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We think it right to call attention once again to the report of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, which was "crowded out" most unavoidably last week, much to our regret, and which we give elsewhere. We are inclined to think that the episode there revealed is "unique" in our Masonic annals. A poor brother, dying from accident, commits to his brethren the care of his widow and orphans. So readily do they accept the bequest, so cheerfully have they fulfilled his injunction, that they have invested £2500 for her and her children's benefit, and sent her the other night £50 additional as a New Year's gift. We often hear of kind donations and genial relief afforded by lodges and brethren to poor and deserving applicants; but we hardly ever remember a similar case, (and should be obliged by any correspondent reminding us of any), where, with a large-hearted munificence and persevering beneficence worthy of all praise, a lodge thus nobly cares for and adopts the widow and children of a deceased brother. This is indeed a remarkable fulfilment in the concrete of Masonic teaching in the abstract, and demands all commendation, just as it deserves a happy imitation. We hear, now and then, of similar cases in their measure in America, but in England even they are very rare, and in most foreign jurisdictions impossible.

At this time of the year Masonic mendicants are many. They come to us in various guises, and under different developments of deliberate fraud, or perverse rascality. Mostly such applicants are well-known to the police, and theirs simply has been too often a career of successful profligacy and prosperous criminality combined. We hold it to be a high Masonic and moral offence for a brother to appear before a friendly lodge or a confiding Freemason, with a well-concocted but lying tale; whether of persevering mendicancy or simulated distress. It is this tendency to imposture, this trading on Freemasonry which exists in some parts of England more than others, and which is not only a great hindrance to the outflow of Masonic benevolence, but tries sorely the temper and Masonic sympathies of our brethren. In the north, especially in Lancashire and Yorkshire, the brethren, in self defence, have Almoners for towns, and Committees, and even a Provincial Committee of Investigation and Relief. So far as the experiment has been tried it is very successful in detecting fraud and imposture, and separating the worthy from the unworthy applicant. We have not seen the most recent statistics, but the last we read suggested many sad and salutary thoughts as to the necessity for such guards and checks, and the mournful uses to which Freemasonry is sometimes put by the unprincipled and designing, by the knave and the vagabond. There are some, it is to be feared, who live on Masonry, and on the alms of kindly brethren and the donations of always friendly lodges. To seek the explanation of such a discreditable state of things we have not to go far, nor is it difficult to realize. Our good neighbours across the border are mainly responsible for this untoward and undesirable state of affairs. The low sum for which brethren can be initiated in Scotland, the absence of lodge subscriptions as a rule, the fact that when once initiated many Masons never go near their mother lodge again, never contribute to its funds, or take part in its proceedings, is a very serious blot on the Scottish Masonic organization. We believe that all the leading Freemasons in Scotland are sensible of this grave inconvenience and the necessity of amendment. The Scottish lodges so far have with very few exceptions shewn no sign of wishfulness to alter their system, and the consequence is, that this dire mistake reacts on Scottish Masonry in a most deplorable degree. Warmhearted, genial, tolerant, hospitable as our good brethren in Scotland are, with their hearts in the right place, owing to this most defective leading principle of Masonic action and Masonic life amongst them, any development of Masonic charity as before the Craft and the world is a parody on their profession. They have no Masonic charitable institution worthy of being named, and the amount they give away is on a par with that voted

by the Grand Orient of France, a conjunction and assimilation not, as we apprehend, if fully understood, agreeable to the feelings and practice of warmhearted Scotchmen. Hardly an evening passes at the Lodge of Benevolence but what a Scottish brother asks for relief. "Have you obtained relief from Scotland? Do you subscribe to your mother lodge?" are questions nearly always replied to in the negative, and the amount of initiation fees, a payment made once for all, seems to us "Southrons" unduly small. We trust that with 1884 a movement may take place among our Scottish brethren to remedy an admitted evil, and to strengthen their whole system. We are quite certain such a change would act beneficially on Scottish Masonry itself, which now shews great signs of "recuperative power," of financial prosperity, and progressive popularity.

THE Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has now we believe 248 Stewards. Many more are wanted. Our brethren will, we feel sure, answer the mute appeal of so many distressed claimants for the important benefits of one of our most admirable Masonic Charities. Indeed on one point we feel that a strong appeal may be fairly made to all our brethren. Let it not be rumoured or even whispered that the attraction of the *double voting* has been so great, that a sort of charitable selfishness (forbid the thought!) has supervened, and that one or two other Charities, most valuable, most needed, and most striking, are to suffer, because they can only offer the normal value for value received. We wish intensely well for the Boys' School and Bro. BINCKES, but we desiderate equally satisfactory results for the Royal Masonic Benevolent and Bro. TERRY, and the Girls' School and Bro. HEDGES. Before us at this moment are solely however the predominant merits and absolute needs of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It appears to us that we are called upon by every sentiment of Masonic goodwill, largeheartedness, and sympathy to spare no efforts to make the Festival of February 26th a signal success, and to extend the priceless benefits of a most well managed Charity to many a deserving old brother of ours, to many a poor and needy widow. We have ourselves the greatest faith in the unchanging liberality and the living charity of our Craft.

We beg to call the attention of our brethren specially to the patent deficiency in the number of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, as above stated. Two hundred and forty-eight Stewards are greatly in defect of the number last year at this time. It is most important that all brethren intending to be Stewards should send in their names to Bro. TERRY, and, we will add, *without any delay*. We need hardly impress upon our readers the importance and the duty of supporting the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and of showing their sympathy with it, and their approval of its programme and results by becoming Stewards. It is a mistake to suppose that the Institution is a rich one, and that its funded capital dispenses with the necessity of a large annual return to keep it in full working order. On the contrary, it has to meet a very large margin of unsuccessful candidates and painful penury beyond its power to aid or relieve. We repeat, no time is to be lost if the gathering is to be a successful one, and let some worthy readers of ours kindly attend to this appeal, and transmit their names to Bro. TERRY at once.

THERE are a great many lodges and chapters which have, as yet, *done nothing for the Charities*. Let them make a fresh start, so to say, and begin in 1884 with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. *All lodges in this charity have official votes. There are some lodges which have, as yet, sent nothing to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as lodges, though they use habitually and legally these official votes.* This surely is not right, and never was intended to be so by Grand Lodge. The support of this most needful Charity seems to be almost imperative on every lodge and chapter. It provides for those whom we have ourselves consorted with in lodge or chapter in happier and more prosperous days; it provides for their often helpless widows, and always appears to us to have a special claim on our tenacious memories, our Masonic sympathies, and our kindly hearts.

IS THE time not come when we should seek to encourage a system of Masonic Insurance and Deferred Annuities? We must all be struck with a sort of general improvidence which marks too many applicants for relief. Is there no room for an association on business principles, to grant small Insurances and Annuities for death and sickness, helplessness and widowhood, and so inculcate the lessons of thrift and self-help in our numerous brotherhood?

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following agenda of the business for transaction at the Quarterly Convocation on Wednesday next has been issued:—

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October, 1883, to the 15th January, 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To balance, Grand Chapter	£1031 19 9	By disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£192 16 6
" Account	215 8 4	" Balance	1246 7 7
" Subsequent Receipts ...	401 3 4	" Unappropriated	
		" Account	209 7 4
	<u>£1648 11 5</u>		<u>£1648 11 5</u>

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. Horace Brooks Marshall, as Z.; James Harford Hawkins, as H.; George Clark, jun., as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham, to be called the Royal Hanover Chapter, and to meet at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex.

2nd. From Comps. Walter Bowyer, as Z.; George John Tilling, as H.; Richard Robert Loane Rosoman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, to be called the Ancaster Chapter, and to meet at the Woolston Inn, Woolston, Hampshire.

3rd. From Comps. George Graveley, as Z.; Benjamin Carter, as H.; Joseph Ross Waller, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, Poplar, to be called the Chapter of Temperance in the East, and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, No. 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

4th. From Comps. William Bennett, as Z.; Charles William Dommatt, as H.; Robert Witham Inglis, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Anerley Lodge, No. 1397, Anerley, to be called the Anerley Chapter, and to meet at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, Surrey.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Nativity, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved its uninterrupted existence of one hundred years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, heretofore meeting at Trowbridge, having memorialised for permission to remove to the Freemasons' Hall, Devizes, and such memorial having been approved by the Grand Superintendent for Wiltshire, the Committee recommend that permission to remove the chapter to Devizes be granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P. Pr. G. Soj.,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th January, 1884.

President.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF ALBANY AT DURHAM.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Durham was held on Wednesday last for the purpose of receiving H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., on the occasion of his visit to Durham. H.R.H. and party were the guests of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was called in the Castle Hall. On the opening of the lodge his Royal Highness was presented with an address from the brethren of the province. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Hudson, acting under directions from the Prov. Grand Master, and assisted by the officers of the province, had prepared to give a loyal and befitting welcome to his Royal Highness. Chairs had been specially upholstered in royal blue for his Royal Highness, the Marquis of Londonderry, and other chief officers. The Masonic address, which was a beautiful work of art, expressing loyal feelings towards the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, was read by Bro. R. Hudson, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and it was presented to the Duke of Albany by the Prov. Grand Master.

The Duke of ALBANY on rising was received with loud cheers. He said: Right Worshipful Sir, and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham,—I beg you will accept my most cordial thanks for your loyal address of welcome and the assurance of my interest in the Masons of this province over which my noble friend and brother Lord Londonderry so worthily presides. I shall have great pleasure in conveying to the Queen, my mother, the expression of your attachment to her person and her throne, and I am sure that her Majesty will accept the same as an additional proof of the loyalty which has ever animated the great Masonic body of these realms. (Cheers.) I thank you especially for your kind allusion to the Duchess of Albany, whose inability to visit Durham on this occasion has caused both her and me the deepest regret. Such services as I have been able to do to the cause of Masonry in my own province of Oxfordshire, and to the great Masonic Charities, have been most willingly rendered, for I feel that if we would remain true to the precepts and principles of our Order, we must one and all embrace every opportunity that presents itself for furthering its welfare. I most heartily join with you in your expression of fraternal affection for and obedience to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe may take him under his especial protection and may grant him the satisfaction of seeing the Masonic virtues flourish and abound among all classes of his fellow countrymen. (Cheers.)

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: Sir, on the part of the Freemasons of this province, I beg to offer to your Royal Highness our sincere thanks for your presence here to-day, and your Royal Highness's gracious answer to our address. (Hear, hear.) We hail with pleasure your

presence among us to-day not only as the Provincial Grand Master of Oxford, but also as one who, as well as your Royal brother, our esteemed Grand Master, has done everything in his power to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Craft. There is only one bitter drop in the cup of our happiness this day, and that is felt not only inside this lodge, but also by every one in our grand town of Durham. I refer to the unavoidable absence of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany. In conclusion, Sir, let me again return you our heartfelt thanks, and assure you of the loyalty and affection of the Freemasons of this province to our Queen and Constitution. (Loud cheers.)

The brethren then formed in procession, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where service was held and a sermon preached by Bro. Canon Tristram, P.P.G. Chap.

At the close of the service a return was made to the Castle Hall, and the special lodge closed in due form.

His Royal Highness then proceeded to the Town Hall, where he was met by the Mayor and Corporation.

The Mayor of DURHAM having expressed a few words of welcome, introduced

The Recorder (Mr. GREENWELL) who read the address of welcome and greeting from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Corporation to his Royal Highness.

The DUKE OF ALBANY in reply said: Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the City of Durham and Framwellgate, I am glad to receive so kind a welcome at your hands on the occasion of this my first visit to your ancient and historic city. The Duchess of Albany has asked me to convey to you the expression of her deep regret that she is unable to be with me to-day; and I need not assure you that I myself share that regret most keenly, for I know how thoroughly she would have appreciated and admired the grandeur of your city and cathedral, and I thank you very sincerely for the kind allusions you have made to the interest I have taken in furthering enterprises which have for their object the increased welfare and happiness of our fellow-countrymen. At a time when so much is being done in this direction by those whose labours constitute a real sacrifice, it would ill become any of us to refuse to contribute our quota of assistance, however small and insignificant it may be. I will take care to bring before the Queen, my mother, your loyal expressions of attachment to Her Majesty, and I beg you will accept, both on the Duchess of Albany's, and on my own behalf, our best acknowledgments of your good wishes for our future happiness.

