a very numerous assemblage of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. A. Dodds, presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. Wm. Stafford, I.P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; M. R. Wright, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M., as S.W.; H. Jackson, J.W.; T. R. Johnson, P.M., as Sec.; T. Chegwidden, S.D.; W. Holzapfel, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. T. Pragnell and Thos. Douglass, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. Lightbown, A.W. Blacklock, J. Neil, H. H. Pitt, W. H. Ashley, R. Douglas, R. Forsyth, W. Robson, G. Gillespy, Robt. Brason, G. T. Bootes, R. Laverick, R. Hewett, W. Irving, G. Humble, T. Smith, P. Cash, J. Cunningham, R. Atkinson, J. Carr, R. Kelly, J. Charlton, C. G. Nichols, W. E. Peacock, T. W. Hilton, W. Laws, and others. Amongst the many visitors were Bros. G. Wilson, W.M. 2568; H. Rochester, P.M. 541, and S.W. 2568; J. A. S. Scott, J.W. 2568; F. W. Holmes, S.D. 2568; E. H. Reed, I.G. 2568; W. M. Lyon, P.M. 406; C. P. Liddler, W.M. 1664; J. T. Stark, S.W. 1676; C. W. Hodgson, J.D. 659; J. B. McKenzie, I.G. 659; R. Stewart, I.P.M. 424; W. J. Heppell, J.W. and W.M. elect 424; J. Burrell, Sec. 424; J. Howe, Stwd. 424; G. N. Pallerson, P.M. 424; W. T. Hall, I.G. 406; J. H. Lascelles, 541; R. Johnson, 1670; T. J. Beswick, 1356; T. Wright, P.M. 1342; D. B. Fair, 782 (N.Y.), and others. The preliminaries having been settled, Messrs. Henry Coulson and Jas. L. Dotson were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., and the J.W. explained the tools and charges of the Degree.

The lodge was afterwards opened, when Bros. Sheriff, R. Douglas, W. H. Ashley, W. Robson, Nicholson, and J. Cunningham were duly passed by Bro. A. Dodds, W.M. The working tools were explained by the acting S.W. It was afterwards resolved to purchase 70 shares in the Industry Masonic Hall Company; and it was also agreed to subscribe £1 1s. towards the Scholarship Fund of the Boys' Masonic School. Propositions for joining and initiation were made, and after "Good wishes" from the visitors had been tendered, the proceedings terminated in the usual way.

York Lodge, No. 236.

The celebration of the annual festival and installation of the W.M. elect of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors from the other city lodges, and of brethren within the Province of North and East Yorkshire. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Edwin Carter, through domestic affliction, Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. and Grand Std. Br. of England, presided, and after the ordinary business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Mungo Bryson was duly installed by Bro. Todd as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Edwin Carter, I.P.M.; F. Sidney Gramshaw, M.D., S.W.; Alfred Procter, J.W.; Rev. H. A. Wilson, M.A., Chap.; Joseph Todd, P.M., P.G.T., G. Std. Br. Eng., Treas.; Arthur Jones, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Laughton, S.D.; J. A. Askew, J.D.; J. S. Shannon, D.C.; Thos. Sanderson, Org.; O. G. Taylor, Asst. Sec.; E. S. Robinson, I.G.; J. B. Sampson, P.M., F. W. Cull, and W. Wordsworth, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler. In addition to the above the following brethren were present: Bros. John A. Barstow, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.P.G.C.; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; A. Buckle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. W.

Purnell, P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.C.; H. Foster, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; M. Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Draper, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. T. Seller, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Border, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; G. Garbutt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Biscomb, A. G. Rayner, W. Hirst, F. A. Collier, J. H. Wray, Henry Scott, W. N. Stimpson, Wm. Hepper, G. H. Osborn, C. Simmons, T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B. Eng.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Mark Scott, P.M. 506, P.P.G.W.; W. Storey, P.M. 1611, P.G.S.B.; George Lamb, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; W. S. Child, 1611, P.P.G.O.; W. Bean, I.G. 1611; J. T. Chambers, J.W. 1611; J. Blenkins, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; C. Judge, W.M. 1611; Fras. H. Vaughan, W.M. 1611; J. W. Dow, W.M. 1991; Webber, F. C. Rudd, W.M. 1416; T. Farmery, 1611; Ben Kilvington, 1611; F. W. Halliwell, S.W. 1611; and P. Pearson, 1611.

The usual banquet was subsequently held at the Masonic Hall, when the following toasts were submitted and heartily responded to—"The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge," to which latter toast Bro. Todd, G. Std. Br., responded; "The Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, R.W. P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings; the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, R.W.P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. G. and Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. Jones, and acknowledged by Bro. Barstow, P.S.G.W.; "The Worshipful Master of the York Lodge," submitted by Bro. Peck, and replied to by the W.M. Bro. Alderman Rymer proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright "The I.P.M., Bro. E. Carter, and the Past Masters of the York Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Buckle. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Border, and was responded to by Bros. Judge, F. H. Vaughan, W.M. 1611, and Webber; Bro. H. Foster proposed "The Officers of the York Lodge," to which the Senior and Junior Wardens responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. T. Sanderson, and the following took part—Bros. Farmery, Watson Hirst, Kilvington, Laughton, and E. S. Robinson.

Socrates Lodge, No. 373.

This lodge celebrated the annual Festival of St. John on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon, when the W.M. for the current year was duly installed in the chair. The lodge assembled at an early hour, and the following visitors were present: Bros. John Haviland, 1911, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; H. G. Coard, 2242; W. W. George, 1897; G. O. Swift, 289; F. Stones, 87; J. Radcliffe, W.M. 1213; G. T. Miles, 1929; R. R. Keeling, W.M. 2283; H. C. Clarabut, P.M. 2533; and J. Whitsed, W.M. 442.

The business began with an initiation ceremony, which was performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. the Rev. G. H. Frewer, M.A., in a masterly manner. The choice of W.M. had fallen on Bro. H. I. Walker, P.P.G. Stwd., and he was installed most impressively by Bro. Frewer, who was assisted in the latter part of the ceremony by Bro. Conney, P.P.G. Std. Br. The lodge room had extra care bestowed on its appearance, and looked exceedingly well. The new Master then appointed his officers, and the following were invested: Bros. the Rev. G. H. Frewer, I.P.M.; C. N. White, S.W.; B. Beasley, jun., J.W.; Rev. T. Hodgson, Chap.; G. Thackray, Treas.; J. Pascoe, P.M., Sec.; H. I. Hankin, S.D.; W. R. Todd, J.D.; F. B. Thackray, I.G.; W. Conney, D.C.; H. E. R. Sinkins, Org.; J. J. Bryant, S. of W.; A. E. Margretts, P.M., G. Brownlow, and W. P. Schreiner, Stwds.; and W. Brown and J. Page, Tylers.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the adjoining room where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. John Goodliff, and the usual Masonic toasts were given in the usual manner and responded to, the D.P.G.M. making a few appropriate remarks to the assembled brethren.

The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by the musical contributions of Bros. George, Radcliffe, and Miles, mentioned above, who visited the lodge at the invitation of the new W.M., and also Bro. Beasley and Sinkins. The Grace after meat was beautifully sung by Messrs. W. Howard, J. White (specially engaged) Bros. J. W. Ingram, George, and Miles.

Clarendon Lodge, No. 1166.

At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Queen's Hotel, Hyde, on Thursday, the 30th ult., the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Whyte McLeod, W.M. elect, was performed in a most impressive manner, and before a large and distinguished gathering of members and Prov. G. Officers. The Installing Master was Bro. W. H. Dutton, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.D.C. (Mark), assisted by Bros. R. B. Dutton, P.M., P.Z., P.G. D.C., and Ernest Hampson, I.P.M. The following brethren were appointed officers, and duly invested: Bros. E. Hampson, I.P.M.; J. M. Kenworthy, S.W.; J. G. Frost, J.W.; J. Hepworth, Treas.; W. T. Haworth, Sec.; A. Moxon, S.D.; T. Valentine, J.D.; W. H. Edwards, I.G.; W. H. Dutton, D.C.; S. M. Duddle, Org.; M. Conroy and R. Rear, Stewards; and J. Higginbottom, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were the following Prov. G. Officers: Bros. R. Moorehouse, P.G. Sec.; H. G. Small, P.G.D.C.; F. Reid, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Clayton, P.P. G.W.; Wm. Ramsden, P.P.G.D.; T. E. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; F. R. Pearson, P.P.G.C.; T. Bowers, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Drinkwater, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hepworth, P.P.G.D.; C. Wallworth, P.G.S.; and E. G. Lingard, P.P.G.W.

After the ceremony, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated.

Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219.

At the installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge, which was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, there was a very large attendance of brethren; the duties of Installing Master were undertaken by Bro. Walter Baron, W.M., and admirably did he perform the duties allotted to him. The lodge having been opened, he was assisted by his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Installing Master appointed as his officers Bros. W. I. Schofield, as J.W.; Jas. Andrews, as S.W.; and James Robinson, P.M., as I.G. Bro. Benjamin, Whitwam, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Robinson, and in accordance with the usual custom, was inducted into the chair of K.S., and duly saluted and proclaimed. The officers were invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. W. Baron, I.P.M.; G. W. Belshaw, S.W.; J. Lowery, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treasurer; Jas. Robinson, P.M., Secretary; L. H. Keay, S.D.; J. H. Maybury, J.D.; W. B. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D. of C.; J. L. Vickers, Org.; E. L. Lord, I.G.; T. Foster, R. Dixon, J. T. Whittle, A. Cuss, and A. E. Bishop, Stwds.; James Hyde Tyler; and Jas. Andrew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Charity Representative, and their duties were explained by the following brethren: Bros. J. Robinson, W. B. Russell, Hughes, and W. T. Schofield, the latter, as usual, addressing the brethren, whilst the Installing Master addressed the W.M., and Bro. Russell, the Wardens. The ceremony throughout was very creditably performed by the various brethren who took part. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the many visitors present, and the lodge was closed by the W.M. During the evening a most beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Baron, I.P.M., for the great ability he had displayed as W.M. during his year of office.

At the banquet which subsequently followed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged with enthusiasm.

A most admirable programme of music had been arranged, comprising the following well-known artists: Bros. J. H. Greenwood, W. Baron, I.P.M.; Jas. Robinson, P.M.; and J. W. Maltby.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Walton Baron, W.M.; P. D. W. Wilkinson, P.M.; B. Whitwam, S.W.; G. W. Belshaw, J.W.; W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; W. B. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; J. Lowry, S.D.; L. H. Keay, J.D.; Jas. Andrew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; S. Mamelock, P.M.; R. Hughes, P.M.; J. Robinson, P.M.; Robt. Reech, P.M.; Fred. Norton; J. Larey Savage, W.M.; James Hyde Tyler; L. W. Hind; Jas. Cleghorn, J. T. Whittle, Robert Dixon, Arthur Cuss, and J. W. Maltby. Visitors: Bros. James W. Abbott, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Hilton, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs.; John H. Hirsch, P.M.; J. Heywood, W.M. 1055; Fred. Warburton, W.M. 2449; S. Mellor, W.M. 428; Thos. Eastwood; Geo. Rostrom, W.M. 1140; H. Grimshaw, P.M.; D. Conway, P.M.; S. A. Witham, J. E. Chapman, H. G. Walker, Thos. Turner, J. W. Heap, E. Ireland, R. H. Whatham, J. Cantrill, P.M.; and G. Edgar.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

There was a full muster of members and visitors at the installation meeting, which was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 31st ult. Bro. W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. W. Anneveld, S.W.; G. Blizzard Abbott, P.M., as J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; John P. Euerby, P.M., P.G.P.; John Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. H. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; F. C. Collingwood, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Mason, S.D.; J. M. Rainsford, I.G.; R. Cranston, W.M. 2509, A.D.C.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; C. Ellis and H. F. P. Inglis, Stwds.; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler; H. J. Grimwade, C. Grimwade, F. G. Withaus, Attre, Baddley, Billson, King, Woodhead, and Dade. Visitors: Bros. Christmas, P.M. 194; Overed, P.M. 1708; Hayes, P.M. 1708; Falconer, 2509; J. Probert, 340; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Anneveld was presented by Bro. Lewis, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. Ball, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having taken the obligation as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was formally placed in the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom, the ceremony being ably and impressively rendered by the outgoing W.M. The new W.M. at once invested his predecessor as I.P.M., and having been duly proclaimed and saluted, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bros. F. G. Mason, S.W.; J. M. Rainsford, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Treas. (elected); Chas. Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. Cranston, S.D.; C. Ellis, J.D.; H. F. P. Inglis, I.G.; W. Lewis, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Grimwade, A.D.C.; H. J. Grimwade and Withaus, Stwds.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses, and Bro. R. F. Young, P.M., Treas., having been elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Bro. J. Brittain, P.M., on the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, the W.M., in a few well-chosen words, presented Bro. Ball, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted him at the previous lodge in recognition of his services in the chair, and as a token of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. Ball gracefully acknowledged the gift.

After the usual "Hearty good wishes," lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 44, sat down to the dinner which Bro. Voller, the new proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, had prepared for them, and which gave every satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were honoured, those of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," and "The Visitors" being each in turn received with the greatest cordiality.

In the intervals between the speeches an excellent programme of music was gone through, the contributors being Bros. Chas. Gray, W. Lewis, R. Cranston, John Probert, Walter George, J. H. Baxter, and H. J. Grimwade.

Thanks, indeed, to the general excellence of the arrangements and the catering of Bro. Voller, who left nothing undone in order to meet the wishes of the brethren, the meeting throughout was in all respects a success.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.

The January meeting of the members of the above lodge has for years proved the principal Masonic gathering of the year in Liverpool, as the result of the presence of so many brethren in the city during the full flow of the pantomime season. The very numerous attendance at the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, gave fresh evidence of its popularity, and the enthusiasm of the professional brethren who are connected with it. Bro. G. D. Clarence, W.M., was in his place, supported by a full complement of officers, the total attendance, including members and visitors, being about 120.

Seven candidates, nearly all of whom are connected with the dramatic and musical professions, were introduced into the Order, and the ceremony, admirably performed, was watched with interest by brethren connected with the theatres and music-halls in Liverpool, Manchester, and other places.

The after-dinner programme was provided by Bros. Eaton Batty, A. E. Workman, Arthur Workman, Brooks, Garrick, Atkinson, Nelson Jackson, Ben Roberts, Mountfield, Kirkham, Heginbotham, T. Shaw, Savage, H. Round, jun.; and the fine Masonic overture of Bro. H. Round, sen., P.M., D.C., was played under the conductorship of the composer by an orchestra composed of brethren belonging to the Dramatic Lodge.

The special menu card was greatly admired for its originality and ingenuity.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 27th ult. There was a large gathering of visitors to witness the installation of Bro. Thos. Jefferies as W.M. The members and visitors present included Bros. A. H. Cole, W.M.; T. Jefferies, S.W.; J. Pratt, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., Treas.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Vice-Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; R. Ross, P.M.; Geo. Thompson, W. Baker, E. P. Waymouth, J. H. Adcock, J. Fletcher, J. Bishop, A. B. Fox, W. A. G. Wykes, A. George, and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Bentley, W.M. 1815; J. T. Smith, P.M. 1288; G. W. Day, 879; Wm. Smith, S.W. 917; W. Day, W.M. 1790; H. E. Marston, 100; W. F. Driver, P.M. 1360; F. Tomlin, P.M. 1360; A. W. Smith, 463; J. Bolton, P.M. 1790; W. Mansell, 1887; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790; W. B. Parsons, I.P.M. 2206; F. O. Tubby, 997; W. E. Hodgkinson; A. H. Smith, P.M. 901; S. T. Lucas, P.M. 2395; D. C. F. Couch, 1790; W. Dawson, W.M. 788; S. Dancyer, P.M. 205; J. T. Saunders, W.M. 1507; T. Moore, 2206; J. Fleming, 1087; J. N. Hare, 1087; T. N. Lamble, 511; J. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; F. Douglas-Norman, J.W. 172; E. C. Phillips, 857; G. T. Perrin, 1288; E. A. Rice, S.W. 1320; J. R. Colegrave, 1622; T. G. Hobley, 1320; R. Hicks, 704; W. G. Vaughan, 1324; F. Bristow, 45; G. C. Tegetmeier, 1929; J. Piper; A. M. Parsons, W.M. 2206; and R. T. West.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, after which the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Jefferies, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. A. H. Cole in an able and impressive manner. In an excellent way the new W.M. invested his officers, which showed beyond doubt that he was the right man in the right place. He had a kind and appropriate word for each officer, and in investing Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., as Treasurer, he observed that it did not often fall to the lot of a W.M. to have the privilege and great honour of placing the blue over the purple. The following brethren are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Pratt, S.W.; Geo. Thompson, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., Treasurer; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; G. Comley, S.D.; Jno. Bishop, J.D.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., D.C.; G. Rice, I.G.; A. B. Fox, Stwd.; A. George and W. Baker, Stwds.; Will Sparks, Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., gave the usual addresses, and it need hardly be recorded that he performed that duty in a manner that was faultless, and which fully maintained his high reputation of the working of the ritual. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. H. Cole, I.P.M., the W.M. stated that all the members would agree with him that Bro. Cole had more than earned the jewel, as no one had worked harder to promote the interests of the lodge. His great services were appreciated, and his year of office had been a very happy time for them all, and one that would long be remembered, and he earnestly hoped he might be spared for very many years to wear the token, which would always remind him of the esteem in which he was held by the members. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. A. H. Cole, P.M., by the Royal Savoy Lodge, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M., 1895-96." In feeling terms, Bro. A. H. Cole acknowledged the jewel, observing that the kind words of the W.M. had taken away all his eloquence, as he did not deserve all the good things said of him; but he had tried to do his best, with the great assistance of his officers and Past Masters, for which he thanked them. Telegrams and letters were read from the following, regretting their inability to attend: Bros. Bailey, G. Treas. elect; James Willing, P.M.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Jas. Stephens, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which gave great credit to the establishment, and was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. Mantel.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the Worshipful Master gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the Royal Savoy Lodge was more than proud to have a member of Grand Lodge, in the person of Bro. Stiles, who was one of the best of fellows, and a good friend, and every-

one of them knew the great things he had done for Freemasonry and the Charities, and he could not say too much in his praise.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., responded in a brief, but eloquent speech, eulogising the great services rendered by Bros. Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgcumbe to the Craft, and he appreciated the honour of his name having been associated with the toast.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. A. H. Cole, I.P.M., stated that the W.M. had set a splendid example in brevity, and he would be brief. The toast would, he felt sure, be received with the same amount of pleasure as he had in giving it. Bro. Jefferies began at the bottom rung of the ladder, and he had to go up to reach the height which all Masons should attain, and there was no doubt that he would make one of the best Masters of the good old Royal Savoy Lodge.

Bro. T. Jefferies, W.M., on rising to respond, had a very hearty welcome. He thanked Bro. Cole most sincerely for his kind words, and the members for their greeting. He was proud to be their Master by their unanimous vote, and he would leave no stone unturned to help keep the lodge to the front. He was going up as Steward for the Old People, and if the members supported his list it would be evidence that they did not regret their choice in electing him.

The W.M. then asked the Sec., Bro. Capt. Knightley, to take round his list, and it was subsequently announced that the amount subscribed that night was £51 1s., for which the W.M. is to be congratulated.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Cole, and Past Masters," the W.M. stated that all those who had seen the working of Bro. Cole, the Installing Master, and those who were privileged to witness the whole of it, could testify to its excellence. Then there was Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., who was always energetic in the cause of Masonry, and the more one knew him the more one liked him. Bro. Scurrah had taken up as Steward the largest amount for the Boys—his first venture—when he was credited with 600 guineas, which was very good for a maiden effort. He also mentioned Bro. R. Ross in happy terms, and in referring to Bro. Capt. Knightley, P.M., who had been described as a maid of all work, he said he was a very genial fellow, and one who had done good service for the lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. A. H. Cole, W. A. Scurrah, and R. Ross.

In response, Bro. A. H. Cole, I.P.M., said that he acknowledged the kind words of the W.M. which he appreciated, and if at any time he desired his assistance he would be only too glad to help in any way. He (Bro. Cole) had had a very happy time in the chair, and the hearty way he had been received more than realised his expectations.

Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., and R. Ross, P.M., also replied, but in very brief terms.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," observing that all who had attended the lodge must know that their guests were always welcome. They were honoured that night with 45 visitors, and he hoped they were all enjoying themselves. He coupled the names of Bros. W. Dawson, W.M. 788; J. T. Saunders, W.M. 1507; W. Day, W.M. 1790; A. Bentley, W.M. 1815; A. M. Parsons, W.M. 2206; and J. N. Hare, the latter who proposed the W.M. in the Craft.

Bro. W. Dawson responded, thanking the W.M. and members for the kind way the visitors had been received and entertained. He was glad to have had the pleasure of witnessing Bro. Cole's work as Installing Master, but it was hardly necessary for him to refer to the excellent working of the Grand Treasurer. He was delighted to see his old friend, Bro. Geo. Thompson, invested as J.W.

Bro. J. T. Saunders stated that it had been his happy lot to attend their installation meetings for several years, and it was always a great pleasure to be present. The working was excellent, and the visitors had been royally entertained.

Bros. W. Day, W.M. 1790; A. Bentley, W.M. 1815; and A. M. Parsons, W.M. 2206, also acknowledged the toast in some capital speeches.

Bro. J. N. Hare said that he was not well, but he had made an effort to get there from a long distance, and he was glad to be present to see Bro. Jefferies, who was one of his oldest and best friends, installed as W.M.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. A. H. Cole, I.P.M., gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said that in toasting the Treasurer, Bro. W. M. Stiles, was like painting the lily. His great qualities were known to the whole of England, or he would not now be the Grand Treasurer. The members knew that he had a large heart, and he was beloved by them all. Then, as to the Secretary, Bro. Captain Knightley, he was honoured by being better known as the maid-of-all-work, because he was never happy unless he was doing something useful for the lodge.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., was enthusiastically received on rising to respond. He stated that he wanted to see the lodge prosper. Their difficulties had been surmounted, and now he felt sure that there was a great prospect for the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Jefferies, was one of his dearest friends, as was Bro. Cole, who had installed his successor in a praiseworthy manner, and if ever he (Bro. Cole) installed anyone else, it would not be possible for him to do it better than he had performed the ceremony that evening. He would leave to Bro. Captain Knightley—one of the best men in the world—to add what he had left unsaid in acknowledging the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. Captain Knightley, P.M., Sec., also responded, and said that they had been told he was the maid-of-all-work, and he was proud of that title. He would do, as he hoped he had done in the past, his duty fearlessly and without favour, but with one object—to promote the interests of the good old Royal Savoy Lodge, which he dearly loved.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. remarking that a Master, however competent he might be, could not be a success without an efficient staff, and he was sure that those he had appointed were of the right sort. He made special mention of Bro. J. Pratt, S.W., who would not be found wanting in any way when he went into the chair, and as to Bro. Geo. Thompson, J.W., he had been a most zealous worker and if he had been called to higher office he would have been ready. He also referred to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who was a splendid Mason and perfect in the ritual and he was pleased to have him as one of his officers. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. Pratt, S.W., and Thompson, J.W.

In responding, Bro. J. Pratt, S.W., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and said he would endeavour to carry out his new duties with satisfaction to the W.M. and the members.

Bro. Geo. Thompson, J.W., said that he was honoured by being appointed J.W., and he would do his utmost to assist the W.M. and to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. John Bishop, J.D., also replied. He stated that he very reluctantly took office because he felt there were many of the members more competent, but still as the W.M. had insisted upon his taking the office of J.D. he would endeavour to do his best.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful and pleasant meeting, which was carried out in every detail without the slightest hitch.

The vocal and musical entertainment was one of the very best and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following took part: Bros. J. Sandbrook, Harry Lee, Herbert Emlyn, F. Russell, and Mr. Will Ballard. Mr. Leslie Smith ably presided at the pianoforte.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The January meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, when Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, W.M., presided. The business before the lodge consisted in passing Bros. Walmsley, Terry, Love, and Johnson. The ceremony was well rendered. There were present Bros. Potter, I.P.M.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, I.Sec.; J. A. Soper, J.W.; W. T. Buck, P.M.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, and many others.

The business of the lodge was followed by a banquet.

Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

The installation meeting of this lodge (of architects and surveyors) was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. Geo. Elkington was presented as W.M. elect and duly installed. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. A. F. Wrightson, S.W.; W. West, J.W.; F. R. Farrow, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; S. Jackson, S.D.; H. J. Pain, J.D.; R. A. Rix, I.G.; W. Heelis, D.C.; W. Henry White, A.D.C.; E. A. Sach, Org.; and G. Austin, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Horace F. Bonner, and the addresses were given by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. immediately showed his skill as a Craftsman by initiating Mr. Walter Lawrence.

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To Correspondents.

The following among others have been received:
Provincial Grand Lodge of Bantshire.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Aberdeenshire.
St. Cecilia Lodge (Craft), No. 1636.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

The last scene in connection with the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg was enacted in Whippingham Church on Wednesday, when his remains were interred in their last resting-place in the vault beneath the Royal Pew. It was in this same church some 10 or 11 years ago that the deceased and the Queen's youngest daughter, the Princess Beatrice, were married, and it is said to have been by the late Prince's own desire that his body is buried there. At all events, due honour was paid to his memory, and the mournful ceremony, attended with all the pomp and circumstance proper to a personage of his exalted station, took place in the presence of the Queen, the widowed Princess, the sons and daughters, and other relatives of our gracious Sovereign, and of the representatives of foreign Royal personages, of the Diplomatic Corps, ministers, and officers of the army, navy, and civil service. The scene was most imposing, as well as most solemn, and we again offer our respectful sympathy to the Queen and her family on the event which has cast so deep a gloom over them as well as over the country which respects and loves them so devotedly.

It will be seen from our report of the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, that of the five chapters for which warrants have been granted, three are located in London and two in the Provinces. The London chapters are the Eccentric Chapter, attached to Lodge No. 2488, bearing the same name; the Fellowship Chapter, attached to the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535; and the Southern Star Chapter, attached to the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158. The Provincial Chapters are the White Rose of York, No. 2491, attached to the lodge of the same name, and meeting in Sheffield, in the Province of West Yorkshire; and the Studholme Brownrigg Chapter, attached to the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, and meeting at Amersham, in the Province of Buckinghamshire.

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We have great pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be known as the Holloway Lodge, No. 2601. The Master designate is Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while the Wardens designate are Bro. F. Varley, P.M. of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, and Bro. Jones, P.M. Bedford Lodge, No. 157. Under such able auspices we are confident that the Holloway Lodge, which has our best wishes for its success, will have no difficulty in steering its way through the difficulties with which every new lodge is to a greater or less extent beset at the outset of its career.