Among those present were Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. G.M., and the Marchioness of Londonderry; Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Bro. Montagu J. Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire; Mr. J. L. Wharton, Mr. J. B. Emison, Colonel A. Paget, Lord Colville, the Earl of Selson, Dr. Royle, Mr. Collins, in attendance on his Royal Highness, Captain Apperly, the Recorder, and the Town Clerk.

The Mayor afterwards entertained the Royal party and guests from Wynyard-park at dinner.

After dinner his Royal Highness proceeded to the Chapter Library, where a special convocation was held, and his Royal Highness had conferred upon him the honorary degree by diploma of D.C.L.

On the convocation being closed his Royal Highness and his party proceeded to the residence of Archdeacon Watkins, where they rejoined the ladies, who had remained there. They then proceeded to the railway station.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

(Continued from page 41.)

One knotty little point, namely, whether the gardener's wages should be paid from the Annuity or the Building Fund was only decided by a majority of one, payment being ordered to be made out of the former fund. Then the Chairman, Bro. R. Gardiner Alston, after consulting several brethren, declined to sign the cheque for the amount due, though he had received the Committee's authority to do so. At length, Bro. Beadon, who was Chairman at the next meeting of the Committee, though believing the payment out of the Annuity Fund to be illegal, consented to sign the cheque on the understanding that the question should be referred for settlement to the Annual Meeting, when the action of the Committee in ordering payment from the fund in question was approved.

In June, 1851, Bros. R. G. Alston, W. H. White, John Savage, E. H. Patten, S. B. Wilson, and George Wackerbarth were appointed a Sub-Committee to revise the rules and regulations of the Institution. They reported progress at a special meeting of the Committee, and at the regular meeting such alterations as seemed advisable were discussed and settled, and ultimately adopted at the next Annual Meeting and approved by Grand Lodge. The material points are as follow, namely: that "the total number of votes announced at the last or two last preceding elections as polled on behalf of an unsuccessful candidate" should be carried forward to the credit of such candidate at the next election; and that a candidate who had been unsuccessful at three elections and had attained the age of 80 years might be placed on the list of Annuitants forthwith. In May, 1852, the number of Male Annuitants was increased to 55, and seven widows, in addition to the five accepted the year previous, were placed on the Female Fund, while the Funded Property was announced as consisting of £6800 Male Fund; £750 Female Fund; and over £520 Sustentation of Building Fund—all in Government Stock—the last named also having to its credit £600 in Exchequer Bills and a fair cash balance. In June, two candidates one of whom had been unsuccessful at four and the other at eight elections, both being over 80 years of age, were placed on the Fund with Annuities of £30 each, in accordance with the new law. In September, the Committee passed resolutions as to the expediency of holding a Festival in 1853 in aid of the funds of the Institution and for communicating with the Grand Master with a view to obtaining his lordship's approval, and, in such case, to have the day fixed for the celebration. When the Grand Master was told of this, he pointed out the difficulty of fixing a day in the first half of the year which would not clash with some other important Masonic gathering, while to hold it later

would very likely prove unprofitable. In these circumstances it was resolved by the Committee that it would be expedient to hold over the Festival till the year 1854, and it was suggested that the second Wednesday in February should be selected for the purpose. On being informed of this resolution, M.W. the Grand Master expressed his cordial approval, and the day proposed was fixed for the gathering. Indeed, the help to be derived from such a celebration would appear to have become desirable, as at the Annual Meeting in May, 1853, it was found that the funds would not allow of the election of more than five male Annuitants, thus reducing the total of the year previous to 53, while none were elected in respect of the Female Fund, which, as one widow had resigned her annuity, remained at 11 accordingly. Shortly after this it was resolved to dispense with a House Committee and instead to have an arrangement by which the members of the Committee of Management should take it in turn to visit the Asylum, two of their number being told off for the purpose every month. In February, 1854, the Festival was held, as arranged. The Grand Master presided, and the Earl of Yarborough, D.G.M., was present, together with other Grand Officers and brethren to the number of about 200, the amount received being £1602 14s., of which £500 was in respect of a legacy, duty free, left by the late Bro. Colville Brown towards the Building Fund and paid over by Bro. Charles Brown, executor. Notwithstanding this success, the Committee did not feel justified in recommending that more than six of the approved candidates should be elected on the Male Fund, and as there had been seven deaths during the year, the total number of Male Annuitants was still further reduced to 52, while only two Female Annuitants were elected, making a total on this Fund of 13. However, one advantage followed the Festival. The amount of Bro. Brown's legacy and the funds already in the hands of the Building Committee were found to be sufficient to justify the Committee in proceeding with the completion of the Asylum as originally designed, more especially as Grand Lodge was generous enough to vote the very handsome donation of £350 towards the expenses. So much expedition was used in carrying on the works that, at the meeting of the Committee of Management on the 14th February, 1855, the following final Report of the Building Committee was presented and accepted, and that body was dissolved, its functions having altogether ceased and determined:—

The Building Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, at the termination of their labours, have the pleasure to lay a final Report before the General Committee of the united Charities.

The Building Committee commenced their labours on the 20th day of October, 1847, and appointed Bro. Henry Faudel, their Chairman. From that time until the amalgamation of the Royal Benevolent Annuity Fund, the Widows' Pension, and the Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemasons, the Governors and Subscribers of the latter Charity were the only authorised body to whom the Building Committee reported. After many meetings and at a Special General Meeting subsequently held of the Governors and Subscribers to the Asylum, it was resolved to confirm the union of the Charities, but to have the Building Committee an independent body. And in that condition the said Committee have remained until the 19th January, 1855, when the said Committee having terminated their labours did by their own vote and in accordance with their resolution previously adopted, dissolve themselves and now present to the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows this their unanimous Report, being their last act as an existing body.

Accompanying this their Report the Committee placed in the custody of the General Committee the report of their proceedings, Minute Books, Contracts, Receipts, and every other document connected with the Building, and the Title Deeds, Conveyances, and every paper belonging to the Freehold Building and Land at Croydon on which it stands or therewith connected. It will be seen that the cost of the Land, Conveyance, Building, &c., has amounted to £7804 14s. 1d., while the Fund at the disposal of the Committee resulting from Donations, Subscriptions, Legacies, and the liberal grant from Grand Lodge, amounted to £7807 16s. 7d., leaving the Building subject to the debt of £294 15s. The Building Committee having closed their banking account beg to hand the cash balance of £3 2s. 6d. herewith to the General Committee.

The Committee visited the Building and Grounds on the 25th January last, and have to speak in the most favourable manner of the works recently completed, as well as of the former portions, and believe the interest of the invested Sustentation Fund will be found sufficient to keep in repair for many years the Asylum at Croydon.

The Building Committee have allowed to be inserted in the southern wall of the exterior of the Asylum a small stone tablet wherein to commemorate the munificent bequests of the late Bro. Colville Brown and Mrs. Ashley, and respectfully suggest that a suitable inscription be engraven thereon.

The Committee wish to record their thanks to Bro. John Whitmore, and to Bro. William Farnfield, who have severally given great assistance to the Building Committee, and express the great regret of the members of the Committee that they have not at their disposal the means of offering to Bros. John Whitmore and William Farnfield some more substantial mark of approbation. The Building Committee would have dealt with this subject, but confined the expenditure of the money placed at their disposal to the object for which it was granted.

To Bro. Samuel W. Daukes, the Architect of the Building, the thanks of the Committee are also due for the considerate reduction of the charges of commission.

The Committee have especially to notice the labours of Bro. George Barrett, for his indefatigable zeal and perseverance as a member of the Committee, and for his liberal donations and exertions on behalf of its Fund.

The Committee respectfully request an official record of the surrender of the Deeds, Books, and Papers, and of their functions into the hands of the General Committee.

In conclusion, the Building Committee congratulate the General Committee and the Craft at large at this happy termination of a labour commenced under peculiar circumstances, conducted for some time with considerable difficulty, but ending in perfect peace and harmony, and trust that this Keystone of the amalgamation of the three Charities may continue a lasting memorial of Brotherly Love and Goodwill to all mankind.

(Signed) HENRY FAUDEL, Chairman.
J. LEE STEVENS.
WILLIAM L. WRIGHT.
GEORGE BARRETT.
THOMAS TOMBLESON.

Freemasons' Hall, London,
14th February, 1855.

As a matter of course, a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect "that the best thanks of the Committee of Management are due and hereby given to the Building Committee for their exertions and attention to the

duties confided to them;" while what little remains to be told in respect of the cost of the Asylum and providing for its sustentation may be disposed of in a few words. In August, 1855, Grand Chapter very liberally voted £50 towards liquidating the balance outstanding, and in the Annual Report presented in May, 1857, the Committee of Management had the satisfaction of announcing that all liabilities in respect of it had been met, and that the Building was in a perfect state of repair. In the Report for 1864 it was announced that the Sustentation Fund of £1000, which, by the terms of the union of the Asylum and Annuity Fund, was to be raised in order to maintain the former in a thoroughly habitable condition, was completed, and that it would be unnecessary, therefore, any longer to invite special subscriptions and donations towards this object. Hence during the last twenty years the chief care of the supporters of the Charity has been directed towards raising the necessary funds for payment of the Annuitants; and only very rarely during that period has it been found necessary to incur any considerable outlay, as was the case in 1871-2, when, in consequence of the Asylum having been allowed to remain substantially as it was erected, between £500 and £600 was expended in putting it in thorough repair. This, however, was done without making any special appeal for the purpose, though the customary investment in Government Stocks was less than the state of the finances would otherwise have warranted. Again, in 1877 a large outlay for the same purpose was incurred, but otherwise what little may have to be said will be found of slight importance.

In March, 1855, a letter was read announcing that a motion for an additional grant by Grand Lodge of £100 per annum to the Widows' Fund, raising the total income from this source to £200, which had been carried in the December previous, had since been confirmed; and thanks to this increase, it was found possible in May to raise the number of widows on the Fund from 13 to 17. But the Male Fund was not equally prosperous, and though four of the old men pensioners had died during the year, only two were elected in their stead, the number of this class of beneficiaries being thus still further reduced to 50. Indeed, the few years that followed this Annual Festival must be looked upon as constituting its period of greatest depression, nor at first, owing, it may be, to an excess of caution on the part of the authorities, did there seem to be any prospect of obtaining an alleviation of the difficulties through the customary means of a Festival. The Committee were anxious that one should be held early in the year 1856, and the Grand Master was invited, not only to sanction the proposal, but likewise to preside in person. At the Committee meeting in October (1855), however, a letter was read from his lordship in which he declined to preside, on the ground that there had been a kind of general understanding amounting almost to an engagement that such celebrations should be held triennially, and further, because if one were held, as proposed, it would seriously interfere with the other Charities, but especially with the Boys' School, to which a kind of pledge had been given that special exertions on behalf of its building fund should be made in the coming year. It is not surprising, therefore, that in their Report of May, 1856, the Committee found themselves under the necessity of announcing their inability to hold the usual election, though the number of approved applicants for the benefits of both Funds was very considerable. In fact, even the two vacancies by death which had occurred during the year on the Male Fund could not be filled, so that the number of these Annuitants was still further reduced to 48, while the Widows remained, as before, 17. However, there would seem to have been a general determination to mend matters. In 1856, Grand Chapter increased its annual grant from £35 to £50, while Grand Lodge voted £1000 to the Male and £500 to the Female Fund, which amounts, having been most gratefully acknowledged by the Committee, were by them ordered to be immediately invested in the purchase of Stock. Then steps were taken to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Institution with a view to the improvement and fuller development of its objects, and a Special General Meeting was held on the 28th March, 1857, when the Rules as revised were taken into consideration and settled. These combined efforts were so far successful that in May following the Committee considered they were justified in recommending the election of four Male and four Female Annuitants, reducing the number on the former to 44, but increasing that of the latter to 18. This was a slight improvement on the year preceding, still it may be thought that more should have been done, and no doubt this would have been the case, had the general body of the Craft followed the bright example set them by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. But the Committee reported a very appreciable falling off, since May, 1855, in the amount of Donations and Annual Subscriptions on the Male Fund from, in round figures, £717 in 1855 to £595 in 1856, to £405 in 1877; and on the Female Fund from £213 in 1855, to £176 in 1856, to £152 in 1857. As to the alterations in the Laws which were approved, firstly at the Annual Meeting and afterwards by Grand Lodge, their main features may be briefly stated. In the first place, the Laws of the two branches were amalgamated. Then the independent income which might be held by a Male Annuitant was increased from £20 to £25, and in the event of a Male Annuitant dying and leaving behind him a widow, to whom he had been married for not less than ten years previous to his election on the Fund, and who was not less than 55 years of age, the said widow, if approved, became entitled to receive half her husband's annuity for a term of three years, and if he had become an inmate of the Asylum, to continue in residence for the same period. It was also agreed that it should be a direction for the future that the whole of the Annual Subscriptions should be made applicable to the payment of Annuitants, the one-third part to be no longer invested as under the former rules, while as regards votes polled for unsuccessful candidates—though this alteration had already been in force for a short time—all such as had been polled since 1852 were to be carried forward to their credit at the next election.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1884.