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It is worthy of record that the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich—to the recent celebration of whose centenary we referred in our "Notes" of last week—by way of marking that auspicious event in a permanent way, voted from its funds moneys sufficient to qualify it as a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We have also to note that Bro. Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master, read a very interesting account of the career of the lodge, which will be included in his forthcoming History of the Craft in the Province of Norfolk.

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By the way, an unusual incident occurred to this lodge some 20 years ago. Its warrant mysteriously disappeared and a warrant of confirmation was applied for and granted in February, 1876. The lodge, however, had not been long working under the latter, when the original was restored to its rightful owner as mysteriously as it had disappeared. Fortunately, such incidents, which are suggestive of a decided ignorance, on the part of some person or persons unknown, of the difference between *meum* and *tuum*, are not of frequent occurrence in the experience of our lodges. The circumstances are referred to briefly in Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records."

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It appears from the latest Statistical Table compiled by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond of Maine, that the number of subscribing Royal Arch Masons in North America is 199,580. The Grand Chapter of New York heads the list of United States Grand Chapters with a total of 18,787, that of Illinois being second with 15,846, and Pennsylvania close up third with 15,479. Ohio and Massachusetts are so close together that they may be said almost to tie for fourth place, the former numbering 13,373 and the latter 13,304. The only other Grand Chapter whose aggregate membership exceeds 10,000 is that of Michigan, which has 12,338. Those of Iowa, Missouri, and Indiana have 6937, 6485 and 6315 on their respective rolls, and there are six other Grand Chapters which can boast of upwards of 5000 companions, namely those of California, Connecticut, Kansas, Maine, Texas, and Wisconsin, the smallest Grand Chapter being that of Arizona with only 187 companions. Of course, the bulk of these 199,580 "Royal Archers" are located in the United States, the Grand Chapters in British Territory—Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Quebec—mustering together some 6170, the strongest of the four being that of Canada with 4634 companions.

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It will be seen from our report in another column that the installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, was, as usual, a brilliant success. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being several of the most prominent Masons of the day, while the after-dinner proceedings, which form so conspicuous a feature of this gathering, were such as only a Savage Club Lodge could furnish,

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Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. F. HOGARD, P.M., P.G. STD. BR.

The installation meeting of this old-established and distinguished lodge, which was consecrated in 1793, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 28th ult., when a great many attended to honour Bro. John Berlyn, the W.M. elect, an esteemed member of the lodge, and to take part in the presentation to Bro. Hogard. There were present Bros. Barnett Marcus, W.M.; J. Berlyn, S.W.; Isaac Rosalki, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; G. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; Joseph Marcus, J.D.; J. Trenner, I.G.; P. Greenspan and A. M. Goodrich, Stwds.; W. Littaur, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; M. J. Emanuel, P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; J. A. Gartley, P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; S. Dancyger, P.M.; J. Levy, P.M.; H. Lichtenfeld, P.M.; M. Isaacs, A. L. London, H. Israel, M. M. Friendlander, A. Levi, S. London, E. Solomons, R. Glikstein, A. Albu, L. Solomon, W. Abrahams, C. Jonas, J. N. Smith, J. M. Libgott, R. Phillips, S. Samson, M. Myers, J. E. Blank, E. Nathan, E. Greenberg, M. Rudolf, G. Friedlander, E. Schumann, H. Levy, E. J. Loehe, H. Benjamin, L. Brook, Ellis Hart, M. Rose, R. Marcus, S. Schumann, G. Saling, D. Gould, H. Shanly, S. Lyons, and R. J. Morley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; M. Emanuel, P.P.G.R. Hants (Mayor of Southampton); Isaac Lazarus, W.M. 185; Rev. S. J. Rocco, W.M. 188; S. A. Rothschild, W.M. 1017; A. Clark, W.M. 1168; C. Cruikshank, W.M. 1319; J. F. Saunders, W.M. 1507; C. Vandyk, W.M. 2265; H. Monson, W.M. 2353; Lewis Levy, P.M. 185; N. P. Valentine, P.M. 1017; Ben Da Costa, P.M. 1349; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; W. C. Smith, P.M. and Sec. 1563; W. Wright, 1897; F. E. Davy, 1571; N. H. Chalk, 1767; C. E. Goodfellow, 907; Henry Harris, S.W. 1349; J. Corrie, J.W. 166; B. Cohen, 185; N. Collins, 1055; B. J. Sandheim, 225; T. W. Pearl, 11; G. Martin, S.W. 846; W. G. Dickinson, S.W. 2535; S. Moses, 511; J. A. Parfield, 511; J. Brill, 780; E. S. Bonards, 1559; H. Manning, 1491; J. H. Beach, 1560; T. Gerhop, 1056; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the usual routine and other business the W.M., Bro. Barnett Marcus, proceeded with the important task of installing his successor, Bro. John Berlyn. The following brethren were appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Isaac Rosalki, S.W.; G. Lichtenfeld, J.W.; J. A. Gartley, P.M., Chap.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; J. Marcus, S.D.; J. Trenner, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; H. Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353; I.G.; P. Greenspan, A. M. Goodrich, and M. M. Friedlander, Stwds.; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. The usual addresses were given by Bro. Barnett Marcus in a masterly manner and he deserves praise for the excellent way he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. The next duty of the new W.M., Bro. J. Berlyn, was, as he remarked, a very important and pleasant one, it being to present to Bro. Barnett Marcus a Past Master's jewel, in which was inserted a very valuable diamond, added by some of the members of the lodge. It would have been impossible to have had a better Master and one who could have been more hospitable, and he hoped he might have a long and happy life. In acknowledging the jewel Bro. Barnett Marcus thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and it was his earnest desire to do his utmost for that, his mother lodge, and for Freemasonry in general. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Barnett Marcus, P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, in appreciation of his efficient services as W.M. during the year 1895. 28th January, 1896." The Worshipful Master then rose and said he had yet another very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., with an address and a cheque for a handsome sum, which had been subscribed for by the members and others, as a small token of the feelings they had towards him, and for his valuable services to the lodge for the last 20 years. He knew no one who had worked harder for the lodge and Freemasonry, and he was held in the highest esteem by the members, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance in Masonry. The Secretary then read the address which was as follows: "This testimonial, with a cheque, was presented by the Lodge of Israel of Freemasons, No. 205, to Worshipful Brother Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. of England, in recognition of the very valuable services he rendered to the lodge as Secretary, for a period of 20 years, and also as a mark of the goodwill and esteem of the brethren. In addition to a sum of money presented by the lodge, the following brethren evinced their personal appreciation of Bro. Hogard's services by subscribing towards this testimonial." (Then follow 71 signatures.) Bro. C. F. Hogard, on rising, was enthusiastically received. He said: "I am sure you will understand with what feelings I rise to thank you, one and all, for this very handsome testimonial; believe me, I did not resign my position of Secretary of the Lodge of Israel without due consideration, or without feelings of regret. After 20 years' service the duties of the office were to me a labour of love, and it was only when I found that my business avocations prevented me from properly carrying out those duties that I felt compelled to relinquish the position. The magnificent present which you make me proves that although my duties have been onerous they have met with your approval. At times the Secretary of a lodge has unpleasant as well as agreeable duties to perform, for instance, when he has to remind some of the members of their persistent neglect to pay up their subscriptions, and to call their attention to the by-laws which govern the lodge. But I have always endeavoured to carry out this part of the business in such a manner that after 20 years I do not think I have made an enemy of any one member. The value of the testimonial is much enhanced by the fact that members of other lodges in which I held office have desired to join with you in this mark of your esteem. I mean the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551, which, although only consecrated in the early part of last year, have added their quota to it. I assure you that I shall look back on this day as a red-letter one in the history of my Masonic career, and I trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will spare me for some time to come, and I shall at all times be glad to give my best services to this my mother lodge. Again I thank you most heartily and most sincerely." Letters were read from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; R. Loveland Loveland, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; and others, regretting their inability to attend.

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

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in brief but happy terms.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made special mention of those who had honoured the lodge with their presence, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., responded. He said that his colleagues who were with him had worked hard in Grand Lodge, and as to Bro. Hogard, he was not only ornamental, but useful. He was proud of him, as he had rendered great service to the Clissold Lodge, of which he (Bro. Stiles) was W.M. Might he take that opportunity of thanking many of those who were present who had assisted him on a recent occasion, and which enabled him to have the great honour of then appearing before them as a Grand Officer?

Bro. Barnett Marcus, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said that it needed very little from him to commend the Worshipful Master's many excellent qualities, and if he continued to discharge his duties as he had begun them, there was no doubt that he would turn out one of the very best of Masters that it was possible to have.

Bro. J. Berlyn, W.M., on rising to respond, received a very hearty welcome. He said that their manifestation filled him with so much enthusiasm that words failed him to adequately acknowledge the toast, but he would carry out everything asked of him to the best of his ability. The members should exercise all care in introducing new blood, and he thought it was the duty of a W.M. to impress initiates with what they had undertaken, and urge them to become good and excellent members of the Craft.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," which, he said, was a toast that was always received in the Lodge of Israel with great enthusiasm. They were honoured that evening with the presence of many eminent and distinguished Masons, and, on behalf of the lodge, he gave them all a very hearty welcome. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. M. Emanuel, P.P.G.R. Hants (Mayor of Southampton) an old Past Master of the lodge; Isaac Lazarus, W.M. 185; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; Ben Da Costa, P.M., the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge; and Henry Harris.

Bro. M. Emanuel, P.P.G.R., responded. He said that it was now within four months of 40 years that he had been a Mason, and a subscribing member the whole time. He had no idea that he would have been called upon to acknowledge the toast of the visitors, which was one that was never omitted in Masonic circles in the United Kingdom, and he was not prepared to properly respond. Twenty-three years ago he occupied the proud position of W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, which was the pleasantest year of his existence, and he was glad to find that he was still retained in the memory of some of the members of the lodge, and it was seven years since he visited the lodge, when he was Sheriff of the town of which he had now the honour of being the Mayor. During the last 23 years he had passed through three chairs in Masonry, and again had been W.M., and only a few days ago he installed his successor. They must not think he was sounding his own trumpet, he only mentioned these facts as evidence that the Lodge of Israel never put anyone in the chair who was not able to do everything in the ritual, and he was proud that he had been able to show a little record since he went through the chair in their lodge.

Bro. Isaac Lazarus, W.M. 185, expressed his thanks for the hearty manner the toast of the visitors had been received. He had only been a Mason eight years, but he was proud that he was now the W.M. of his lodge. Their new W.M. had started exceedingly well, and he was very much impressed with the way he invested his officers.

Bro. Ben Da Costa, P.M. 1349, said that he appreciated his name having been associated with the toast. He had the honour to be the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction connected with the lodge, which had turned out so many capable W.M.s, including the new W.M., who was quite able to hold his own in the Craft.

Bro. J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767, said that since he had been a Mason he always regretted that he had not the eloquence he should wish. Their lodge was well known for its excellent working, and if the younger members would only follow in the able footsteps of the Past Masters, they could not go wrong, but would prove shining lights in the lodge and the Craft.

Bro. Henry Harris also acknowledged the toast in very eloquent terms, urging the members to join the lodge of instruction.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that no words of his were needed to impress upon the members the utmost importance and necessity of giving liberally to the three noble Institutions, of which all Masons were proud. He was glad to see that Bro. McLeod had lately arrived, and it gave him very much pleasure to join his name with the toast.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in response, stated that he was sorry not to have been present at the working of the lodge, but their gathering clashed with the annual finance meeting of the Institution he had the honour to represent, but he felt the work had been, as it was always there, excellent. He spoke fully, giving elaborate and interesting details of the three Institutions, and, in conclusion, he made a very earnest and eloquent appeal on behalf of the Boys, and urged them all to give liberally to the W.M., who had kindly consented to go up as Steward for the Boys' School, and make his list in amount one worthy of the Lodge of Israel, which had a splendid record for its munificence in the past, and so keep up their great reputation.

Bro. McLeod's appeal made a very great impression, and we venture to think that the outcome will be that the W.M. will have the gratification of taking up a large sum for the Boys' Institution.

In submitting the toast of "The Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund," the W.M. stated that they had now £950 invested for that fund. He coupled the name of Bro. A. Cohen, who responded in eloquent and appropriate terms.

It was subsequently stated that £18 had been subscribed that evening for the lodge benevolent fund.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Barnett Marcus, and the Past Masters," paying a tribute to the excellent services rendered by the outgoing Master, and observing that no other lodge could equal their Past Masters, and they were proud of them. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. Barnett Marcus, I.P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; and A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., who all responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been honoured,

Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M., Secretary, responded. He said that in succeeding Bro. Hogard, he had a big task before him, as he had been one of the best of Secretaries, and was most eminent in the Craft, but anyway he would do his utmost in his new office, and he hoped to be able to please more than offend, but still he should do his duty.

In giving "The Officers," the W.M. observed that he was honoured with a splendid contingent, and with their great assistance he hoped to carry out his duties with every satisfaction to the members.

Suitable responses were made by Bros. Isaac Rosalki, S.W., and H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening and one that will long be remembered, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The musical programme, which was excellent, was under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Mrs. J. Trenner, Miss Phyllis Hope, Bros. R. Evans, G. De Pledge, Sam Wright (the last-named giving his humorous songs with marked effect), and Miss Daisy Walker, whose artistic rendering of two songs gave much pleasure.

South Saxon Lodge, No. 311.

On Wednesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, Bro. James Peters was appointed the hundredth Worshipful Master of the above Lodge. The out-going W.M., Bro. Gerard Lloyd ably performed the ceremony of installing his successor, and the latter then appointed the following officers: Bros. R. Weston, S.W.; W. Flint, J.W.; J. H. Every, Treas.; H. Grainger, Sec.; E. G. Hales, D.C.; G. H. Levett, S.D.; G. J. Lenny, J.D.; R. Hollyman, I.G.; and S. L. Wright, Tyler. Bro. Lloyd was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair during his year of office, and, at the close of the business, Bro. Henry Hall was made the recipient of a most gratifying mark of esteem and respect on his retirement from the office of Tyler after 28 years' service. The presentation was made by Bro. T. R. White, on behalf of the lodge, and consisted of a handsome timepiece and a framed portrait of himself. Accompanying the gift was the inscription: "This portrait, together with a timepiece, was presented to Bro. Henry Hall, in recognition of his faithful services as Tyler for 28 years, by the brethren of the South Saxon Lodge of Freemasons, 15th Jan., 1896."

The usual banquet afterwards took place at the White Hart Hotel, an elaborate repast being served by Mr. H. Tuff.

The musical programme was sustained by Miss Blanche Day, Bros. W. Stone, J. Kennard, G. E. Barwell, and S. L. Wright, Mr. Horace Jackson being at the Pianoforte.

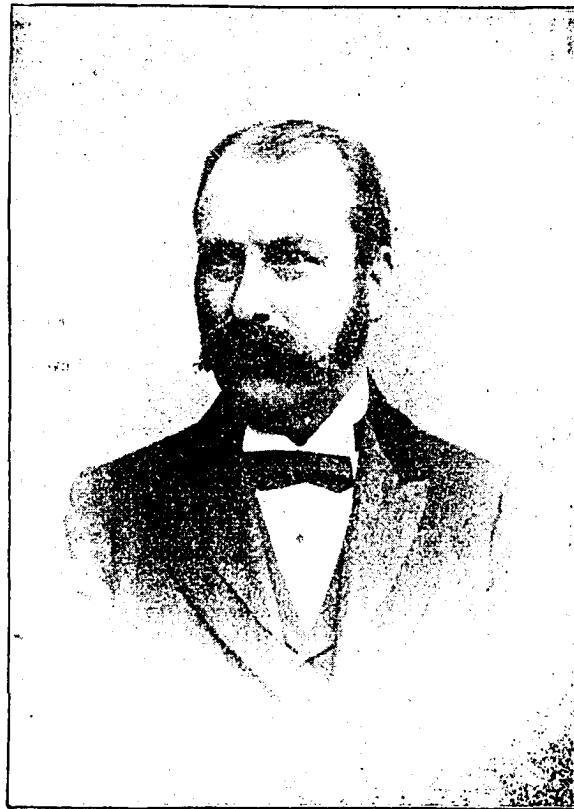
BRO. JUSTICE BRUCE was installed W.M. of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, on Wednesday evening, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, in succession to his Honour Bro. S. Hall, Q.C., Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

AMONG the new members who have been returned to Parliament since the prorogation in September last, and will take their seats on the re-assembling of the House of Commons, are Lord Warkworth, son of Bro. Earl Percy, who has been elected for South Kensington, in place of Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, now Lord Genesek; Mr. A. F. Warr, who has succeeded Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, now Lord Pirbright, as member for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool; Mr. Lecky, returned for Dublin University, in place of Bro. the Hon. David Plunkett, now Lord Rathmore; and Bro. the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, the new member for Brixton, vice Bro. the Marquis of Carmarthen, now Duke of Leeds.

Chine Lodge, No. 1884.

The installation meeting of this well known lodge took place on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, when there were present Bros. John Marsh, W.M.; G. H. Matthews, S.W.; A. J. Cooper, J.W.; F. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. Young, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Davis, S.D.; M. Smith, J.D.; A. H. Brown, D.C.; R. Russell, I.G.; W. J. Meer, Tyler; Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs, P.M.; F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Bailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred Greenham, P.M.; H. A. Matthews, P.M.; W. H. Willis, P.M.; W. Tuffley, T. Occomore, W. Judd, and C. Carter. There were also visitors from the various lodges in the Island and from London. Letters of apology were received from Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W., who alluded to a previous visit to the lodge, and his regret at not being able to be present; also from Bro. Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.M., P.G. Chap. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., expressed his regret for non-attendance, saying "I often think of the greatest Masonic exhibition ever held in England." All the Past Masters of the lodge were present with the exception of three, who were unavoidably absent from illness and bereavement. More than usual interest centred around the installation of Bro. William Judd, who was the first initiate of the lodge, having been proposed when the lodge was consecrated in 1881, by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Having filled every office from I.G. to S.W., Bro. Judd, much to the regret of all, left Shanklin in the year 1887. The members of the lodge have now done what years ago they would like to have done, placed him in the chair. Bro. Judd is a member of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394, and J.W. of the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 322. His zeal and interest in Masonry in general and Chine Lodge in particular amounted to enthusiasm; he was the initiator and supporter of the voluntary loan system by which means the building debt has been considerably reduced.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. John Marsh, W.M., and the minutes read, the W.M. rose, and, with evident feeling, proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the Queen and H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg. He referred in touching terms to the home life of the Prince being spent in the Island, his connection with the volunteers, his being Governor of the Isle of Wight and his interest in everything that concerned it. All Masons would feel the deepest sympathy with the Queen and the Princess in their sad and sorrowful bereavement, which was intensified by the suddenness of the event and the fact of his dying in a foreign land. Previously to the W.M. leaving the chair he, in a few well-chosen words presented to the lodge a very handsome marble clock. Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded the W.M. for his useful and beautiful present. It supplied a long-felt want, it would conduce to greater punctuality in their proceedings, and mark in a very signal manner the year of office of Bro. Marsh. He concluded by moving that an inscription be placed on it with the name of the donor and the date of presentation. Bro. G. Matthews seconded the proposition and remarked that the beautiful tones of the clock had revealed the secret of its presence in a "striking" way before being unveiled. The



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gift came most appropriately from the W.M., as he had, by his legal mind, kept the members well in time and in accordance with the precise rules of Masonry. He heartily seconded the proposition of thanks and endorsed the suggestion that a suitable silver plate be placed on the clock. The W.M. asked Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., to install Bro. Judd. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. W. Judd, W.M., proposed a vote of thanks, speaking in high terms of the impressive manner in which Bro. Greenham had performed it. He had that day excelled himself, owing no doubt to the old affection which existed between them, as they were not only very old friends but were initiated, passed, and raised together. Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.W., seconded, paying a high tribute to the working of the ceremony, speaking of the W.M. and Bro. Greenham as twin brothers, and the pleasure it had given him years ago to pass and raise them. The lodge having been closed the members retired to the banqueting hall, where a dinner of the most *recherche* character was served.

The usual loyal toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. H. A. Matthews, P.M., proposed "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," in an eloquent speech, and spoke of the deep interest the P.G.M. took in the province.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Linfield, P.M., who remarked that there were only two or three of the Masons living who held office when the Isle of Wight was a separate province.

"The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. John Marsh. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him in proposing it. He, perhaps, felt even more pleasure than he did on the last occasion, when a similar toast was proposed to himself, as there was less sense of responsibility. The brother who was succeeding him, he was sure, possessed all the skill, ability, and tact needed to guide the lodge. In presiding over such assemblies it needed patience, forethought, and diplomacy, and he hoped the W.M. would have the health and strength to perform his duties. It was a somewhat happy circumstance that he was the first initiate, and, as Bro. Newman had said in the lodge, had been installed by his "twin brother" in Masonry, Bro. Greenham having been an initiate with their present W.M. If that was an accident it was a most pleasing one. He hoped Bro. Judd would find time to preside over them at all the monthly meetings, as his work in the lodge that evening had given evidence that they could not have found a more eligible brother for the chair. They had had some excellent Masters pass through the chair, and he was proud of the Past Masters. They were as good as any that could be found, and Bro. Judd would, he was confident, keep up the prestige of the Chine Lodge.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said the I.P.M. had attributed to him virtues he did not possess; but he would use his best skill and his best powers to further the objects of the Craft. He had always aspired to the position which, by the kindness of the brethren and the Senior Warden, he was occupying that night. Circumstances,

over which he had no control, had necessitated his leaving Shanklin after he had served the office of Warden. Those circumstances had now changed, and, although living at a distance, it would be no obstacle to his attending every monthly meeting. The kindness he had received from the brethren would ever be a pleasant memory to dwell upon. He loved the Craft, and what to some was only a shadow, was to him a substance. As he travelled north, south, east, and west, he always met with a kindly welcome from brother Masons, but none was so gratifying to him as that accorded by his mother lodge. He was an enthusiast in Masonry, and he was pleased to say his wife upheld him, which was not always the case. When he mentioned to her his desire to pass through the chair of the Chine Lodge, she said: "It is what I should like you to do." She encouraged him in everything Masonic. If, when he came to the work, they found him deficient, they must not put it down to want of will, but want of ability. In conclusion, he said: "Brethren, I thank you one and all for the honour you have done me in placing me in the position I am in to-night."

The toast of "The I.P.M." having been proposed, and very enthusiastically received, Bro. Marsh briefly, but appropriately, responded.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was given by the W.M., who observed that he wished the toast had fallen into hands that would do it more justice than he could. They had had that night an intellectual treat. He was sure the oldest Mason amongst them had not heard the ceremony given in better style than Bro. Greenham had done it. He had the feeling that he would excel himself, and he had done so. There was one great element of success in what had been done. It was not a mere lip performance, but came from the heart. To be a good elocutionist they must feel the sentiments they were giving utterance to. As far as he was concerned, he knew that Bro. Greenham would give him all the assistance he needed during his year of office, and he hoped the time was not far distant when he should see him (Bro. Greenham) exalted to that position he so richly deserved for the great services he had done for Freemasonry, more particularly the Grand Exhibition in 1886, which had made the name of Chine Lodge known throughout the Masonic world.

Bro. Greenham, in responding, said he felt very modest in replying to the kind expressions of the W.M., and his modesty would be shown by the brevity of his remarks. It devolved upon the W.M. elect, with the wish of the W.M., to say who should install him, and he was much gratified at the selection of himself. They had been initiated together, Bro. Judd being the first to take the obligation. But Bro. Judd expressed a wish that he should precede him, and they had followed on step by step, until he had passed through the chair and Bro. Judd occupied the Senior Warden's chair. At that period, much to the regret of all the members, Bro. Judd left the town. Personally it was a blank he could not well fill, as he made it a point of seeing him from day to day, and they were brothers in every tie, and it seemed to him that a part of himself had gone from Shanklin. He had always cherished a hope that he would come back amongst them, and that hope was now fulfilled. It was with intense pleasure he had installed his worthy brother in the chair, and everyone who had known Bro. Judd would unite in that pleasure. If he had done the ceremony in a way that was pleasing to the brethren he was gratified. He had tried to do his very best to install the W.M. in the chair of King Solomon, and every word he uttered he felt from the bottom of his heart. It was gratifying to him that there had been a unanimous expression of praise accorded to him, but it was the traditions of Chine Lodge and not his own aggrandisement that he wished to maintain. It was a red-letter day in the history and traditions of Chine Lodge to see the first initiate in the chair that night—and he knew those traditions would be handed down to posterity pure and unsullied. In conclusion, Bro. Greenham said: "If I have satisfied you, it is the highest compliment an Installing Master can have paid him."

Bro. Bateman, P.M. 33, was called upon to propose the toast of "The Charities," and, after a few preliminary remarks, said that he was deeply interested in the Charities as exhibiting the true spirit of Masonry. It was his custom to go once a year to give the boys a lecture, and he could assure them he had a most appreciative audience. Of course, on these occasions he saw the boys at their best, in good order for his reception; but he should like the brethren to visit the school on other occasions, just as they were in the school and playground, and they would find what capital fellows they were. There was 20s. value given for every £1 subscribed. It was most satisfactory that the boys and girls came out into the world well equipped for the battle of life. They must remember the schools were maintained on faith—the voluntary contributions of the Craft—and he was sure that Chine Lodge had not been backward in that respect, and that they would continue in the good work, and whatever they had subscribed last year they would do more this. He concluded by wishing continued prosperity to the three great Masonic Institutions.

Repeating, at a later stage of the evening, to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Bateman said he had come mainly on account of Bro. Judd being installed. It was Bro. Judd's ambition to pass through the chair of his mother lodge. He could assure them that they would find him equal on any occasion of passing and raising. Referring to the work of the installation, he had never seen it carried out in all its details, and with more care, than on the present occasion. As an old Mason he had done the ceremony several times, and he had seen it done oftener, but he had always gone away with the impression that he could have done it better himself, until he had seen it done by the Grand Secretary, H.R.H. Letchworth, and he then went away with a feeling that he had heard the climax of eloquence and delivery, and that he should never hear it done better; but that evening, if it had not been excelled, it had been very nearly equalled—there was scarcely a pin to choose between the two. It had been absolutely word perfect. That he could vouch for, as he could follow it throughout. The whole of the events of the afternoon had gone with such orderly sequence, that they seemed to be running by themselves, with clock-like precision. He had spent a most enjoyable time, and hoped to meet them again at no distant period. He had never seen Bro. Greenham till the evening before, so that his words of commendation were quite impartial.

The Tyler's toast having been duly given, the W.M. left the chair, bringing a pleasant and memorable evening in the annals of the lodge to a close.

Brixton Lodge, No. 1949.

The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Saturday, the 1st instant. Present: Bros. J. J. Newland, I.P.M., as W.M.; G. S. Daunton, S.W., W.M. elect; C. R. Cutler, J.W.; J. Bott, P.M., Treas.; Richd. Poore, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Foulger, S.D.; R. T. Brown, J.D.; B. Hook, I.G.; H. R. Shaw, D.C.; C. H. Gibbs and Alf. Haine, Stwds.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; A. Jones, P.M.; Hy. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Alf. Riley, S. A. Gould, F. Farnell, H. J. Joseph, Ed. Thorne, N. Jaques, R. J. Brook, Rushton Odell, and Wm. Inglis. The visitors were Bros. W. J. Bathurst, 40; John Morgan, W.M. 1539; Robert Brookman, W.M. 1436; Victor Romilly, J.D. 25; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; G. F. Hopkins, J.D. 1598; E. A. Farrington, 1580; Alfred Collins, 1962; E. Newland, W.M. 834; A. J. Cope, W.M. 1351; J. W. Stevens, J.W. 2234; A. W. Tribe, 1760; T. Thorpe, D.C. 1986; H. H. Hardiman, W.M. 2562; H. Mayer, P.M. 1693; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ed. Thorne was raised in a most perfect and impressive manner by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Bro. J. J. Newland, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richd. Poore, P.M., Sec., so that he should instal Bro. G. S. Daunton, whom he had initiated in the lodge some 10 years ago, and thereby fully complete his duty. Bro. H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., next presented the W.M. elect to Bro. R. Poore to receive the benefit of installation. Before performing the ceremony, the Installing Master read the dispensation from Grand Lodge allowing the W.M. elect to be installed in the Brixton Lodge as W.M. while still holding the same position in the Philbrick Lodge, No. 2255. The ceremony of installation was most effectively performed, Bro. Poore giving the addresses in a masterly manner. Bro. G. S. Daunton, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. R. Cutler, S.W.; F. E. Foulger, J.W.; J. Bott, P.M., Treas.; R. Poore, P.M., Sec.; R. T. Brown, S.D.; W. Hooker, J.D.; H. R. Shaw, I.G.; G. H. Gibbs, D.C.; H. Haine, A.D.C.; R. T. Jaques, jun., and H. V. Joseph, Stwds.; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, which showed that the lodge was in a sound financial position.

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

On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in most fitting terms, specially remarking that now the hearts of all were moved in deep sympathy towards her Majesty and the Royal Family in their sal and sudden bereavement.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand

Officers, Present and Past," stating that but for their able assistance and patronage Freemasonry would not be such a flourishing institution.

Bro. J. J. Newland, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," which, he stated, was always well received in the lodge. The W.M. was a brother who had performed the various duties in the lodge in a very able manner, and had gained the esteem of the brethren. He was confident the same earnestness would be shown by him as heretofore, and that ready assistance would be given by every member of the lodge to make the year thoroughly successful. He wished the W.M. health and happiness, and prosperity to the Brixton Lodge.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. G. S. Daunton, W.M., in reply, stated that if any assurance was required of their kindly feelings towards him, it was fully exemplified in the manner he was received on rising to respond. He felt he had an array of most able Past Masters in the lodge, who were always ready to give their kind assistance, and if he were not able to discharge the duties as well as they had done, he would, at least, do his utmost to emulate them. It was a pleasurable moment with him, having been initiated by Bro. Poore, P.M., some 10 years since, and now reached the zenith of his ambition—W.M. of his mother lodge. He most heartily thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and hoped he might have plenty of work, good and true, to keep up the prestige of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," who were always held in the highest esteem, and accorded them a most hearty welcome. He felt very much honoured, and in an almost unique position in having five reigning kings present. Such an event was very rare, he thought, among a not very large number of visitors. He would ask the five W.M.s to respond.

Bro. Jno. Morgan, on behalf of the visitors, very kindly thanked the W.M. and brethren for their cordial greeting. Yes, the number, he thought, with the W.M., was unique, but, to his mind, the working all had witnessed was likewise unique. He had never experienced the like before, and, to his mind, was the beau ideal of Masonry, for "What was worth doing at all, was worth doing well!" The W.M. had been most ably installed, and he trusted he would finish his Masonic career with the same *éclat* as his predecessor had done.

Bros. Brookman, E. Newland, A. J. Cove, and H. H. Hardiman also ably replied, the last brother, remarking he had held the very similar position of W.M. of two lodges by dispensation as the W.M., Bro. G. S. Daunton.

The toast of "The Installing Master" received at the hands of the W.M. words of strong commendation. Bro. Poore, P.M., had done so much for the lodge that he was held in very high esteem by the brethren. He had also performed the duty of installing most of the Masters into the chair, and had that evening most impressively discharged the same ceremony, for which the W.M. most heartily thanked him.

A most hearty greeting was accorded him.

In reply, Bro. Poore stated how much he appreciated their kindness, and the great pleasure he had received in placing the W.M. in the chair that evening. It had been his great privilege to instal nine Masters, and he looked upon them as his children. He tendered his hearty thanks to Bro. Newland, I.P.M., for so kindly giving way and allowing him to perform the ceremony.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," of which there were five present. They were honoured and respected by all the brethren, and the lodge could not continue to flourish without them. Of their I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Newland, the W.M. said in order to show the appreciation and gratitude of the brethren for his having performed the duties of W.M. for the second year (through the lamented death of Bro. J. Hicks, W.M., which took place shortly after his installation), they had voted a sum of money, and they had the greatest pleasure in presenting him with a handsome scarf-pin and stud, which all trusted he might wear for many years.

The toast was received most cordially.

Bro. Newland, I.P.M., most heartily thanked the brethren for such warm expressions, and stated none regretted the loss of their late W.M. more than he, for they had worked side by side for many years. He strongly advocated lodges of instruction and that the brethren should perfect themselves as much as possible. He hoped the same brotherly feeling would be extended to the W.M. as had been shown him for the past two years. For this tangible mark of their affection he heartily thanked them.

Bros. Baldwin (founder), and Bott also very ably responded.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given and received in a most hearty manner, which those two officers so richly deserved.

The Treasurer and Secretary replied, pledging themselves to do their utmost so long as they had the approbation of the brethren.

In the next toast "The Officers" received their meed of praise from the W.M., who remarked upon their excellent working.

The S.W. and J.W. most tersely replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. Professor Rushton Odell, ably assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Louie Farwig, Bros. C ranch, Jno. Morgan, and A. Court. Bro. R. Odell ably presided at the piano.

Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190.

The installation meeting of the members of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Edmund Rosenthal, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Richard Eve, Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Thomas Fenn, E. Letchworth, Robert Grey, Dr. Clement Gedson, Col. J. Ward, Sir Somers Vine, Thomas Catling, P.M.; Will E. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Ebbets, P.M.; W. J. Fisher, P.M.; John Northcott, P.M., Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, Frank Richardson, Frederick West, Charles Belton, J. H. Matthews, Lennix Browne, James Lewis Thomas, R. Turtle Pigott, Frederick Mead, Eugene Monteuius, C. F. Matier, J. E. Muddock ("Dick Donovan,") and many others.

Bro. Rosenthal, W.M., after the introductory ceremonies had been observed, installed as his successor in the chair of the lodge, Bro. Charles Lionel Carson, S.W., and W.M. elect, performing the whole of the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive style. He was then invested with the collar and jewel of Immediate Past Master, and the following brethren then received their collars of office: Bros. Harry Nicholls, S.W.; W. S. Penley, J.W.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.M., Treas.; Will E. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; Eugene Barnett, S.D.; Charles Townley, J.D.; W. L. Barrett, I.G.; W. H. Denny, I.G.; Harold Burke, Org.; Walter Rowley, J. E. Muddock ("Dick Donovan,") E. Michael, and F. H. Cheeswright, Stwds.; and Swan, Tyler. After Bro. Rosenthal had delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge, the W.M. remarking as he presented it that Bro. Rosenthal had conferred honour on the lodge by the way he had presided and performed his duties during his year of office, but perhaps more especially by the splendid style in which he had that day concluded his performances in the installation ceremony. Bro. Rosenthal, who was loudly applauded at the close of the W.M.'s remarks, returned thanks for the presentation, for the W.M.'s observations in making the presentation, and for the cordial reception which the brethren had given to them. The remainder of the business, which consisted principally of the reading, by the Secretary, of letters of apology for inability to attend from several brethren, having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where in the large hall a sumptuous banquet awaited them. On account of the Court mourning Bro. Dan Godfrey's band did not perform during dinner.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. Carson, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that toast always found a response in every Mason's heart. At that time, when the entire Craft was holding out its hands in true and loving sympathy with her Majesty in her deep affliction, that toast came with strange strength. In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," he said it was a toast on which it would be easy to enlarge. Suffice it, however, to say that under the gentle guidance of the Prince of Wales, Masonry had made enormous progress all over the world. There was one reason especially why the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge should receive that toast well—his Royal Highness was not only a member of the Savage Club, but a member also of the Savage Club Lodge. In giving the toast of "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Carson said all the brethren who had attended Grand Lodge knew the excellent work done there; but that was not what he was going to bring before them then; it was the intimate connection existing between Grand Lodge and the Savage Club Lodge. At Grand Lodge, very great interest had been shown in the working of the Savage Club Lodge; they had assisted it in every way. There were 30 Grand Lodge Officers present who had all ex-

hibited great interest in the work of the evening. Although he had intended to couple the name of Sir John Monckton with the toast, by that brother's special request he would associate with it the name of Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, in reply, said he did not feel very able to descant on the way in which the Grand Officers did their duty, for he had not done his duty so often as he could have wished; but, on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself, he congratulated the W.M. and I.P.M. on the most splendid way the ceremonies had been worked that night. However much the brethren might call themselves "Savages," the guests always enjoyed their hospitality.

Bro. Edmund Rosenthal, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said: Worshipful Master, Grand Officers, Officers, and Brethren.—The next toast on the list is one which, in strict accordance with Masonic usages, appears to be the special privilege of the I.P.M. to propose, and I assure you, brethren, it affords me infinite pleasure to have this opportunity to express my appreciation of the merits of our worthy brother whom, this day, I have had the honour to instal in the chair of King Solomon. Every brother who has carefully observed those truly Masonic attributes which pervade Brother Carson's character as a man, and the performance of his duties as a Mason, must have been very forcibly struck, not only by the punctuality and regularity of his attendance, but also by his earnestness and zeal, and they will, I am sure, feel as I do, that our W.M. possesses Masonic ability of a very high order, and I am confident that they will be fully satisfied that the honour, welfare, and reputation of the Savage Club Lodge are vested in a brother who will maintain, support, and uphold them with truly Masonic honour and becoming dignity. In offering you, Worshipful Master, my sincere and most cordial congratulations on your appointment, and expressing a wish that your year of office may be fraught with peace and happiness to yourself, perfect unanimity among the brethren, and prosperity to the lodge, I feel I am echoing, not only the sentiment which animates the hearts of the officers and brethren of the lodge, but likewise those of the distinguished Grand Officers and visitors who have once again so graciously honoured our installation and banquet with their illustrious and ever welcome presence.

Bro. C. L. Carson, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he could not tell the brethren how difficult it was for him to remain silent while his good friend the I.P.M., Bro. Rosenthal, was pouring out praise on his behalf with a lavish hand. He did not wish to bring discord into this most harmonious meeting, but in self-defence he must ask the brethren not to believe what Bro. Rosenthal had said of him. Bro. Rosenthal meant very well, but his heart had ruled his head. There was one immortal poet who wrote, "Some men are born great, some men achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them." He had had greatness thrust upon him by being made S.W. He had been J.D., but he quickly obtained promotion and became S.W., then he hesitated as to the Master's chair, but Bro. Penley came with a pat on the back and a well-directed kick and said "Try it, old man," and then he went in for it, and here he was. His only apology for being in the chair that night was Bro. Penley. He was very sensible of the great honour the brethren had done him in making him their Master. The Savage Club was known all over the world for its brilliant members, including men who had made their mark in literature, science and the arts; and when he looked round him that night, he felt that the Savage Club Lodge was in no way behind the Savage Club. It made him proud that the Savage Club Lodge was his mother lodge. It was during the Mastership of his good friend, Bro. Will E. Chapman, that he was made a Mason, and he was very glad to have that opportunity of thanking Bro. Chapman and Bro. W. J. Fisher for the interest they had taken in his Masonic career. If he were to thank all his friends he should go on all night, he had so many. He thought the brethren would assist him in every way, to help him first to hand down the traditions of the lodge and of the chair to his successor as pure and unsullied as Bro. Rosenthal had handed them down to him.

Bro. C. L. Carson, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Edmund Rosenthal." There was little necessity for him to point out all the good work Bro. Rosenthal had done to the lodge. Everyone who had been a frequenter of the lodge knew Bro. Rosenthal's earnestness, his perfection, and the solemnity with which he had recited the ritual. But they little knew what he had to struggle against in the early part of his year of office. He was first suffering from illness which at one time assumed a severe aspect; but he struggled nobly and well for his lodge and every member in it; he worked well in and continually for the lodge. On the toast list the brethren would find many good and apt quotations which had been selected by Bro. Chapman, and there was one most appropriate to this toast "God be with my old Master." He gave the brethren the toast of "The I.P.M."