Original Correspondence.

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

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Provincial Mason I am a good deal puzzled to decide between the claims of the two candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, and I cannot help thinking that many country Masons must be in the same plight. Although I am a member of a London lodge, I am seldom able to attend its meetings, and therefore I know absolutely nothing of our present Grand Treasurer, or of Bro. Marshall.

Will you allow me to ask their supporters to put aside all questions of the policy of an annual change of Grand Treasurer, on which I can form my own opinion, and to furnish me and your readers generally with a plain statement of the Masonic careers of Bros. Allcroft and Marshall, and also, since length of purse seems to be an important part of the qualification of a Grand Treasurer, of the total amount each has contributed to our Charities?

In the case of Bro. Allcroft I have a right to ask for this information, as I have been asked in your columns to vote for him. I admit that no one has directly asked me to vote

for Bro. Marshall, still I hope that I may get the desired information in his case as well.

Doubtless not to know these brethren argues myself unknown, that I at once admit; still I have a vote in Grand Lodge, and I should like to be able to decide how to give it.—Yours fraternally,
 PROVINCIALIS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. While is a very bold man to lay down the law as he does to the very distinguished body of men who have signed the address he animadverts upon. It is perfectly clear to me that he has neither read that address carefully, nor realized the position and object of the signatories. A large proportion of these worthy brethren, many of them most distinguished Masons, have no personal acquaintance with Bro. J. D. Allcroft, belong to no party, and favour no cabal. They are simply actuated by a love for their Order, an objection to "wire-pulling," and a desire for peace and unanimity. I leave out of question to-day any personal considerations of this or that individuality. I cannot see why our distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton's name is brought in. It appears to me to be so in the worst possible form. I am one of those who, with many "good men and true," objected strongly to the movement, or call it what you like, by which, without any consideration for his feelings or his services, he was turned out, and which wrongheaded act was the real cause of our present "fix." I say nothing of the comparative claims of Bro. J. D. Allcroft and Bro. H. B. Marshall, nor of the candidature of our worthy Bro. J. Willing. I would simply ask, Is it for the good of Freemasonry, and will it conduce to the dignity of Grand Lodge, that a private and select meeting, after a good dinner, should select a particular brother, declare him to be the fittest person for the post, and proceed by private canvass alike to disturb the peace of the Craft, and provoke other movements in a similar direction? It is well known that the objects and views of this party do not stop here. Even now the brother selected by the same irresponsible "caucus" for the *Grand Treasurership* for 1885 is openly announced without any concealment, (a most worthy brother, it is true), and there can be no doubt, unless the independent members of the Craft attend in goodly numbers to put a stop to what appears to me, I confess, to be "impudent dictation" to Grand Lodge, we shall be saddled for years to come with the nominees of one or two astute brethren who keep themselves "behind the scenes," who are too august or knowing to announce their "lead," but for whom this little game is ably played, and who certainly are not averse to so startling a precedent. The list of names published is a purely representative one of those who wish for peace and harmony, and claim for Grand Lodge liberty of action, independence of voting, and who are most anxious to preserve Grand Lodge from falling, whether into the domination of a clique, or from becoming the battlefield of faction. The circular thus hastily and somewhat uncourteously condemned is meant for "defence," not "defiance," and never would have been issued, but for a most unprecedented course of action which threatens to create a most untoward state of affairs, and to lead to consequences alike dangerous and destructive of the honour, freedom, and prestige of Grand Lodge. OBSTA PRINCIPIS.

P.S.—What has become of our old friend "Tenax Propositi"? O. P.

PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Considerable attention has been attracted lately to the manner in which Prov. Grand honours are annually distributed, and this is undoubtedly caused by the power given into the hands of Prov. Grand Secretaries. Many lodges annually receive one or more offices, while to others this distinction is never given, and many earnest, hardworking brethren—worthy pillars of the Craft—never receive the honour, while those who have no special qualification become rulers of the Craft, simply because they have taken up with a special groove which many either can not or will not avail themselves of. I would suggest as a solution of this difficulty that the lodges should be asked annually in rotation to give the name of a brother for Prov. Grand honours, and that these names should be submitted to the Prov. Grand Master for his selection.

I also call attention to an exercise of authority which has recently taken place, and which I consider to be detrimental to the best interests of the Royal Arch. The Second Principal of a chapter resigned, and the Third was elected to the first chair; the Prov. G.S.E. refused a dispensation, and as all the P.Zs. declined to fill the vacancy, the companion who resigned was forced into the chair, though he does not want the office, and openly states he cannot attend and will not do the work. Why should a Prov. G.S.E. arrogate the right to refuse a dispensation that has been unanimously requested at a full meeting of a chapter? There should certainly be some appeal to higher authority.—Yours fraternally,
 COMPANION.

ROSICRUCIANS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I take the liberty of asking through your paper if "Rosie Cross" will kindly allow me to see the book on Rosicrucians which has lately fallen into his hands, viz., "The Fame and Confession of the Fraternity of the Community of the Rosie Cross;" if so, and will send it to the accompanying address, he will greatly oblige me, and I promise to take religious care of it, and return it safely.—Yours fraternally,
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THE MOON'S CHANGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Bro.

In a recent number of your publication you enquired for the date of the full moon between 2nd December next and 30th January, 1885, and I have been expecting to see a reply to it, but as it has not appeared in the *Freemason* I beg to acquaint you that the full moon in question will occur on Wednesday, 31st December next, 1884, at hour 17, 26 minutes.

And it may be convenient to add, that such information can always be obtained from the Nautical Almanack, which is published three or four years in advance, a fact not generally known.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
 J. M. C.

30th Jan., 1884.

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291] "ATHOL" WARRANTS.

Would some member of Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydvil, kindly oblige me with a copy of the Warrant of the lodge? I should be glad to have it as soon as convenient. Address, Grosvenor House, Torquay.
 W. J. HUGHAN.

292] ANDERSON.

A portrait, supposed to be that of Anderson, was sold at Bro. Spencer's sale, with this motto attached—"Between the compass and the square." Can any brother or reader tell me of any work in which Anderson's portrait occurs, or of any known portrait of his? A very experienced London bookseller tells me he cannot remember seeing such a portrait. It does not occur in his "Genealogies."
 MASONIC STUDENT.

293] OLD ROSICRUCIAN WORK.

I hope in a few days to see a reprint in 1699 of a work said by Kloss to be of 1613, but which has hitherto evaded research.
 ROSY CROSS.

CONSECRATION OF THE SINCERITY MARK LODGE, No. 327, NORTHWICH.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, held a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Angel Hotel, Northwich, on Saturday, 27th December last, for the purpose of consecrating a new Mark Lodge, to be called the Sincerity Lodge, No. 327, on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. His lordship was attended and assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, V.W.D.P.G.M.; S. Mattison, Prov. G.S.W.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W., acting as Prov. G.J.W.; John Salmon, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Balshaw, Prov. G.M.O.; R. B. Ferguson, P.P.G.S.O.; Edward Friend, G.A.D.C.; Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, Prov. G. Chap.; Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec.; J. M. Jones, Prov. G.R.; J. E. Fisher, Prov. G.A.D.C.; T. N. Kirk, Prov. G. Org.; W. Alcock, P.P.G.I.G.; L. Ellis, P.P.G.S.D.; N. Gilbody, Prov. G.J.W.; T. C. Thorburn, P.P.G.I.W.; J. Webster, Prov. G.J.D.; and D. Baines, Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two and the new lodge was consecrated in due form by Bro. Lord Egerton, assisted by Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope and the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, after which Bro. J. D. Murray, Grand Std. Br., P.M. 153 and a member of the new lodge, in a very able and impressive manner installed Bro. Thomas E. Skidmore as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested as his officers the following brethren: Bros. W. M. Wylde, S.W.; C. B. Wolseley, J.W.; L. W. Marsh, Sec.; G. B. Cliff, M.O.; G. F. Willis, S.O.; R. Woolstencroft, J.O.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Chap.; J. Newell, Treas.; R. N. Banks, Reg. of Marks; J. Holland, S.D.; H. Bratt, J.D.; J. D. Murray, D. of C.; J. E. Fletcher, I.G.; and John Wilding, Tyler. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and after several names had been proposed as joining members and as candidates for advancement the new lodge was closed.

Subsequently a number of brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Mrs. Edwards, the landlady of the hotel. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M.M., presided, and the post-prandial proceedings were of the usual cordial character, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts all being duly honoured.

South Africa.

MARK MASONRY IN NATAL.

The *Natal Mercantile Advertiser* of December 19th last says: "By this mail Bro. R. I. Finnemore has received from England an intimation that the Right Hon. Lord Heniker, as Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, has been pleased to appoint him as Provincial Grand Master of Natal, and that letters patent will be prepared forthwith and sent by an early mail in order that Bro. Finnemore may be installed and open his province and appoint his Deputy and other officers. The communication says: 'I need hardly add that from your position and your Masonic services, we expect this appointment to be most popular and beneficial to the province,' an expectation which every Mason in Natal can be assured will be fulfilled."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treas., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Letchworth, Robert Grey, J. H. Matthews, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, Frank Richardson, Major Finney, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, and the other minutes (Quarterly Court, House, and Audit Committees) read for information, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for £1473 os. 9d., in payment of accounts, &c.

The SECRETARY reported that he had received a letter from Dr. Corfield, thanking the brethren for their kind recognition of his services with the late drainage operations at the School.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SURREY
LODGE, No. 416, REIGATE.

BRO. AMBROSE W. HALL'S MASONIC JUBILEE.