Bro. Edmund Rosenthal, I.P.M., in responding, said: I thank you, W.M., most sincerely for the very felicitous way in which you have proposed the toast, and also the officers and brethren for the exceedingly cordial manner in which they have received the same. In whatever profession, station, or position in life a man may be placed which invites the performance of onerous and important duties the sympathies of his fellow workers and the commendations of his superior officers must ever be—as the Immortal Bard has said—a "Consummation devoutly to be wished!" It is true that I have endeavoured—to the utmost of my ability—to do my duty to the lodge and to my brethren, and likewise to perform those sublime ceremonies restricted to the Master's chair with a due regard to their solemnity and grandeur; and I cannot but feel deeply grateful to the officers and brethren for the sympathy they have evinced and for the zealous support they have given me on all occasions. Still, knowing the generosity of our Worshipful Master's disposition, I fear that he may have been led to magnify my simple endeavours to do my duty into what he—through the kindness of his heart—may consider to be a glorious reality. Be that as it may, it is not, I take it, so much a question of what a man does as it is the spirit in which he endeavours to do it. If, therefore, I have only been able—either by precept or example—to shed the least additional ray of light on, or to fan the spark of apathy or indifference among any of the brethren into a blaze of reverence for our wonderful and magnificent Masonic structure, it would afford me the greatest comfort and happiness through the rest of my life, and inspire me with the fervent hope that my brethren would feel that the chair of the Savage Club Lodge has not been filled by me in vain.

Bro. Sir J. R. Somers-Vine, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was responded to by Bros. Macmanus, Jones, and Bullock.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, P.M., in proposing "The Allied Lodges," said it might be well perhaps that he should briefly explain for the benefit of those brethren who were at the Savage Club for the first time (the lodge hoped it would not be the last) the nature of the toast which it had fallen to his lot to submit to the brethren. The complete stranger, however, among them knew something of the composition of the Savage Club and knew therefore to that extent to what manner of men the Savage Club Lodge was composed. Club and lodge alike consisted of men who were workers in the fields of art in its many developments, of literature in its numerous channels, and of science in its countless ramifications. But this lodge, he would like to say, put forward no claim to a monopoly in the representation of those professions, and quite early in its existence it conveyed the idea—the amiable idea he might call it—of inviting to its chief ceremony of the year the Worshipful Masters for the time being of certain cognate lodges. These lodges were the Lodge of Asaph, the Gallery Lodge, the Drury Lane Lodge, and the Eccentric Lodge, the last one being an addition for the first time. The first in this list of lodges, the brethren knew, was recruited from the dramatic and musical professions, and many of the exponents of those sister arts were members of the Savage Club Lodge. He would cite the case of one brother who was appointed J.W. of the Savage Club Lodge that night, Bro. W. S. Penley, who was a P.M. of the Lodge of Asaph, and who was within measurable distance of being a P.M. of both lodges. The destinies of the Lodge of Asaph that year were confided to the care of Bro. Cruikshanks—a very well-known actor, and a most estimable Mason in all respects. Bro. Cruikshanks, however, was engaged at a theatre at a distance, and had not been able to stay. The Gallery Lodge, which he (Bro. Fisher) had the pleasure of reckoning his mother lodge, was the only lodge composed exclusively of journalists working under the charter of the Grand Lodge of England, and to the W.M. of that lodge—Bro. Husk—the Savage Club Lodge offered a very sincere and cordial welcome. The Drury Lane Lodge, although like the Savage Club Lodge, young in years, was so exceedingly well known, that it stood in need of no introduction to that assembly; the link between it and the Savage Club Lodge was exceptionally strong, inasmuch as three of its Past Masters were members of that lodge, and others were in office. The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge fell within a week of that, and the custom was to extend an invitation to its W.M. elect. The position of W.M. elect of the Drury Lane Lodge was occupied by Bro. Henry Neville, a very distinguished actor and a great Mason, who was now performing an engagement, and had also been obliged to leave. No doubt those members of his lodge who were now present would tell him how much he was missed. The Eccentric Club was recruited from the Eccentric Club, in which the liberal, the very liberal, arts had a

meeting place, and where they performed the high ceremonial of "painting things red." Its members, he was creditably informed, were ever ready to pour up or down libations to the gods—or goddesses—they may welcome, and burn the incense of fragrant weed, on any, or no, occasion. The W.M. this year of that lodge was Bro. Walter Clifford, a very worthy Mason, and one of the founders of the lodge. To the representatives of all those lodges the Savage Club Lodge offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. Percy W. Husk, W.M. 1928, in reply, said: Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Savage Club Lodge, Grand Officers and brethren,—It is with unfeigned delight that I respond to the toast of "The Allied Lodges," as this is the very first occasion that I have drunk the milk of Masonic kindness outside the portals of my Masonic lodge, and it seems a strange, peculiar fitness of things that the very first lodge it is my pleasure to visit is the Savage Club Lodge, and as Master of a lodge which may truly be called an allied lodge, there probably are so few lodges as closely allied, so intimately connected as the Savage and the Gallery, the qualifications being strongly identical, and the true Masonic feeling existing between them being far greater than, perhaps, any two lodges extant, we are more firmly cemented as we grow older. If I may be allowed to say so, I was more charmed with the working it was my pleasure to witness than with anything else; it was a credit to the lodge and to the performers. On behalf of the allied lodges and on behalf of the lodge of which I am the proud Master, I thank you for the very cordial welcome you have accorded us to-night.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said it was a very easy task to propose that toast, because, in the words of a comic song, "Actions speak louder than words." The work of all the P.M.s. of the Savage Club Lodge had been so beautifully done, and these brethren had done so much to forward the interest of the lodge, that he could not praise them enough. He might, however, tell the brethren that, with the exception of one, who was dead, all the P.M.s. of the lodge were present. The lodge had been particularly fortunate in its Masters; every one who had filled the chair had done his duty well, and he therefore did not think there was anything more to be said on that head.

Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M., responded, and said it was an easy task to respond to the toast so very kindly proposed by the W.M., because all the congratulations which had been rightly and generously showered upon the outgoing Master and the incoming Master, bore testimony to the good work done by the P.M.s. who laid the foundation of the Savage Club Lodge. The P.M.s. had done the best that was in them; the lodge was being carried on by brethren so earnest, so zealous, and so conscious of everything Masonry required, that these ingredients were the best testimony that the foundations of the lodge lay very deep, and the P.M.s. hoped to meet the brethren again on many many occasions in future.

Bro. Townley, J.D., responded to the toast of "The Officers," the S.W., the J.W., and the S.D., having been compelled to leave to fulfil their engagements. The Tyler's toast closed the evening.

The entertainment which was given between the speeches was most abundant in musical talent and was of the very finest description. The performers were Bros. Eugene Barrett, W. L. Barrett, F. H. Cheesewright, W. H. Denny, Hopkins (the silver bells), W. Nicholl, Arthur L. Oswald, Bantock Pierpoint, John Radcliff, Fred Russell, Geoffrey Thorn, and the Schartau Part Singers. Bro. H. R. Rose, P.P.G. Org. Beds, accompanied on the pianoforte all the songs. Bro. Willie Wright presided at the organ in lodge.

Bro. G. Meads was toastmaster at the banquet table.

Egerton Lodge, No. 2216.

The annual meeting of the above lodge and Festival of St. John was held on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the new lodge room, Conservative Club, Swinton. A large company assembled, and amongst the visitors who honoured the lodge by their presence were Bros. the Rev. J. T. Hogg-Goggin, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Holland Watson, P.P.G.S.B. East Lancs; J. Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; and E. L. Little, P.P.G.P.

Bro. W. F. O'Grady was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. R. Wardle, P.G. Std. Br., assisted by Past Masters Fletcher, Wood, and Hewitt.

After the usual lodge business, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Beresford.

The usual toasts were honoured, and a programme of vocal and instrumental music was given by Bros. H. Daniels, W. E. Argyle, F. Hewitt, H. Dawson, and W. D. Reid. Recitations were given by Bros. Wood, Wardle, and Widdowson. Bro. Clarkson ably presided at the pianoforte, and a thoroughly harmonious evening was spent.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by many of the visitors, and congratulations at the superior accommodation and arrangements for the comfort of the brethren.

Mistley Lodge, No. 2339.

The members of the above lodge celebrated their fifth anniversary meeting on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Manningtree, Essex, when the proceedings throughout were of a most successful character. The principal business was the installation of Bro. George Thomas Taylor as W.M. for the ensuing year, in which ceremony it was announced that Bro. Sir Wm. Abdy was to take part, but at the last moment the worthy Baronet was unable to attend, owing to a severe cold. The whole ceremony, therefore, devolved upon the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. E. Garrard, who acquitted himself in a manner to call forth the encomiums of all present. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. C. E. Garrard, I.P.M.; O. Bendall, S.W.; G. F. Hempson, J.W.; the Rev. T. S. Rafles, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Robt. Brooks, Treas.; W. G. Synnot, P.M. 225, Sec.; W. M. Tricker, S.D.; I. B. Burton, J.D.; W. Martin, I.G.; J. R. Butler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. T. Campbell, Organist; and W. H. Richardson, G. W. Terry, and G. E. Mason, Stwd. The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master and duly acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

Between 30 and 40 brethren afterwards dined together.

The newly-installed W.M. was a genial president, and the heartiest good fellowship prevailed. The toasts usual on such occasions were given and responded to, that of "The Grand Officers" being acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. C. E. Garrard predicted that Bro. Taylor would not be second to any of the excellent Masters who had ruled the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was exceedingly obliged for the way in which his name had been received in connection with the toast. He felt that great responsibility had been placed upon him, for, notwithstanding that he had good supporters in the officers he had invested that evening, he was only a young Mason. It was only six years since he was initiated in that lodge, but, without any desire to speak boastingly, he had only missed one meeting since he joined, and that was through illness. He promised them that during his ensuing year of office he would do all he possibly could to "make things go," in which endeavour he was sure he would be backed up by his officers.

Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, Vicar of Manningtree, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and spoke in flattering terms of the way in which Bro. Garrard had carried out the ceremony of the day. Alluding to Bro. Garrard's comparatively recent marriage, Bro. Cree said it did not often happen that two such important events as marriage and Mastership in a lodge happened to a man in the same year.

The I.P.M., in acknowledgment, said he was conscious of many shortcomings in his rendering of the ceremony, but he did not know till yesterday that the whole would devolve upon himself. He had done his very best, and was gratified if it met with the approbation of the brethren.

Other toasts followed. Bros. Howlett, Hempson, Campbell, and Mason contributed much to the pleasure of the brethren by contributing some capital songs.

Amongst those present on the occasion were Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Harold Francis, P.M. 51, Prov. J.G.D.; R. Orttewell, W.M. 1924; W. Watson, S.D. 959; W. Kemp, P.M. 595; W. B. Hanson, P.M. 959; F. Bird, P.M. 1024; E. Hills, J.W. 959; J. E. Cheese, 51; H. J. Skingley, P.M. 607; G. Stephenson, W.M. 352; Henry Harcourt, 74; and the following members of the lodge, in addition to the officers already mentioned: Bros. J. T. Bailey, P.M.; S. S. Parsons, P.M.; R. P. Lockey, J. S. Jameson, A. Stewart, A. Martin, and others.

North Kent Lodge, No. 2499.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bexley Heath, on the 1st inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren present to congratulate the lodge on the completion of its first year of existence. The tenure of office of Bro. G. Rattcliff Steel, P.G. Stwd., the first W.M., has fully realised the hopes of the founders, and the lodge is now established on a firm and satisfactory basis. Bro. R. Hargreaves Rogers, the incoming W.M., besides being an enthusiastic Mason is well known in civic circles, and his many friends hope to see him occupying the dignified position of Sheriff ere long, an office he is eminently qualified to fill. The members present included Bros. G. Rattcliff Steel, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; R. Hargreaves Rogers, S.W., W.M. elect; Newton Dunn, J.W.; Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, Chap.; T. Jenkins, Treas.; G. B. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; F. Corbett, S.D.; O. Dale, J.D.; E. Whomes, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Lucas, I.P.M. 1837; B. C. Halse, 131; T. D. Griffin, P.M. 1; H. J. Butter, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Boland, 13; F. Wood, P.M. 1973; J. Rock, W.M. 1; E. Wood, 1710; E. Vaughan, 23; G. Pritchard, P.M. 9; T. B. Sandercock, P.M. 2530; W. E. Sargeant, 1765; W. S. Fisher, 1837; W. W. Lee, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Hargreaves Rogers was presented for installation, and was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Rattcliff Steel, P.G. Stwd. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Rattcliff Steel, P.M. 1, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Newton Dunn, 1, S.W.; F. Corbett, 1839, and 1973, Sec., J.W.; Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, 1209, Chap.; Thos. Jenkins, P.M. 299, Treas.; Geo. B. Chapman, P.M. 27 and 299, Sec.; Obed. D. Dale, S.W. 299, S.D.; Geo. E. Todd, J.D.; Edmund Whomes, Org.; D. J. Pitt, I.G.; and W. Royle, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., who, in felicitous terms, referred to the excellent work done during the past year by Bro. Rattcliff Steel, P.G. Stwd., and to his exertions for the formation of the lodge. Proposers for initiation were received, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards enjoyed a well-served banquet, after which the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he always felt it a great honour to be permitted to endeavour, however feebly, to convey to the brethren of the lodges to which he had the pleasure of being invited the appreciation he felt for the sympathetic manner in which the toast was proposed and received. He felt there was some reason why he should be called upon to respond, for he was to some extent the missing link between the dais and the floor of Grand Lodge, and was not unmindful that he owed to the brethren of the Craft the high position he held. He saw on the dais as his colleagues most representative Masons—those who were best adapted to look after the welfare of the Craft—and could see ranged upon the floor of Grand



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Lodge those equally desirous of giving careful consideration to all questions for the welfare and development of the beneficent and charitable objects of Masonry. Therefore, he felt he was able to respond for the toast not merely formally, but feeling as one of themselves. Masonry to his mind was a great religious organisation, not sectarian, but the object of which was to inculcate in Masons' hearts the promotion of happiness to mankind. He hoped that feeling would ever permeate through Masonry, and that it would still further develop in extent. He was present at the consecration of that lodge, and had the pleasure of seeing installed as the first Master a very highly-respected and esteemed colleague and friend in another lodge. The beautiful and religious ceremony they had seen performed by Bro. Steel that evening testified that during his year they had had those ceremonies carried out with a religious tone and finish, which marked the better side of Masonry. He was also conscious that another old friend—Bro. Hargreaves Rogers—had been installed for the coming year, and he could only say, on behalf of the Grand Officers present, that they "sped the parting" W.M., and welcomed the incoming. He hoped the W.M. would be spared with health and strength to carry out his duties, as he was desirous of doing, for the welfare of the lodge. He thanked them personally, and also for his colleague, for their kind hospitality, and they sincerely and heartily wished every success to the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M.," and "The Dep. Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Officers."