On Saturday, the 19th ult., the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Public Hall, Reigate, under the Mastership of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Past Grand Chaplain, the fiftieth anniversary of whose initiation in the same lodge was celebrated at the same time. It was in consideration of this being the reverend brother's half-century of membership of the lodge and of his initiation therein that the brethren elected him for the second time W.M. of the lodge, the S.W., Bro. Thomas Wood, most readily foregoing his claim to that high office in order that a brother in such an exceptional position as Bro. Hall might again rule the lodge. Bro. Hall produced the summons of the lodge meeting in which he was initiated, dated 11th June, 1834, signed by Lord Monson, the V.M. On this there were candidates for initiation, Lieut. Robert Wynter and Ambrose Hall. The summons was in a beautiful state of preservation. The brethren who attended the meeting on Saturday were numerous, and went not only from all parts of the Province of Surrey, but from London. The full list—and it being such a memorable occasion it would be as well to give all the names—recorded the attendance of the following brethren: Bros. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, W.M.; Thos. Wood, S.W.; F. A. Guimaraens, J.W.; G. H. Spruells, S.D.; W. Percy Morrison, J.D.; G. Carter Morrison, P.M., Treas.; John Lees, P.M., Sec.; Stuart B. Roupell, I.G.; George E. Pym, P.M., D. of C.; J. Lees, P.M., and C. T. Smith, P.M., Almoners; Past Masters Chas. Jas. Smith, J. Dundas Down, Geo. K. Paxon, Wm. Chessall, M.D.; Ernest D. Morrison, J. Maddock, J. Thomson, C. Attersoll, Smith, acting Inner Guard; Henry Horne, P.P. G.S.B.; H. W. Atkinson Grimshaw, J. Bean Maidment, Herbert J. Garrod, H. S. Stone, Ralph W. Clutton, Gerard Harrison, Geo. Jno. Lodge, R. Bank Cooper, E. Cazenore, Henry Woodgate, and T. J. C. Blakiston. Visitors: Bros. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master; Eugene E. Street, P.M. 56; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Secretary; Capt. Nathl. Geo. Phillips, P.G.D.; Capt. A. B. Cook, 259, P.A.G.D.C.; L. P. Catterton, J.W. 1981, P.M. 548; M. Catterton, W.M. 1981; C. W. A. Trollope, J.W. 1826; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey; W. Clifford, S.W. 1826; Joseph Haines, W.M. 1826; F. H. Woodford, 261, P.P.G.S.W.; Geoffrey Hughes, Chap. 1149; Frank Richardson, 14, P.G.D.; T. S. Phillips, W.M. 1929; George Joseph Dunkley, S.W. 1851; E. Letchworth, 2, P.G. Stwd.; M. W. Rosseter, Treasurer 1149; R. G. Howson, W.M. 1564; Edwin Nichols, P.M. 1714; John S. Hickley, S.W. 1046; John T. Roberts, 428; George Ross, W.M. 1851; John D. Alleroff, G. Treas.; Thomas S. Sadler, S.W. 1149; Godson Godson, P.M. 69, 1363; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.M. 259, 1891; J. M. Wood, P.M. 1362; George T. Clayton, W.M. 1872, 57; R. Sebastian Hart, S.W. 1872; A. F. Asher, J.W. 1395; G. D. Lister, W.M. 410; L. F. Mansley, 697; W. H. Smith, W.M. 108; W. R. Church, W.M. 1347; John L. Locke, S.W. 1347; John Hooke, I.P.M. 463; George Baker, late 416; B. T. Jesse, W.M. 1556; J. H. Mouat, S.W. 1556; John Furley, late 416; C. R. Ellis, S.W. 1982; S. Pidcock, J.W. 1982; A. T. Onslow, S.W. 1395; Charles Nightingale, W.M. 1362; James Nightingale, S.D. 1362; R. Southey, P.P.G.W.; Arthur H. Bowles, W.M. 1395; Frederick Wood, W.M. 1149; James Officer, P.M. 1362; Charles A. White, 1149; Charles E. Lloyd, P.M. 1185; Arthur J. Grant, W.M. 1718; Biffcott Ridge, W.M. 463; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Edgar J. Paine, 5; George W. Marshall, P.M. 1097; Alfred Parr, Combermere; Thomas Fenn, P.M. 16, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.M. 777, P.P.G.D.; A. Helsey, Sir Patrick M. C. de Colquhoun, Edward Stanton, P.M. 181; J. Thornton, 1387; H. F. Barraud, 1362; J. W. Andrew, P.M. 410; Algernon Beauclerk, 1206; Henry H. Hughes, J.W. 1556; C. T. Speight, Tyler; Heather, Asst. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928 (*Freemason*).

Before entering the lodge every brother was presented with a history of the lodge, which had been carefully compiled by Bro. Lees, P.M., Sec. The compilation formed a most interesting and valuable sketch, not only of the lodge itself, but of Masonry in the Province, and of Masonry generally, from the earliest known times. It was necessarily brief, but no Masonic library henceforth will be complete without it.

The lodge having been opened, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., occupying a seat on the immediate right of the W.M., and Bro. Lloyd, I.P.M., his own seat on the left, the initial proceedings were gone through, and then the W.M. ceded his chair to Bro. John Lees, Sec., for the purpose of initiating his nephew, Mr. Sidney Herbert Burchell, Surveyor, Reigate. Bro. Lees performed the ceremony to perfection, and the W.M. having again assumed the chair, Bro. T. F. Lloyd, I.P.M., gave in unimpeachable style the "Antient Charge," and "The Lecture on the First Tracing Board."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then rose to give an historical address, but said the hour had become so late that it was of course impossible for him to enlarge upon the excellent institution of Masonry, but he knew the brethren would pardon him for saying a few words as a short epitome, not as a formal Masonic address but only as what came uppermost in his mind, first as to the excellent work of Masonry and next as to their assembly that day. Bro. Lees had as the result of great research placed before the brethren a very interesting volume in which he in a certain way traced Masonry back to a very early age, even to 4000 years before the Christian era, and he called attention to a facsimile of the statue of Gudea in the Louvre, Gudea being the earliest practical Mason on record. It was most interesting to see a representation of a great architect of early days, one who in his generation laid the stones of great buildings and left drawings of future buildings. That was a matter of research, but certainly Gudea's architecture could have nothing to do with the present speculative Masonry. Next in the book came a drawing of a tablet which was peculiarly interesting to the Surrey brethren, because it was obtained through a brother well known in Reigate, Bro. Hart, many years Secretary of the lodge, who inherited a piece of basaltic stone from his father-in-law, Ambrose Glover, an archaeologist, and Bro. Hart was very fond of dabbling in archaeology. It was a portion of an Egyptian calendar for the month of October, and the figures represented the existence of Freemasonry. He

(the W.M.) did not think it had anything to do with our present speculative Masonry. Then came a sketch from St. Alban's Abbey, the Masonic nature of which all Master Masons must recognise. The figure was that of St. Alban, which was most interesting. The book contained a very excellent account of Grand Lodge, of the Masonic charities, and also of the province of Surrey. This province took its rise from the lodge in which the brethren now were. The first Master of this lodge was the late Lord Monson, who initiated, passed, and raised him (the W.M.) half a century ago. At that time there was no Provincial Grand Lodge, but two or three years after the Surrey Lodge was consecrated the province was constituted, and the first of its Prov. Grand Masters was Lord Monson, who presided over it some 13 years. Unhappily, he was then taken off, and his remains were now in the sarcophagus in the churchyard at Gatton. Lord Monson was succeeded by Bro. Alex. Dobie, who, in his turn, was succeeded by the present excellent Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, now in the lodge, whom they all loved, and whose ruling of the province they all appreciated. It was curious that at Reigate they not only now celebrated the fiftieth year of the Surrey Lodge, but almost a century of Masonry in that town, for there was an old lodge established there in 1784. From papers preserved by Mr. Ambrose Glover, in the hands of Bro. Lees, who had shown them to him (the W.M.), he found most interesting matter, and the names of Broughton and Bryant and other well-known people appeared in them. The Great Architect had mercifully spared him (the W.M.) long enough to be a connecting link between that lodge of 100 years ago and the present generation. He would say more on the subject after banquet. Having alluded to the Great Architect sparing him, he trusted that he offered up those thanks and prayers which were due and should always come from a creature to the Creator. Whilst he did that he felt as it were somewhat alone when he remembered the faces of old; but that feeling was a great deal changed when he knew there was one now in lodge who was one of the friends of old, and who had come at great inconvenience to himself in order to support him (the W.M.) For that he felt great gratitude, and was sure all the brethren would render Bro. Baker thanks. It gave him the greatest pleasure to see Bro. Baker present, one of his old compeers; but he was sorry he would not be able to stop to the banquet. He trusted, however, that, notwithstanding Bro. Baker's great age, he would be able to come again and again to the lodge and remain in health and strength for many years amongst them, and still have a happy and pleasant life. With these few words, which he would supplement after banquet, he would close this short address.

Bro. BAKER, who was received with loud applause, said: I trust that you will acquit me of affectation when I say it is not without emotion that I rise to offer my best thanks for the very cordial, kind, and generous manner in which you have made mention of my name. Sir, when I look around me and see one or two faces of friends, as you have just remarked, with us on the formation of our Lodge 603, now 50 years ago, I cannot but be painfully reminded how few there are that remain; how many cherished friends have passed away to that better land which I hope and trust will be the inheritance of us all by God's blessing; how few there are now who knew the great, the noble character of the brother you have mentioned, who presided over us as our first Master—Lord Monson. It was my good fortune to be for many years the Treasurer of that lodge, when I was seated next to my old friend Bro. T. Hart, the Secretary, and when we mention his name it awakens the memory of all that is generous in human nature. I can speak with warmth and affection of him and of his admirable character, and also of one who so highly distinguished himself by his knowledge of Freemasonry—Peter Martin. I may even tell our friends in your presence of your own active energies, of your noble dignity of nature, of your urbanity of manner, and of your courtesy, all of which have endeared yourself to all the members of your lodge, who love and revere you; but I am reminded that I am very nearly 80 years of age, and am short of breath, as well as of time, and I will not detain you longer, but heartily, deeply, and sincerely thank you for your great kindnesses.

Bro. SMITH then proposed, and Bro. LEES seconded, a vote of the lodge congratulating the W.M. upon attaining his fiftieth year in Masonry, and thanking him for the very handsome silver loving cup he had presented to the lodge. The motion having been carried,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER assured the brethren that the honour of being a second time in the chair of this lodge was his and not the brethren's, and he deeply appreciated the kindness which had enabled him to preside on this most interesting occasion. With regard to the loving cup, he thought it was one of the nicest presents one Mason could make to another, and he trusted all the brethren of this lodge would long live to pledge each other in it.

Bro. G. CARTER THOMPSON, P.M., Treasurer, proposed and Bro. DOWNING seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. J. D. Thompson, P.P.G.W., for the gift of a handsome set of eight carved oak chairs to match those presented to the lodge by the late Lord Monson.

This motion having also been carried,

Bro. THOMPSON said he was fully rewarded by the appreciation of the members of the lodge. He had thought this a fitting occasion to supplement, in however humble a way, the elegant gift made by the late Lord Monson, and he hoped that when all the present occupants of those chairs had learned the one additional secret more those chairs would be occupied by brethren as distinguished, as zealous, and as worthy (they could not be filled by those who were more so) as those who now occupied them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed and Bro. MAKOWSKI seconded the following vote: "That the thanks of the brethren of the Surrey Lodge be tendered to Bro. Lees, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.W. Surrey, for the very interesting and carefully compiled history of the lodge, a copy of which he has presented to every brother attending our jubilee meeting."

The motion was carried, and

Bro. LEES said he thanked the brethren very heartily and sincerely for the great honour they had conferred upon him in permitting him to initiate his own nephew, and more particularly in this Surrey Lodge, which he loved, and in which he had worked with others as zealous as himself. Some had passed away, but he felt they would be followed by others as zealous. He would have liked to see Bro. John Steele there, but he was afraid of the excitement such a meeting would have been to him. It was a great honour to have the Provincial Grand Master present. The brethren esteemed the honour very highly, and also the pre-

sence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Secretary. It was also a great honour to have many other eminent men in Masonry present from Grand Lodge. He would end his address by saying in the words of his farewell at the end of his book: "My task is ended. My history has attained a greater length, and embraces subjects I had not originally contemplated. If you are not wearied in its perusal, and if it leads you to appreciate the high value of Freemasonry, then my labour has not been in vain."

The Provincial Grand Master was then formally saluted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. J. Keasley, and the wines of which were supplied by Messrs. Blakiston and Son.

The usual toasts followed.

In giving the toast which includes "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that General Brownrigg was a Past Grand Warden in Grand Lodge, and was one of those brethren who was always in Grand Lodge when any work was required of them. General Brownrigg was well-known for his zeal and energy in the cause of Masonry.

General BROWNRIGG, in reply, said he was sure he was only expressing the sentiments of the goodly array of Grand Officers around him when he said that they were grateful for the kind reception given them on all occasions of their visiting lodges, and that they were sincerely pleased at witnessing the ceremony of the day. He could not say that the duties of the Grand Officers were particularly onerous; but he supposed the brethren were selected for Grand office for their love for the Craft and their service to the Craft; and nothing could be a greater pleasure than to see the steady working—the continuous traditional good working—of an old lodge like the Surrey Lodge. The occasion of the day was one of peculiar interest to all Grand Officers; he would speak of its interest to himself later on; but to the Grand Officers the interest was in seeing the dear old Craft so well supported, its tenets so well carried out as they had been for 50 years in the Surrey Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER having announced that the charity box, which had been sent round, had produced £7, then proposed "The Provincial Grand Master," the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, &c., saying Surrey was eminent for its Masonry, and it had increased in a wonderful way. On looking back to an old memorandum he found the first lodge in Surrey was in 1725. A second was formed afterwards. Of those two lodges one had ceased to exist, but the other—the Constitutional, 55—was alive still, and held a centenary jewel. The present Provincial Grand Master had now held his office 13 years. The number of lodges in the province now was 26; when General Brownrigg became Grand Master there were only nine. General Brownrigg was also Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch for Surrey, Past G.J.V. of the Mark Degree, Great Prior of Kent and Surrey, and also Great Prior in the Supreme Council of the 33°. All those were honourable offices, and showed to the brethren the zeal and assiduity General Brownrigg had applied to his Masonic work, and they all ought to be proud of him. He was well supported by the Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and the other Grand Officers, who, with the exception of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, changed every year. It was in honour of these brethren that he proposed this toast.

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD replied and said he felt very proud to come and see such a magnificent array of the Masons of Surrey and of the brethren of Grand Lodge. He was particularly pleased that the Grand Officers had come down and seen such magnificent working as they had that day witnessed. It was a great pleasure to all old Masons to have seen the beautiful ritual performed in the way it was by Bros. Lees and Lloyd. The province of Surrey had progressed very much during the time General Brownrigg had presided over it. They had now more than double the number of lodges there were before General Brownrigg was appointed, and through the whole of those lodges the work was thoroughly well done, and he was happy to say it was one uniform working. That was most gratifying, because it showed that there was no necessity for any one to come down to their province and give them instruction. He was pleased to see the prosperity of the lodge. It was very seldom that one man lived to preside as Master of his lodge after he had been 50 years a member of it, and the Grand Officers felt it a great pleasure to rally round Bro. Hall. Thanking the brethren for the magnificent way in which they had entertained the Grand Officers he wished the lodge every prosperity, and if it went on setting so good an example of work to the province he was certain that when they came to the centenary of the lodge they would do so with flying colours.

Bro. THOS. LLOYD, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," a toast which though always most acceptable was more so on this occasion by reason of the W.M. attaining his fiftieth year of membership. Bro. Hall was unanimously elected, and he was eminently fitted for the position not only on account of the rank he had attained in the province and afterwards in United Grand Lodge, but also because he had secured the affection and esteem of the brethren of the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replying said he spoke with a certain amount of emotion. He felt, when he looked back upon the past, all alone. There were, it was true, the brethren of what he might call his own lodge still alive, but none of them, from the circumstance of age, were able to be at the banquet. Yet, although alone, while surrounded by the many kind faces that had greeted him, he felt, and he should always feel, in the Surrey Lodge that he was among friends—friends who would stick to him—and he could assure the brethren that as long as life, health, and strength were granted to him by the Great Architect he would Masonically stick to them. Going back to early reminiscences, when he was initiated into Masonry in this lodge at the age of 21, at the White Hart Inn, Lord Monson performed the ceremony in a way that impressed him so much that he had followed Masonry. From what he learned at first he became a Mason at heart. He had endeavoured during his life to carry out the beautiful instructions given to him in the Three Degrees, and he trusted he might yet be spared to practice those precepts although he had arrived at such an age that he could hope only for a few years to mingle with his brethren. Those early days of meeting were happy days. The brethren assembled 20 or 30, and when the lodge was closed they ordered in one or two bowls of punch in winter time and sat round the fire, sang songs, and told stories. There were no railroads then, and he had four or five miles to

drive in a desolate country where highwaymen were about. He had a brace of pistols, one of which he held himself, and the other he gave to his servant, saying to him "Now, James, if any one stops us don't hit the horse." One night his servant said "What a pity it is we have not used them; we have been carrying them all this time and no one really stops us." He remembered with pleasure Major Budgeon, who had served at Waterloo and in the Peninsula, being initiated. He and others had passed away to where we shall all pass, but if there was any truth in what some people had said that the shades of the departed knew what was going on on earth, some of his brethren of old were now looking down on this meeting with that fraternal kindly feeling they ever had.

General BROWNRIFF proposed "Success and prosperity to the Surrey Lodge." He was excessively proud of this lodge, and it gave him infinite delight to see the work so ably performed. The work throughout the Province had always been good, but he was bound to say it had been especially good latterly in those lodges which had been consecrated since the last 12 years he had been Grand Master. He supposed it was the old, old story of new brooms sweeping clean, but he was gratified that the hint was taken which he gave, that every Master of a lodge should do all his work in the three Degrees in the proper way, and upon retiring from their office, should install their successors. He was also pleased that another hint of his had been adopted, that every lodge in the province should appear in Prov. Grand Lodge under their own banners. Many of them had had no banners, but now they had, and appeared in Grand Lodge under them. He thought there was hardly a lodge in the province that had not its banner.

Bro. GEORGE CARTER MORRISON, P.M., Treasurer, responded. Although the Provincial Grand Master had paid a great compliment to the lodge he was bound to say that the Past Masters had always endeavoured to the utmost of their power to educate the younger members. If other lodges wished to emulate the position of the Surrey Lodge there was only one way in which they could do it, by having stated times when lodges of instruction should be held, when it was expected that every officer appointed for the current year should attend and diligently perform his duties. That was how the Surrey Lodge had got on. Some people might say "It's all very well for the Surrey Lodge to talk of their working, but what else have they done?" He would give an answer. The Surrey Lodge had a young medical man in it who unfortunately met with a gun accident and died leaving a wife and four children dependent upon charity. He had not been long enough in his profession to make any provision for them, and as he lay on a bank in the parish of Nutfield dying, Bro. Caruthers passed him, to whom he said "I commend my wife and children to the benevolence of the Surrey Lodge." He died that evening, and he (Bro. Morrison) waited on the widow and handed her £50. A subscription was started which resulted in the raising of £2384, which was invested and every single child was put in the Institutions and they were now out in the world gaining their own living. He mentioned this to show that Masonry in the Surrey Lodge was not a sham and a dinner, but a sincere desire to assist as best they could in the position in life to which it had pleased God to call them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Initiate," and hoped that the brethren would be at the centenary meeting of the lodge.

Bro. BURCHELL replied.

Bro. SOUTHEY, P. Dist. G.M. of South Africa, replied. Every brother present would go away with the same amount of instruction as himself. He should never forget the beautiful work of the evening and the lessons he had received, and if he had heard nothing but what fell from Bro. Carter Morrison, who had told them what Masonry was and what it should do, he should have seen that it was understood in this province. That was quite enough to show that Masonry was something worthy of being in existence, and he not only wished that Masons could hear what was said there, but that others who were not Masons could know that such was the working of Masonry. Many thought it was quite the reverse, and that it was not the institution it was. In the country where he lived there were many instances like that mentioned, where in time of war men lost their lives, and their widows and orphans had been taken care of by the lodge and their expenses paid to the mother country, or they were provided for in the country where the husband and father lost his life. He concluded by saying he should long remember the hospitality he had received in this lodge.

Bro. J. LEWIS-THOMAS also responded. An occasion like this only occurred at distant periods—the jubilee of a lodge and the jubilee of the initiation of the W.M. There was no one the brethren felt a greater respect or esteem for than for Bro. Hall. His career in Masonry, not only in this lodge but in many other lodges, had been of the most distinguished nature; he had inaugurated several lodges, of one of which—the St. Ambrose—Bro. Hall was the first Master. He (Bro. Thomas) had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Hall appointed as Grand Chaplain of England, and no Mason had ever filled that office with greater éclat. The Surrey Lodge could not by any possibility have had a better Master, or one who was more appropriate to its jubilee festival. The Prov. Grand Master considered this lodge the most distinguished one in his province, and the visitors entirely endorsed that opinion. This was not the first time he (Bro. Thomas) had had the honour of visiting this lodge; and, feeling what a pleasant and instructive evening they had passed, he was sure he was speaking the sentiments of the other visitors when he said he hoped it would not be the last.

Bro. THOMAS LLOYD, I.P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," who, he said, had a very lively feeling of gratitude for the kindness, instruction, and encouragement they had received; they felt they were bound to do their duty to encourage their younger brethren by instructing them. This instruction all the Past Masters would be pleased to give, to enable the younger brethren to arrive at the enviable position of W.M.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER referred with expressions of commendation to Bro. Lees's book, and said that at one time the lodge was in abeyance. Bro. Hart, however, who was then Secretary, preserved all the furniture and kept the Grand Lodge dues paid. Bro. Lees followed in his footsteps, and it was to be hoped it would be a long time before the brethren would have to speak of him as one of the past.

Bro. CARTER MORRISON replied, and said that Bro. Lees was entitled to the respect and esteem of the brethren, for

he had done everything that could possibly be done to make this meeting a success.

Bro. LEES said from the oldest to the youngest officer, and from the oldest to the youngest member, they had all done their best to give éclat to the occasion. The S.W. had foregone his own right of precedence to allow Bro. Hall to go into the chair, and that example was followed by all the other officers. The Prov. G.M. had spoke very flatteringly of the Surrey Lodge, but this lodge did not stand alone in the province for good work. He hoped it would continue to disseminate the true spirit of Masonry. Referring to United Grand Lodge he said that in 71 years there had only been four Grand Masters. The Province of Surrey was established in 1837, and there had been only three Grand Masters of the province, and only two Secretaries of the Surrey Lodge, one having held office 43 years.

The toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Bro. THOS. WOOD, S.W., who said he thought his junior officers had performed their work exceedingly well. He did not fear for the future of the Surrey Lodge, as they were all anxious to do their duty. Bro. Lees had been pleased to allude to his (Bro. Wood's) standing aside for Bro. Hall, but for one who had previously filled the chair that was not much. It had afforded him very great pleasure to do so; and if he should be honoured by being elected to the chair next in succession to the present W.M., he hoped the prestige of the lodge would not suffer at his hands.

The Tyler's toast was then given by Bro. C. T. SPEIGHT, the Provincial Grand Tyler, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. C. S. Graham.

A VERY CURIOUS MS.,
WITH AN ACCOUNT OF ITS DISCOVERY.

By G. W. SPETH.

I have lately come into possession of what for want of a better term may be described as a very curious manuscript. In the early autumn a boy drove to my door a cart laden with twigs and billets of wood which he was offering for sale. His price was so moderate that I doubted whether he had come honestly by his wares, but having learned that it was drift-wood, gathered on the coast, my scruples were allayed and I purchased the entire load. Much of it had already perished in the flames, when on a certain afternoon a few weeks ago whilst placing a log on the coals I was struck by its peculiar appearance. The entire surface was covered by scratches and marks as though some powerful bird had whetted his beak thereon. A closer examination showed that these marks were rectangular, not unlike Masons' marks, and that a certain irregular repetition of particular marks might be observed. Every twig and billet in my wood store was scored in a similar manner, and on one end of each piece there were appearances of a numeration, or, if I may so call it, a pagination. I was not long in coming to the conclusion that I had to do with a peculiar cypher writing, and after some little pains I succeeded in discovering the key. I now keenly regret that so much had previously been burnt, the consequence being that I am only possessed of fragments of what had apparently been a continuous history. The events referred to probably happened (from internal evidence, strengthened by the opinion of experts as to calligraphy, &c.) in pre-historic times. I was therefore at first puzzled to account for the quotation from Shakespeare; but have decided that as he was the poet "for all time" we cannot exclude any time from his influence. Without further comment I subjoin the fragments saved from the burning. The various scraps are dated, at least such I take to be the meaning of certain undecipherable marks, but as I can make no sense of these supposed dates I am reluctantly compelled to omit them.