Bros. Woods, P.P.G. Reg., and Butter, P.P.G. Reg., replied for the latter toast.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Rattcliff Steel, I.P.M., who said that those who knew Bro. Hargreaves Rogers as well as he did—and he was happy to say their friendship was of long standing—would know him as a "jolly good fellow." The work in the lodge that day would also tell them their W.M. was a jolly good Mason and they were looking forward and anticipating a successful year under his rule. As the I.P.M. he knew he should not be called upon to do anything but sit and listen to the W. Master. It was not often that a W.M. installed for the first time, invested his officers as well as Bro. Rogers had done, nor did they often find a brother in the chair who spoke as well and gave the toasts so cordially, and his geniality was proverbial. There was no doubt the lodge would progress during the next year as well as it had done during the past.

Bro. R. Hargreaves Rogers, W.M., in response, said he regarded the Mastership of a lodge as one of the greatest importance and as one that could not be lightly undertaken. It was in that sense that he felt his incapacity to follow so able a W.M. as the I.P.M. had been. He could only say that his heart was in the work and that his services were at the disposal of the lodge. He hoped he should receive the same support as the officers had accorded the I.P.M., and in that case he was sure the lodge would lose nothing at his hands. It would be his utmost endeavour during the year he occupied the chair to do everything in his power to enhance that lodge and Freemasonry generally. If the brethren would assist him, and look lightly upon his failings, he hoped to hand over the warrant to his successor as clean and unsullied as he had received it.

The Worshipful Master next briefly proposed "The Installing Master," and said the brethren had heard the remarks he made in lodge when presenting the jewel to Bro. Steel.

Bro. Rattcliff Steel, P.G.S., I.P.M., said that if it had given them satisfaction to see his humble efforts, the appreciation of the brethren was all that he wished for or

desired. The W.M. had truly said that, as the first Master, he (the I.P.M.) had done all he could for the lodge. When he was invited by the brethren of Bexley Heath who were anxious to form that lodge to be their first W.M., he considered it was somewhat fortuitous that he happened to be a Past Master of his mother lodge—Grand Master's, No. 1—and also a resident of the neighbourhood. He thanked them for their kindness all through his year of office, and appreciated all they had said of him. He had done his best, and if he deserved all they had said of him he was more than satisfied.

"The Visitors" was cordially proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. J. Rock, W.M. 1, who said he was also present at the consecration to see an old friend installed in the chair, and almost thought he ought to become a joining member, for then he should not have to reply for the visitors. He thanked them for the kind reception given them and the intellectual treat they had enjoyed in the lodge, for never had he been present when the work had been so excellently delivered.

Bro. T. D. Griffin, P.M. 1, and Halse, 131, also responded.

"The Officers" was next given, to which Bro. Newton Dunn, S.W., replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded a successful and enjoyable gathering.

Bro. E. Whomes, Organist, was in charge of the musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction to all present, and was assisted by Master W. D. Pritchard, Mr. Alan Cuthbert, and Bros. T. B. Sandercock, P.M., Sec. 2530; G. Pritchard, P.M. 9; and J. Ireland.

Bro. R. Hargreaves Rogers is well known as one of the most active members of the Corporation of the City of London, having served as Chairman of several of its most important Committees. He is also Deputy Alderman for his Ward. Bro. Rogers was a candidate last year for the high office of Sheriff of London, and was only defeated by a narrow majority of 45 on a poll of 4000. Bro. Deputy Rogers is again a candidate for that office this year, and is confident, with the assistance of his many friends, of success.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The election meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 27th ult. Bro. F. A. Powell presided, and was assisted by Bros. Lewcock, G. Steward, I.P.M.; John Smith, G. Steward, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; C. J. Axford, P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Reep and Lyon.

Bros. Sir T. Carmichael, M.P., and J. R. Reep were elected joining members. Bro. J. Smith was elected W.M.; Bro. H. Lovegrove, Treasurer; and Bro. Mills, Tyler. Two members of the lodge—Bros. Bolt and J. Reid—have died since the last meeting.

Union Lodge, No. 32.

The first meeting of this lodge after the installation was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, Bro. Evan Williams, W.M., presided, assisted by his officers. They were delighted to see that the W.M. had obtained a complete mastery of the Degree, and performed the first part of the ceremony with great ability and in a most impressive manner. Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.I. of Wks., was asked to take the chair, which he did, and completed the ceremony faultlessly. The whole of the officers were well up in their parts and are making rapid steps to gain a position second to none in the province. The candidates were Bros. W. H. Southern, P.M.; Thos. Pike, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and John Pearson. At this meeting the Treasurer's balance sheet was considered, and the affairs of the lodge seem to be in excellent condition, a very good balance being in hand. The following brethren were present—Bros. E. Williams, W.M.; G. E. Ward, P.M.; F. Armstrong, S.W.; R. Rudman, J.W.; Walter R. Sharp, S.D.; Alfred Hibbert, J.D.; H. Rushton, I.G.; Jas. Beadmore, Org.; William Rostrom, J.O.; Frank Dicks, J. W. Atkinson, M.O.; R. W. Atkinson, S.O.; and J. Richardson, P.G.D. England. Visitors: Bros. Geo. S. Smith, P.G. Org.; and John Williams, P.P.S.G.D.

Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. DR. W. H. WRIGHT

was initiated into Masonry in the Arboretum Lodge on the 8th of October, 1884, by his father, the late Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.J., who himself was W.M. of the Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, at the early age of 25, and during his year of office he initiated into Masonry the Marquis of Ripon, who was Grand Master of the Order prior to the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Wright was anxious that a Masonic Hall should be built in the town, and took such an active part in bringing the matter forward that he had the honour of laying the foundation-stone, and was presented with a handsome silver trowel in acknowledgment of his valuable services. He afterwards came to Derby, and was W.M. of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731. His great idea of Masonry was Charity, and he was appointed Chairman of the Charity Committee, holding the office for a period of 15 years (until his death).

He raised the voting power from some 20 votes to upwards of 4000. His face was well known in London at the election of candidates for the Charities. He was the recipient of many presents and testimonials for his services, and was made Prov. S.G.W. His son, the object of our remarks, became Steward shortly after being raised, and was Secretary of the lodge for three years. On becoming S.W., he served his first Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and gave 10 guineas. The following month he served for the Boys, giving 10 guineas, and the following February, on becoming W.M., he served as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and took up £100. Since then he has served four Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, giving a donation of 100 guineas, making himself a Vice-Patron. Bro. Dr. Wright afterwards became founder and P.M. of the Ecclesburne Lodge, No. 2425; P.Z. of his chapter; P.P.G.D.C. and Prov. G.D. of D. (Royal Arch); and also a Life Subscriber of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He has now by his founding of the Old Priory Lodge adopted a scheme to bring the Nottingham and Derby Masons into closer touch, hoping that many friendships may be formed and cemented. He has offered to represent the new lodge at Beeston as a Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.I.G., and has sent up a cheque for 25 guineas.



BRO. F. S. PLOWRIGHT, W.M. of the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193,

whose portrait we present this week, was initiated in the Confidence Lodge in 1889 and has held all the minor offices. He is a founder and Secretary of the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, and member of Walpole Lodge, No. 1503, Norwich. Our brother is also a member of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, and of the Gladsmuir (Barnet) Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, No. 367. He is one of the principal employés of W. and A. Gilbey Limited, and has for several years represented the district in which he resides on the East Barnet Valley Urban District Council. Bro. Plowright has always taken a deep interest in Masonry, as will, indeed, be gathered from the foregoing summary of his brief career in our Order.

Obituary.

BRO. H. NELL.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. H. Nell. The sad event occurred at his residence at Walthamstow on the 22nd ult. after a long and painful illness, which baffled all medical skill that could be obtained. The deceased brother was 41 years old, and was initiated in Strong Man Lodge, passed all the offices, and has been an active P.M. and Secretary for some years, and the present success of the lodge is in a great measure due to his energy and courtesy to all brethren; he was held in great esteem by all Masons and friends who had the good fortune to claim his acquaintance. He was also P.M. of the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, and P.P.G.D. Herts. The funeral took place on the 24th ult. at Saint Mary's in the Forest, Walthamstow, followed by a large assemblage of brethren and friends, among whom were noticed of the Strong Man Lodge Bros. Langdon, W.M.; Mills, S.W.; Cuer, J.W.; Cobb, P.M., P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; Symons, P.M., Treas.; Fountain, P.M.; Dove, P.M.; Hunt, P.M.; T. C. Saylor, S.D.; Stafford, I.G.; Jenkinson, Stwd.; Burgess, Acting Sec.; F. S. Liddall, Geo. Smith, Manuelle, Finch, Ockelford, Samms, A. Whitby, and Mallett, Tyler; also Bro. Petch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, and a large number of other brethren whose names did not transpire, upwards of 60 following. The service was choral, and very ably rendered by an efficient choir under the direction of Bro. Latter, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Essex. The beautiful Burial Service of the Church of England was solemnly rendered by the clergy of the church. The hearse containing the remains of the deceased was quite filled with wreaths from sympathising friends. A widow and family are left behind to mourn his loss.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—The remains of Bro. William Hunter, sculptor, who died at his residence, Montrose-street, Brechin, rather suddenly on Saturday morning last, were interred in the New Cemetery on the 4th instant, with Masonic honours. The brethren of St. James' Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, and marched in procession to deceased's house, where they were joined by the brethren of the Ancient Order of Foresters. The service was quiet, but impressive.

On Thursday afternoon, at Acton Cemetery, the funeral took place of Bro. Sales, late Steward to Bro. Leopold de Rothschild, at Gunnersbury Park. Bro. Sales was appointed D.C. of the Chiswick Lodge as recently as the 13th ult. His death, which occurred on Sunday, was partly due to an accident he met with at Halton, where Bro. Rothschild has a country seat. Among the wreaths placed on the coffin was one sent by the employees at Gunnersbury Park, many of whom were present at the funeral.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 15, 1896.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.
 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
 1789, Ubique, Criterion.
 2012, Chiswick, Criterion.
 2094, Elthorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal.
 2394, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.
 2454, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.
 2565, Royal Rose, Head-quarters 3rd Volunteer Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, Hampstead-road.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern.
 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
 124, Menatschim, Criterion.
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

140, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

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.
 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 Par'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 Rail-way 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 11.

Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
 180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
 235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.
 751, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
 834, Ranelagh, Criterion.
 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
 1106, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 1260, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1503, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
 1668, Samson, Cafe Royal.
 1700, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.
 1801, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
 1809, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.
 2477, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.
 2546, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

135, Student Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.
 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

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 Mire," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
 Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
 Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
 Mount Edgcumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Frederick, William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Wadsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
 Varborough, 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 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

CRAFT LODGES.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
 136, Good Report, Albion Tavern.
 148, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.
 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
 1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.
 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.
 1766, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.
 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel.
 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
 2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.
 2392, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head-quarters, Chenies-street.
 2410, Esculapius, Cafe Royal.
 2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 2528, Lancastrian, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

771, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.
 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

Old Kent, Mark Masons' Hall.

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.
 Londenborough, 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.
 Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
 Pannure, 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.
 Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
 Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 181, Universal, Albion Tavern.
 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 230, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
 1076, Capricorn, Guildhall Tavern.
 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.
 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
 1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall, Bow.
 1807, Strand, Criterion.
 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
 2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms, Barnet.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
 1767, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
 1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

MARK LODGE.

86, Samson and Lion, Masonic Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

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

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crescent, King's Head, 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, Battersby 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, Salvation 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 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel.
 1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
 1907, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
 2309, Ordnance, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 1552, Stoke Newington, Assembly Rooms.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

6, Friendship, Criterion.

ROSE CROIX.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 266, 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 & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
 1641, Criterion, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

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THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m. The business will include the declaration of the vacancies on the two Funds of the Institution to be filled at the annual general meeting in May next, and the sanction and approval of the lists of candidates.

BRO. COLONEL PHINEAS COWAN has been re-elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF FLOWERS of the season took place at Monte Carlo on Sunday and proved a great success. The Czarevitch witnessed the procession of carriages and cars from a tribune.

THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the London Morayshire Club will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, under the presidency of her Majesty's Solicitor General.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the 11th inst., and her Majesty will hold a Council at Osborne to-morrow (Saturday), at which the speech from the Throne will be submitted for the Queen's approval.

THE CUSTOMARY EASTER BANQUET at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir W. Wilkin) and the Lady Mayoress will take place on Wednesday, the 22nd April. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has accepted an invitation to be present.

BRO. ARTHUR BRISCOE, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, P.M. Mozart Lodge, &c., is again elected (for the fourth year in succession) Organist to the Nonconformist Choir Union for the forthcoming Festival at the Crystal Palace, and his new Harvest Cantata will be included in the programme.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the London Forfarshire Association was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening last under the presidency of Bro. Lord Kinaird, who was supported by Lord Justice Rigby, who prior to his elevation to the bench represented the county in Parliament.

THE ANNUAL distribution of prizes to the successful members of the Post Office Volunteers will be held in the Guildhall on Friday, the 21st instant. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin will preside, and the distribution will be made by the Duke of Teck, who is Hon. Colonel of the regiment.

THE MARQUIS OF BUTE has expressed his willingness to contribute £500 to the funds of the Monmouthshire and South Wales Mines and Permanent Provident Society to assist it in dealing with the claims arising from the Tylorstown disaster last week. This is in addition to the £250 which his lordship contributes annually to the institution.

THE IMPERIAL Russian Geographical Society celebrated the Jubilee of its foundation in St. Petersburg under the presidency of the Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovich, who was supported by a number of Grand Dukes, several Ministers, and other dignitaries. Addresses of congratulation and telegrams were received from 38 foreign and upwards of 100 Russian societies.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES has been graciously pleased to become Patroness of the Concert to be given, by kind permission of the Duchess of Sutherland, at Stafford House, on Thursday, June 11th, in aid of the building fund of the Free Home for the Dying, Clapham. All communications should be addressed to the Ladies' Committee, at the office of the Honorary Secretary, Captain Portlock-Dadson, 281, Strand.

THE HON. ALICE VERNON, daughter of the late Lord Vernon, of Sudbury Hall, Derbyshire, was married to the Rev. S. C. Lowry, Vicar of North Holmwood, Surrey, at Sudbury Parish Church on Monday, the bride being given away by her uncle, Bro. the Hon. William W. Vernon, while the ceremony was performed by Bishop Anson, another of her uncles. Among those invited on the occasion were Lord Northbourne, Bro. Lord and Lady Burton, Bro. Sir Henry Wilmot, and the Hon. Mrs. Okeover.

OWING TO THE ARRANGEMENTS Mr. Frederick Kerr has entered into for the production of "Jedbury, Jun.," at Terry's Theatre, the last nights of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," Robert Buchanan's merry farce, are now announced. Most of the company now playing at Terry's Theatre will appear in the new play, in addition to which the services of Miss Maude Millett have been secured. This lady will thus return to the theatre where she, with Mr. Kerr, made her great success in Pinero's charming play "Sweet Lavender."

BRO. THE REV. T. SELBY HENREY has been appointed to the vacant living of St. George's, Old Brentford, which is in the gift of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, Vicar of Ealing, and is worth about £430 yearly, and a vicarage house. Bro. Henrey was instituted to the living by the Bishop of London on Tuesday last, and he will be inducted on Saturday, the 15th, by Dr. Thornton, Archdeacon of Middlesex. It will be remembered that on the death of the Rev. Flock Jones, Vicar of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, the parishioners were unanimous in seeking the appointment of Bro. Henrey to the vacant benefice. He had acted as curate-in-charge for six years, had held the confidence and support of his Vicar during the whole period, had inaugurated and successfully worked open-air services for working people in the churchyard, and generally endeared himself to everyone by his geniality, tact, and earnestness. When, however, these things were brought forward by the parishioners as reasons for his appointment, Canon Duckworth, who virtually had the appointment, regarded them only in the light of barriers to his appointment.

THE FUNERAL of the late Lord Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, was solemnised with great pomp and circumstance at St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday. The Queen was represented by Col. the Hon. W. Carrington, the Prince of Wales by Major-General A. Ellis—who stood as one of the pall-bearers—the German Emperor by the German Ambassador, the King of the Belgians by the Belgian Minister, the Princess of Wales by Lord Colville of Culross, the Princess Louise by Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Collins, and the Princess Christian by Col. the Hon. C. Eliot. The pall-bearers included Major-General A. Ellis, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Sir Joseph Lister, President of the Royal Society; Sir John E. Millais, Bart., R.A.; Sir E. Maunde Thompson, Principal Librarian of the British Museum; Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal College of Music, and Mr. W. E. H. Lecky, M.P. The hearse, preceded by a detachment of the Artists' Volunteer Corps, and followed by a number of private carriages, left the Royal Academy, Burlington House, at 11 a.m., and, proceeding along Piccadilly, Charing Cross, Northumberland Avenue, and the Thames Embankment, reached the Cathedral shortly after noon, and was received by the Dean and clergy, the service being conducted by the Archbishop of York, as Chaplain to the Royal Academy, and the Dean. Among those invited to be present were Bros. the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquis of Granby, Sir F. Lockwood, Lord Wantage, Sir E. Lawson, Sir F. Knollys, and Lord Suffield.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY have again arranged with Messrs. Walter Hill and Co., of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, London, W.C., to prepare and issue a list of Farmhouse and Country lodgings to let in the vicinity of Great Northern stations. It is also intended to include better class hotels and boarding houses, and full information as to the book may be obtained on application at any Great Northern station, or of Mr. J. Alexander, Superintendent of the line, King's Cross Station, London, or of Messrs. Walter Hill and Co., as above.

THE CYCLE CRAZE.—Now-a-days, when everybody with the slightest pretension to being considered somebody of either sex—from Royalty downward—go in for that most enjoyable of exercises—cycling—a word of advice may not be out of place to those whose intentions are in the coming season to add one more to the already enormous army of pleasure-seekers on the wheel. Now, there are cycle manufacturers and cycle manufacturers. Our experience has always been that it is infinitely better and cheaper in the long run to patronise a first-class house, as by so doing you will be sure to get unbound'd satisfaction. The well-known firm of Benetton and Co., Cheapside, have now added a cycle department to their already palatial establishment, where there is to be seen such a magnificent display of safeties, tandems, tricycles, &c., with all the modern improvements, to suit the tastes of the most fastidious. We doubt if there is a finer exhibition of machines anywhere. Intending visitors to London will be amply repaid by spending an hour viewing their other departments, as it is a sight not easily forgotten. The firm is situated exactly opposite Bow Church, and is easy of access from any part of the Metropolis.

MR. HENRY TATE, who recently made donations of £5000 to three Liverpool institutions, has just promised a gift of equal amount to the Homoeopathic Hospital in that city.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER presided at the annual meeting of the Chester Charity Organisation Society, and was supported by Dr. Joyne, Bishop of Chester, and other members.

SIR FRANCIS SCOTT, who commanded the expedition to Coomassie, with Col. F. J. Kempster and Major H. E. Belfield, arrived at Cape Coast Castle early on Saturday morning last, all being in good health.

ACCORDING TO TELEGRAPHIC advices received from New York, the American Line steamer, St. Paul, which ran ashore during a dense fog, on the 25th ult., near Long Branch, was successfully towed off shortly before 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE has had telephonic connection established between Devonshire House and the Privy Council Offices, so that he may be in communication with his department at any time during his residence in town.

THE LEADING MEMBERS of the Ministry and the Opposition chiefs in both Houses of Parliament will give the usual full-dress Parliamentary banquets on Monday evening, the 10th instant, in view of Parliament being opened the following day.

PRINCESS ADOLPHUS OF TECK arrived at Grosvenor House from Eaton Hall on Saturday last, and was joined by Prince Adolphus, whose military duties detain him in town. On Tuesday the Prince went to Osborn and the Princess returned to Eaton Hall.

ON THURSDAY, the 27th instant, a special lecture will be given at the Royal United Service Institution by Captain Walter James on "The Necessity for an Army as well as a Navy for the Defence of the Empire." The chair will be taken by Bro. Lord Wolseley.

THE HEALTH OF LONDON still remains very satisfactory, the Registrar-General's returns showing that the rate of mortality for last week was 17.8 per 1000, while for Brighton it was 16. The deaths from influenza were 18 in number, or double what they were the week previous.

IT IS CONSIDERED probable that the Queen will be accompanied by the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and her daughter, Princess Victoria, on the occasion of her journey from Windsor Castle to Nice, and that they will stay with her Majesty during her sojourn in the south of France.

MR. RAGLAN G. SOMERSET, one of her Majesty's Gentleman Ushers, attended by command as representative of the Queen, the funeral service held in St. Paul's Cathedral for the late Bro. Sir Joseph Barnaby on Tuesday. Several deputations from musical societies in London and the provinces, including one from Eton College, were also present.

COSTAKI PASHA has presented, through the Marquis of Salisbury, Foreign Minister, his letters of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, from his Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, while Senor Eusebio Machain has been formally reserved as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Paraguay.

THE RIGHT HON. A. J. BALFOUR, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury, visited Bristol on Monday for the purpose of addressing a political meeting, at which there were present, among others, the Duke of Beaufort, who presided, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.), Bro. Sir Edward Hill, M.P., Bro. E. H. Llewellyn, M.P., and other Members of Parliament.

BRO. CECIL RHODES, lately Prime Minister of Cape Colony, arrived in Plymouth on Tuesday on board the Union Steamship Company's steamer Moor, and proceeded at once by train to London. On his arrival at Paddington station at 3 p.m. Bro. Rhodes, on quitting the train, was loudly cheered by the crowd which had assembled to greet him, and he had some difficulty in making his way to a cab and leaving the station.

BROS. THE RT. HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Rt. Hon. W. H. Long and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

BY COMMAND of the Queen a special memorial service for the late Prince Henry of Battenberg was held in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Tuesday afternoon. The Dean and several of the Canons and Minor Canons officiated, while the musical portions of the service were under the direction of Bro. Sir W. Parratt. The Mayor and Corporation of Windsor and a large number of persons were present on the mournful occasion.

BRO. W. WOODTHORPE WILLIAMS, the junior partner in the firm of Messrs. W. Williams and Son, of 52, Bread-street, died on the 28th ult., at the early age of 30 years, from pneumonia. Bro. Williams was in partnership with his father, Mr. W. Lisle Williams, and acted as buyer in the ornamental department. He had been associated with the business for 10 years, and had been a partner for six. He was a member of the Mizpah Lodge, and the Carnarvon Chapter.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys and General Clark, left Sandringham for London on Sunday last and on his arrival in the Metropolis at once drove to Marlborough House. On Monday H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud travelled *via* the Great Eastern and South Western systems to Portsmouth, being joined *en route* by the Prince at Haverstock Hill. The Royal Party then crossed to Osborne in order that they might be present at the funeral of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

THE FUNERAL OF BRO. THE RIGHT HON. HUGH C. E. CHILDERES took place in the churchyard of Cantley, near Doncaster, on Saturday last. Among those present were the members of the deceased's family, Bro. the Dean of York, Captain the Hon. Charles Harbord, representing the Queen, the Right Hon. A. J. Mundella, M.P., General Sir Andrew Clarke, the Mayor of Pontefract, and Viscount Halifax, while wreaths were sent by Bro. Sir Barrington and Lady Simeon, Lord and Lady Reay, Earl Spencer, Lord and Lady Playfair, the Earl of Northbrook, and Lord and Lady Glensk.

NEW YORK HARBOUR was the scene of an exciting incident on Saturday last, when a big boat which had collided with a ferry boat was abandoned by its crew, and steamed away at full speed on its own account, running into the island on which the Statue of Liberty stands and damaging the pier. Then it ran down a schooner, carried away the bowsprit of another, and upset and demolished a rowing boat. At length, just as it was on the point of charging into the British ship *Holyrood*, a pursuing tug-boat caught her, and prevented her doing further mischief.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS.—It is announced that Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, acting on behalf of the executors of the late David James (Messrs. E. W. Gardiner and Edward Terry) have sent cheques to the under-mentioned charitable institutions, which the executors have, in the exercise of their discretion, decided to benefit under the provisions of the deceased's will: Brompton Consumption Hospital, £1000; Blind School (Indigent), £500; Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion, £250; Charing Cross Hospital, £1000; Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, £500; Deaf and Dumb Asylum, £500; Royal Eye Hospital, £500; Foundling Hospital, £1000; Guy's Hospital, £1000; Golden-square Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital, £500; Hospital for Sick Children, £500; the Royal Hospital for Incurables, £500; Hospital for Jewish Incurables, £500; Jews' Deaf and Dumb Home, £1000; Jewish Board of Guardians, £4000; Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, £1000; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £500; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £500; Royal General Theatrical Fund, £3000; and Westminster Jews' Free School, £250. The executors have now practically decided on the distribution of the whole of the residue; and, when some minor points have been disposed of, the remainder of the estate (some £30,000) will also be distributed among the charities which have been selected.

EVERY HOUSE may shortly be supplied with electric light by a simple piece of mechanism placed over the kitchen chimney, if a new plan of Edison's for generating directly from heat is successful. Thus the poorest person could have the benefit of a useful invention which is now regarded as a luxury only for the comfort of the rich. Mr. Thomas Holloway, however, has given a greater blessing to humanity than has yet been afforded by the most wonderful discoveries of science. His Pills and Ointment have succeeded in cases where the greatest authorities on medical treatment have failed. Whatever the medical treatment of a patient may be, these pills will effect a cure if such a thing is humanly possible.