How little did I know when, leaving the land of my birth, I followed the guidance of that mysterious bird of the dangers (now happily surmounted) which then awaited me. Even now I can scarcely realize the fascination under which I began that long journey! But something in his speech, his manners, in the cock of his tail, the turn of his head inspired me with an irresistible desire to accompany him. And then came those long days and nights on the wing, ever onwards, ever eastwards, nearer and nearer to the rising sun, days of toil, nights of labour, one prolonged hunger and thirst, an awful period of striving against despair and weariness. Behind us lay the habitations of man, beneath us the unknown ocean, above us the illimitable ether, before us the undiscoverable isles of light. And had my soul been forewarned of these trials, would it not have shrunk therefrom? I know not, the influence upon me was so strong! And most glad am I that I thus followed it, for am not I now a dweller in these isles of the noonday sun, which know not night and darkness, neither morn nor eve?

And what a land is this! All birds which are here allowed to alight, shed their plumes by which they were distinguished amongst men, and become of one feather, even that of the Jackdaw. Nor does one Jackdaw differ from the other, but all are as the young of one nest. Neither do they differ in disposition, becoming all harmless as doves but gifted with a wisdom beyond that of other Jackdaws. Nevertheless, long service and high deserts do meet with their just reward, for at the head of this wise nation is one who is elected by universal consent as fitted to rule; and behold! when he is appointed he doth shed his plumage and becometh unto a Raven, whereupon he doth call upon other Jackdaws to assist him in his governance, and these do put on the likeness of Rooks. Yet are they not all alike, for some there be that have license to cock their tails higher than others, and by the height of their tails are they known, each in his degree. And one has there been, from time immemorial, who doth also assist in the governing of the realm, although not appointed by the Raven but elected by the Jackdaws. And his feathers areas those of the Rook also, and he doth likewise cock his tail. In former times he was used to hold in his claws a nut of gold, or having the semblance thereof; but in these days this nut hath grown so prodigiously that his two claws would not compass it about, wherefore it hath come to pass that he hath been relieved of the charge thereof. And, behold! when by reason of their great age, or in submission to the will of the Raven, any one of these doth resign his office, then doth he drop his tail and cease to cock it; none the less doth he retain the plumage of the Rook, nor doth he ever revert to

that of the Jackdaw. And many there be who in his wisdom the Raven hath converted into Rooks, from the great love he did bear unto them, although their probationary years as Jackdaws were few. And many there be whose services do entitle them to high honour; but who because they have never come prominently under the eye of the Raven do still remain Jackdaws.

Now, the chief occupation of the Jackdaws is to entrap the beams of the sun; which shineth perpetually, and to carry them over all the earth, even unto the uttermost ends thereof, and to destroy the cankerworm wheresoever found. Their food doth consist of roasted caterpillars, the search for which doth cause them much toil, but some there be who have inherited such store of caterpillars that they be able to devote all their time to the catching of sunbeams and the killing of cankerworms. And there be also some who die before they have amassed many caterpillars, and leave young Jackdaws of tender age; these are then assembled in one large nest and fed at the expense of those who, having many caterpillars, do bestow of their abundance on the helpless young. And in like manner are the infirm and aged provided for if their store be small.

Verily have I come to high honour this —*! Although still but a Jackdaw yet have I stood in the presence of the Rooks. For there is a lower house of Jackdaws and an upper of Rooks, and these two form the great Pow-wow of the realm. Nor do they assemble separately but together, and discuss all matters as equals and in loving kindness. Among all the Rooks none did interest me more than the Rook of the golden nut, though methinks he did miss the nut sorely, for he did strut around and cock his tail with a vacant air as though not rightly knowing what he had to do. None the less is it a high honour to be the chosen of all the Jackdaws: even as Caw-caw, the great nut-bearer.

There was a great stir in this —'s Pow-wow. For there arose a great speaker amongst the Jackdaws and did address the Raven thus: "Inasmuch as we Jackdaws have only power to create one Rook every — I am inclined to think that it would be well if we exerted our power on every possible occasion: we should thus be able to honor as is very right and fit many worthy Jackdaws, and show the high esteem in which they are held by Jackdawdom. Let it not be said that our old friend Caw-caw will be thereby offended; for we honor him much; nor will he lose honour thereby, for is he not and will he not ever continue a Rook? He will but cease to cock his tail. Neither let it be said that his great experience in nut-bearing hath rendered him more expert than any other Jackdaw or Rook, for it is well known unto us that he hath no longer any nut to bear. He hath but to strut around and cock his tail, the which will come quite naturally to any Jackdaw. Therefore let us choose us a new nutbearer every — whereby we shall mightily rejoice the hearts of many old, tried, and well-deserving Jackdaws." Whereupon many of his friends amongst the Jackdaws and some of the Rooks clapped their wings and shouted "Caw." After which the speaker did propose Caw-cus to be nut-bearer. Saith he: "Caw-cus, as is well known to you all, did become a Jackdaw when he was very young, and behold he is now well advanced: also hath he caught many sunbeams and killed many cankerworms; and hath given freely of his roasted caterpillars, aye, very abundantly hath he bestowed of his substance; wherefore let us thank Caw-caw and let him retire, and let us honor Caw-cus and raise him to the rank of a Rook; and next—let us look us out another deserving Jackdaw—thus shall we do well." Whereupon many said "Caw," and some said "Naw;" but the "Caws" had it. So it came to pass that Caw-caw ceased to cock his tail, and Caw-cus became a Rook and great nut-bearer.

Much do I marvel at the speaker at the last Pow-wow; for he did much praise Caw-cus for his long service and for his great charity; and, behold! it is now not only whispered but openly cawed that though he became a Jackdaw a very long while ago, yet did he soon after leave these isles and the light of the perpetual sun, and did but very recently return; so that he hath really caught but very few sunbeams, and killed but very few cankerworms. Of a truth he hath distributed many caterpillars, and in so far hath he done well; nevertheless, if good store of caterpillars will advance a Jackdaw to be a Rook, then is the office of nut-bearer of little account and unworthy the acceptance of a Jackdaw who respects himself. And much do I marvel that his friends should so have deceived the Pow-wow respecting the merits of Caw-cus; the which I would fain attribute to their ignorance of his true history. But we shall shortly have to appoint a new nut-bearer, and so the harm may possibly be made good.

I do hear that Caw-cum will be nominated for the office of nut-bearer. I must make some inquiries into his Jackdawship before I give my caw in his favour.

Verily the friends of Caw-cus do much Jack logic. They do now maintain that it would be great pity to disturb him in his office when he is only just getting used to bear the nut, and yet some short time back they did avouch that there was no nut to bear (as is most evident) and that any Jackdaw knew how to cock his tail. And moreover they do now aver that it will lower the dignity of nut-bearer if it is changed too often, whereas but a short time back they did desire to change as often as possible in order to do honour to the more Jackdaws. And they do deprecate frequent elections as tending to foment strife, the which drawback they did not anticipate formerly. Methinks they would have done better to let Caw-caw continue to cock his tail! Of this I am assured—neither for his own sake, nor for the sake of steadfastness can I caw for Caw-cus. And I would be better pleased if the friends of Caw-cus did now account for their having deceived the Pow-wow as to the length of his services.

My mind is much troubled. Caw-cum hath nought to recommend him but his great bestowal of caterpillars. He is a very worthy bird indeed, but not of long standing as a Jackdaw. For whom shall I caw? I may not caw for Caw-cus, I will not caw for Caw-cum, and there is none other for whom to caw. I am most sorely perplexed. "A plague on both your houses," in a Jackdavian sense only, of course.

* Probably some division of time; but inasmuch as in these favoured regions it is always noon, I am unable to imagine any fitting term, and leave the word untranslated.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF EMULATION (No. 21).—On Monday, the 21st ult., the installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when Bro. Samuel Hill was installed W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. T. F. Peacock, the outgoing Master, who has had a fairly prosperous year of office, having had work every night during his term, including one initiation at a lodge of emergency. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. F. Peacock, I.P.M.; R. C. Grant, S.W.; Major Campbell, J.W.; T. Taylor, Treas.; Arthur Hill, Sec.; M. R. Sewell, S.D.; N. C. Browning, J.D.; G. Singer, D. of C.; W. Wing, Stwd.; and Speight, Tyler.

Business being ended, the lodge closed, the brethren adjourning to banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. gave the usual toasts in a manner which further evinced to the brethren that the reputation of the lodge will be fully maintained during his year of office.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., replied for the Grand Officers, and alluded to the increase of Masonry and the quality of members who are always ready to take office and work hard in Grand Lodge.

Bro. John Messent, P.G. Swd. Br., made a very excellent speech in returning thanks for "The Visitors," amongst whom were Bros. J. Noyes, P.G.S.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.P.G.C.; J. C. Strong, P.G.S.; Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., W.M. 1827; S. J. Weston, P.M. 7; N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162; H. J. Chapman, P.M. 91; and several others.

The fact of the banquet being at the Albion is sufficient guarantee of its being very well served. The music was under the direction of Bro. Winn, who was assisted by Bros. Kenningham, Cozens (who accompanied), and Lazarus, the latter brother adding quite a new feature to the entertainment by his charming clarinet solos, which highly delighted all present.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE (No. 34).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Present: Bro. W. O. Lyon, W.M.; R. A. Meyer, S.W.; F. R. Hales, J.W.; Thos. Parkin, Treas.; L. Artus, Sec.; W. H. Wilton, S.D.; A. C. Thorpe, J.D.; Robt. Perkins, P.M.; Alfred Nixon, P.M.; R. Waylett, P.M.; Thos. M. Jenkins, P.M.; Walter G. Gribbon, Walter H. Glazier, Walter Woad, J. Durrant, E. J. Thorpe, D. R. Hughes, E. W. Postman, G. P. Tredwen, S. J. Attenborough, E. B. Holroyd, F. T. A. Davies, H. A. Dubois, and D. E. Greenfield. The following were among the visitors: Bros. F. Davison, P.M. 10; Colin Rae-Brown, 175; DeCarteret, late 34; Edward Vigers, 1669; S. B. Wilson, 50; A. T. Lundy, 784; Chas. Abercromby, 1706; Lieutenant Henry Wright, J.W. 1827; P. L. Blackmore, 1327; C. Morgan, 108; T. E. Mundy, 1670; G. Renford, 558; Rev. H. W. Turner, 1347; T. W. Eyton, 478; and J. Cox, 180.

After the ballot had been taken Mr. James Attenborough and Mr. E. B. Tredwen were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Francis also became a joining member, having previously been a member. Bros. Glazier and Durrant were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The Audit Committee's report was read, and showed a handsome balance. The installation of Bro. Robert Alexander Meyer, S.W., W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, after which the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. R. Hales, S.W.; W. H. Wilton, J.W.; A. C. Thorpe, S.D.; Tribble, J.D.; White, I.G.; Thos. Parker, P.M., Treas.; L. Artu, P.M., Sec.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler.

An excellent banquet was provided at the tavern adjoining in the Crown Room. After the preliminary toasts (loyal and Masonic) had been done honour to, the Immediate Past Master gave "The Worshipful Master" in a few words.

The Worshipful Master in reply said the cordiality and heartiness of manner in which the toast had been received would ever be gratefully remembered by him. On a night like that he looked back at the happy years he had spent in the Mount Moriah Lodge since his initiation there. It was his hope when initiated that he would be placed in the chair he now filled. He would endeavour to watch over the business of the lodge, so that his year of office should be second to none of those gone before him in the chair.

An ode specially composed for the occasion, written by Bro. Rae Brown, one of the visitors, having been sung, the Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," and pinned a Past Master's jewel on the breast of the late W.M.

Bros. Brenton and Parkin sang the duet of "Excelsior" to Balle's setting, and were loudly applauded.

The Immediate Past Master thanked the brethren in a few well-chosen words, and Bros. Nixon and Jenkins having briefly replied,

The Treasurer, Bro. Parkin, said the finances of the lodge were in a perfectly satisfactory condition, and the lodge was supporting all the Charities, and that they were Vice-Patrons of the Charities he did not know how many times over.

There were loud calls for Bro. Smith, P.M., but this brother deemed discretion—the hour being late—the better part of valour.

Bro. Jenkins proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and in response Bro. Attenborough said he had asked the Master why he had been placed at the Master's right hand. He would look upon that day as one of the red-letter days of his life.

Bro. Tredwen said he felt he had become a member of an association which binds men of all creeds and of all nations together, and hoped it would be his aim to live up to those grand precepts held up to him.

The Worshipful Master remarked in giving "The Visitors" that they had more than their usual number, which showed the esteem the lodge was held in amongst the Craft, and he thought justly so.

Bros. Davison, Wilson, Rae Brown, and Rev. H. W. Turner responded.

Bro. Schubert treated the brethren to a violincello solo, which was encored and responded to.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. We can only add that if Bro. Meyer pursues the course he did on his installation night the brethren will feel much gratification at having elected him to the chair which he so ably occupies. The speeches were all short and to the point, a circumstance the more to be desired as a capital programme of music had been provided.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—This exceedingly prosperous lodge, which, although almost too rapidly increasing its numbers, is yet careful to maintain the select quality of its members, met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 21st ult., when there were about 70 brethren present. Bro. A. Staley, W.M., presided, very ably assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, as well as by the S.W., Bro. S. Barnett, and the rest of the officers, who in this lodge are prompt in their attendance and apt in their work. The business of the evening necessitated the working of the whole of the Craft ceremonies, as there were candidates for the Three Degrees. This somewhat difficult and certainly onerous task being completed by the W.M. in his quiet yet efficient manner, Bro. W. D. Bayley, P.M. and Treas., in pursuance of a previous notice of motion, proposed that a sum of 10 guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to present a testimonial to the W.M. upon his retirement from the chair. This was carried with acclamation. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted as follows: Bro. S. Barnett, S.W., as W.M.; Bro. W. D. Bayley, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. J. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, addressing Bro. Phil Levy, late Secretary of the lodge, said that he felt much pleasure in presenting to him in the name of the lodge a slight testimonial of their esteem and regard. For more than a quarter of a century Bro. Levy had performed the duties of his office with intelligence and assiduity, to the most complete satisfaction of the brethren, and by his genial kindness and readiness to oblige had won for himself the sincere regard and fraternal affection of all its members. The reason for the step Bro. Levy had thought proper to take was, of course, best known to himself, and was accepted by the lodge with the profoundest regret. The W.M. then added that by an unanimous vote of the lodge Bro. Levy had been elected honorary member, with the full powers and privileges of a subscribing member.

The testimonial consisted of an address, elegantly illuminated, on vellum, suitably placed in a richly gilt frame, which was decorated with appropriate Masonic emblems.

Bro. Phil Levy in feeling and eloquent terms declared his appreciation of the kindness which had prompted the brethren and so overwhelmed him, for which he could scarcely find words adequately to express his gratitude.

The lodge then adjourned to refreshment, which was most creditably served by Bro. Silver. After giving "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, namely, "The W.M. elect," whose popularity was plainly indicated by the warmth and, as the W.M. termed it, boisterous manner in which it was received. The loyalty and assiduity, the W.M. continued, with which the W.M. elect had performed his duties in the various stages of his advancement towards his present position was a sufficient guarantee of his fitness to occupy the Master's chair in this lodge, which he was sure would be filled to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The W.M. in responding said he could assure the members that his best energies and abilities would ever be exerted to further the prosperity and uphold the prestige of the lodge. It would be his business and pleasure to promote the comfort and happiness of the brethren, who he had no doubt would forbear and make allowance for any shortcomings that might appear in the performance of his duties.

Bro. Bush next proposed the health of "The W.M.," whom he described as a worthy successor, by his fidelity and distinguished abilities, of the many able brethren who had preceded him.

The W.M. in reply thought Bro. Bush too partial in his laudations, and said that if his conduct in the chair had given satisfaction the brethren of the lodge were not difficult to please.

The Visitors, Past Masters, and Officers toasts were speedily disposed of, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Bros. Ross, Bayley, Tipper, and Reeves contributed to the entertainment of the evening by their vocal efforts, assisted by Bro. J. D. Barnett, who presided at the piano.

The visitors were Bros. Thomas, 753; J. Staley, Musgrave, Riddle, 173; Lancaster, 1668; Isaacson, 188; James Hartley, 1426; Julius Hartley, 1426; Oppenheim, 1306; Phillips, 471; Hewlets, 193; and the Past Masters of the lodge were Bros. T. W. C. Bush, J. Croker, J. D. Barnett, John Ross, S. Moss, N. Moss, Harfeld, Z. Bloomfield, W. D. Bayley, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY (No. 186).—The annual installation ceremony took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 22nd ult., Bro. J. James Tapps, presiding, when in a most able manner the W.M. installed his successor, Bro. J. S. Horsey, S.W. The beautiful ritual was worked in a way we wish we oftener saw it done. The W.M. then installed his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Tapps, I.P.M.; G. W. Hook, S.W.; W. S. Page, J.W.; Wm. Mann, P.M., Treas.; John Seax, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; J. B. Sherring, J.D.; F. T. Hollands, I.G.; R. Allison, P.M., D.C.; N. Cornock and R. C. Powell, Stwds. Those present at the lodge were Bros. J. George Horsey, S.W.; G. W. Hook, J.W.; W. Mann, Treas.; Jas. Seax, Sec.; W. S. Page, S.D.; S. Earl, J.D.; F. T. Holland, Stwd.; W. W. Westley, I.G.; R. Allison, P.M.; T. E. Tulloch, P.M.; George F. Spencer, C. W. Spencer, C. Rutland, G. M. Banks, F. J. Dunsford, N. Cornwell, B. Bryce, J. Cleaver, S. Crews, W. Wightman, W. Poore, P.M.; C. W. Roshmer, P.M.; D. J. Robinson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. E. Eagle, W.M. 190; M. H. Rickard, P.M. 954; James Edwards, 1892; W. Pile, W.M. 1892; J. Plowman, D.C. 975; B. Perkins, J.W. 192; W. Poupard, 9; J. Cacklin, W.M. 1381; J. Maurice, 990; F. Keeble, W.M. 1426; J. Moreton, I.P.M. 1319; J. D. Langton, I.P.M. 1673; M. Skelton, P.M. 1056; J. Langton, P.M. 1673; E. Newby, 1949; J. T. McCraith, P.M. 1434; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., 410; W. W. Morgan, W.M. elect 211; W. W. Thorpe, W.M. elect 176; and C. W. Peters, P.M. 507.

After the ordinary toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., rose to respond for the Grand Officers and said he had great pleasure in seeing an old

friend of his installed in the chair. He assured the lodge had done quite right in putting him there, as he would do his best to carry out the duties of his high office.

The Immediate Past Master then took the gavel and told the brethren it was his privilege to propose the principal toast of the evening, that of "The W.M." They must all know he was not only a hard worker but one who had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. They could not but admire him as he had gone on step by step in that lodge, but he was also P.M. of two other lodges and P.D.C. Surrey, showing the excellent workman he was. Seeing him in provincial clothing they might congratulate themselves on their choice.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with much cheering, said he felt very grateful for the remarks made about him, which had left a deep impression upon him. He was very proud to come into the chair. He had worked his way up from the door and had never been absent except through illness, and now felt great pride in being in the chair of his mother lodge.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673, congratulated Bro. Horsey in becoming W.M. of such an old and well-known lodge. He knew the brethren would feel he did credit to them. He had seen the installation of the Lord Mayor the previous night in that hall; but he had never seen the ceremonies more perfectly performed than in the Industry Lodge. The I.P.M. seemed to feel all he said.

Bro. Keeble, I.P.M. 1426, also replied.

"The Health of the Initiate" was next drunk, the ceremony having been taken at a lodge of emergency.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," observed they were all aware that Bro. Tapps had had a hard year of office. He was never absent from any meeting and he had done all the degrees. He entered the chair with fear, but they would all agree with him he had kept up the dignity as other Past Masters before him. He had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Tapps with a jewel, as a token of industry in lodge. Might he live long to enjoy wearing it.

Bro. Tapps said he could not sufficiently express his thanks for the cordial greeting they had shown him. This time last year, when they were pleased to install him as W.M., he was very deeply impressed, and felt they had conferred on him a great honour. Now he had discharged his duties, and it was very pleasant to feel his efforts had been appreciated.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers of the Lodge." Hardly any visitor or member left the table until the close of the proceedings, testifying the esteem they held the W.M. in and the pleasant evening spent in his company. A more cordial host we never wish to meet.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th ult., at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, when there were present Bro. W. J. Forrest, W.M., who presided, supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. B. Fendick, S.W., W.M. elect; H. S. Hunter, J.W.; G. Wilson, P.M. (the newly-elected) Treas.; G. F. Swan, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Mcads, S.D.; W. Englefield, J.D.; R. A. Kirkaldy, I.G.; W. R. Boyell, Stwd.; H. Esling, D.C.; P. T. Brearey, P.M.; F. T. Edgington, P.M.; S. H. Barrow, F. A. Monks, G. C. May, J. H. S. Palmer, J. Newus, J. W. Edwards, S. Bannell, W. Salisbury, H. J. Parker, E. F. A. Busch, W. Monks; also the following visitors: Bros. A. R. Rogers, W.M. 1670; G. W. Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; G. H. Theillay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. G. Cooper, P.M. 507; J. H. Coulson, P.M. 27; W. J. Large, P.M.; J. C. Kellaway, 957; H. I. Room, 1159; G. W. Harrington, 1563; A. Mace, 45; C. Pouicelet, 957; W. T. Buxton, 1831; J. J. Powell, 1558; and A. Wyde, 72.

The minutes were read and confirmed and the W.M., Bro. Forrest, initiated Messrs. R. C. Millar and J. H. Price into Freemasonry. Bro. G. Willson, P.M., then very ably installed Bro. W. B. Fendick, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The report of the Audit Committee having been distributed amongst the members, was ordered to be placed on the minutes. The newly-installed Master having appointed and invested his officers, then with a few appropriate remarks presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge, after which Bro. Fendick, W.M., in addressing Bro. P. T. Brearey, P.M., the late Treasurer, stated that he now had very great pleasure in presenting him with a testimonial (an address beautifully illuminated on vellum), unanimously voted by the lodge. From the remarks made by the brethren at the last meeting he (Bro. Brearey) could not be insensible to the very general feeling of regret expressed by the members at losing him as their Treasurer, an office which he had held from the formation of the lodge, and the duties of which he had so efficiently and satisfactorily carried out. He (the W.M.) sincerely trusted that Bro. Brearey would still remain with them for many, many years; in fact the lodge would appear quite lost without the familiar face of Bro. Brearey. When the applause of the brethren had subsided, Bro. Brearey rose to acknowledge the testimonial, and said that he thanked the W.M. for his too flattering remarks, and the brethren for their very handsome testimonial. His labours had been labours of love, in all of which he had constantly been much assisted by the officers from time to time, especially the worthy Secretary. It was not without a pang he relinquished his official duties, but a time must come when he would have to sever himself from the office. The testimonial he should always highly prize, and leave it as a heirloom to his children, as a record of one who had tried to do his duty.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren afterwards sat down to a very excellent banquet, served by Bro. Buxton, the worthy host, in a very satisfactory style. Thus ended one of the most successful and pleasant meetings the lodge has ever had.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A regular meeting of this excellent and prosperous lodge was held on the 22nd ult. at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. C. W. Bowley, W.M.; Skegg, I.P.M., Sec.; Reynolds, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Cooper, S.D.; Taylor, I.D.; Gill, I.G.; Knight-Smith, Org.; Hunt, D.C.; Shaw, Stwd.; Lee, Tyler; Cantle, P.M.; R. Foster, P.M.; D. H. Ashford, Dr. James, Cadbury Jones, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. R. J. Pawley, Treas. 1827, and Henton, 1216.

Lodge was opened by the W.M. in due form, and the

minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Christopher Fitch, a candidate for initiation, the degree of F.C. was conferred upon Bro. Jones by the W.M., who at the end of the second ceremony was so indisposed, owing to a severe cold, as to be obliged to call upon the I.P.M., Bro. Skegg, to take the chair, when Mr. Fitch was in an impressive manner initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the candidate paying grave and marked attention to the ceremony. The bye-laws were then read, and the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, the election proving unanimous in favour of Bro. Reynolds, S.W., Bro. Mattock, P.M., being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lee, Tyler; four brethren were appointed Auditors. The Secretary then read a letter informing the lodge of the death of Bro. Cattling, the announcement being received with deep regret. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Bowley for the very efficient and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Cantle, Knight-Smith, and Dr. James greatly contributing to the harmony of the social board by some capital singing, Bro. Reynolds rendering with fine effect one of his excellent recitations.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—This lodge met on the 26th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, when there were present Bros. Alfred Sack, W.M.; C. Arnold, S.W.; S. Stampfer, J.W.; A. Street, J.D.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M., Sec.; J. Bagot Scriven, P.G. Stwd., Treas.; W. F. Darnell, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; Edward Hyde Hewett, H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; E. Dyer, Geo. Clark, J. Catling, J. T. Penney, S. W. Reddall, T. Underwood, and a number of other members of the lodge; also the following visitors, viz., Bros. F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M. 500; Eustace Anderson, jun., 49 and 715; Henry Birdseye, P.M. and Sec. 715; and Garbett, 1198.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Mr. James Pike, a candidate for initiation, and proved unanimously in his favour. Bros. A. J. Read and G. W. Lock were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Master, and Bro. Alfred H. Lock passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. James Pike was then duly initiated in a very able and masterly manner by the W.M., Bro. Muggeridge delivering the ancient charge to the newly-initiated brother. Bro. Muggeridge then read a circular from Bro. Hedges, the Secretary for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and made an appeal to the members of the lodge for one of the brethren to serve as Steward at the festival of that Institution in May, but was unsuccessful in his application.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, and after spending a very pleasant evening, much pleased with the admirable and impressive manner in which the W.M. had discharged the duties of his important office, separated at an early hour.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—This popular lodge met at Freemasons' Hall for the installation of the W.M. for the coming year and for other business, on the 22nd ult., when there was a very large gathering of members of the lodge and a very considerable number of visitors. Unfortunately Bro. J. T. Hyland, the W.M. of the lodge, was prevented, by illness from being present to perform the ceremony of installation himself, and Bro. Jas. Willing, jun., who was looked to as a substitute, was also unable to be present. The difficulty was got over by an application to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, who unhesitatingly, although at some inconvenience, at once responded to the call and opened the lodge at the appointed hour, and performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Past Master W. M. Stiles as Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge for 1884. There is no need to say that the work was admirably done, as the whole Craft are well acquainted with the skill with which Bro. Terry can perform any of the ceremonies at a moment's notice. The officers appointed for the year are as follows: Bros. Holt, S.W.; Jno. Wm. Smith, J.W.; (in the absence of Bro. Willing the Treasurer's collar was not disposed of); Dickie, Sec.; Sillis, S.D.; James C. Smith, J.D.; Jakes, I.G.; Greenfield, M.C.; Mabey, Asst. M.C.; Hollands, W.S.; Barling, Asst. W.C.; Ross, Org.; and Koester, Tyler. When Bro. Terry had recited the three addresses which conclude the installation ceremony, Bro. Stiles rose and said before proceeding further he had a pressing duty to perform. At the last moment he had received a telegram from the W.M. stating his inability, on account of illness, to attend the meeting, and he at once telegraphed to Bro. Willing to come and perform the installation ceremony, but he was also unable to attend. At the very last moment he had applied to Bro. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, and also a Past Grand Officer of the Province of Herts, who was, besides, the consecrating officer of this lodge, and he at less than five minutes' notice, with his well known good nature, had most readily consented to act as Installing Officer, although he had an engagement elsewhere at nearly the same hour; and he (Bro. Stiles) therefore felt that so generous an act should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge and he therefore proposed with the greatest pleasure and gratitude that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Terry and recorded on the minutes.

Bro. Terry in thanking the lodge for so recognising his services said that it gave him much pleasure to give all the assistance in his power in a moment of difficulty. He wished that it had been in his power to remain with them for the remainder of the evening, but as he had a prior Masonic engagement elsewhere he must beg to be allowed to retire to fulfil it.

Bro. Stiles subsequently initiated Messrs. Alfred George Allard, Ondrej Ruzicka, Albert Berg, and William Langley into the mysteries of the First Degree, and then closed the lodge in due form.

The members of the lodge and their guests subsequently dined together in the large hall in the adjoining building. One hundred and twenty-two brethren, including 54 visitors, sat down to dinner, and when the cloth had been withdrawn the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given with the greatest possible brevity by the presiding W.M., and were received with the enthusiasm usual amongst loyal Masons.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., who said he was sorry that

neither the I.P.M. nor Bro. Willing were present to perform that duty, but he was sure that it was by no fault of their own that they were absent, because they held the Master in such high esteem that they would have been present if possible. No brother could be more popular than Bro. Stiles. The very name of Bro. W. M. Stiles was enough to make anyone smile, without any joke about the initials, because his face was so familiar, and he was so well known as a genial friend that to see him in that chair was one of most gratifying of sights.

Bro. Stiles in replying said that to say he was not proud of the kind way in which his health had been received would be wrong. He appreciated very much the way in which it had been received. As a founder of the lodge, of which he had been Secretary from the commencement, he had worked very hard in conjunction with Bro. Willing in making it a success. He thought that with Bro. Willing as Master, and himself as Secretary, they had made a success of the Royal Savoy Lodge. Bro. Willing had said that they were clever enough to do without him, but the real cause of his absence was important business out of London. For himself he would say that he was proud of accepting the position of Master of a lodge consisting of 120 members; the dignity of the position he thoroughly acknowledged. His best services were at their disposal and at the end of his year of office he hoped the brethren would be able to part with him in the same kind manner as that in which they had received him.

The following were among the visitors present: Bros. J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; A. Harrison, 1507; F. G. Spencer, S.W. 73; George Gilby, S.W. 1194; Henry Stiles, P.M. 1732; Lewis Solomon, W.M. 1732; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; A. G. Fisher, W.M. 1237; G. Buckhurst, P.M. 157; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; B. Kauffmann, J.D. 1732; F. Marx, P.M. 957; J. Redditch, P.M. 1420; R. Barham, P.M. 144; E. E. Barratt Kidder, I.P.M. 12; J. G. Langden, W.M. 538; Edward Harvey, S.W. 1314; Leon Jacobs, W.M. 1732; R. Boneyce, W.M. 79; R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1022; Edward Storr, S.W. 107; Jas. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; W. M. Robinson, P.M. 87; G. Emblin, I.G. 147; H. Sillis, 957; C. J. Scales, 1507; John H. Nye, 957; Frederick Hurdle, 540; J. L. Hare, 1907; William Hirst, W.M. 15, 1602; and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Goodenough, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; Young, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; J. Strugnell, I.P.M.; Skelhorn, acting I.G.; L. Lardner, Potter, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Lardner was appointed as Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Walls moved, which was seconded by Bro. Jackson and carried unanimously, "That the sum of five guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on Bro. Lardner's list." The sum of ten guineas was then voted from the Alms Fund of the lodge to a distressed brother of No. 1745. Apologies for non-attendance having been read from Bros. H. B. Marshall, Clark, and others, the lodge was closed. There was no banquet.

SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1074).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Kensington, on the 23rd ult., and was very numerously attended. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Charles Compton, S.W.; Rev. William Francis, J.W.; Rev. C. Darby Reade, Chap.; James Green, Treas.; G. C. Harding, Sec.; Alfred Williams, S.D.; Reuben C. Green, J.D.; Francis Compton, D.C.; Rockingham Gill, I.G.; E. L. Cleaver, Stwd.; and Thos. Friend, Tyler. There were also present Bros. D. Shorter Skinner, Capt. H. S. Andrews, R. C. Halse, F. Aylmer Lloyd, A. C. Bauke, W. Beavis, I. E. B. Cox, C. E. Baker, M. W. Williams, John Peacock, J. H. Townsend-Green, W. Weaver, W. Cunningham Glen, A. J. Pritchard, C. Hunter, and others. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Col. H. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D.; Sir Charles Dilke, M.P.; Marquis E. Monteuuis, Dr. W. H. Kempter, John F. Hall, J. Butler, J. F. B. Firth, M.P.; J. Jordan, H. A. Hunt, Charles Rowlands, John Bellamy, J. E. C. Bodley, F. S. Knyvett, W. J. Murlis, A. C. Lewis, R. H. Pearson, and Russell Lochner.

The work of the evening consisted of three raisings and two initiations (previous to the installation ceremony), which rites were performed by the W.M. with his customary impressiveness of manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Francis C. Compton, P.M. 1015, and the very interesting and most unusual event of seeing a son place his father in the chair of King Solomon was witnessed by a Board of Installed Masters numbering over 20, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Col. H. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D.; John Jordan, W.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; and many other distinguished brethren. It is needless to say that the ceremony of installation was perfectly and impressively performed, and all who know Bro. Francis Compton will be pleased to see this record of his most recent and very happy act in Masonry. The following are the officers: Bros. Rev. W. Francis, S.W.; Alfred Williams, J.W.; W. Bros. Rev. C. Darby Reade, Chap.; James Green, Treas.; Geo. C. Harding, Sec.; Bros. Reuben C. Green, S.D.; Rockingham Gill, J.D.; W. Bros. Francis Compton, D. of C.; Bros. E. L. Cleaver, I.G.; Algernon Bauke, Steward; and Thos. Friend, Tyler.

The banquet was subsequently held at Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester-road, where a gathering of over 50 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. Capt. F. Compton. After the usual toasts had been appropriately proposed and responded to, a very handsome jewel was presented by the lodge to Bro. Capt. Adolphus Nicols, P.M., as a unanimous mark of the appreciation of the brethren for the able and courteous manner in which he had presided over the lodge since its foundation, and for his anxious devotion to its interests, and his uniform kindness, consideration, and courtesy to the officers, the brethren, and the visitors.

The I.P.M., Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, in a few eloquent and impressive words returned his thanks, accompanied with the assurance that the interests and welfare of the lodge would

ever be his constant care, and that the memory of his happy term of office, which, with the able assistance of his officers, had crowned with unqualified success the establishing of the Saint Mary Abbots Lodge, would never be effaced.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was happily responded to by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, and that of "The Visitors" by Bro. Sir Charles Dilke in felicitous terms, and also by Bro. J. F. B. Firth, his brother Member for the borough of Kensington.

The alms box, which was passed round after dinner, will materially benefit one of the Masonic Charities.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult. at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Bro. Geo. Garbutt, the W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Foster, J.W.; Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; S. Border, J.D.; W. H. Garland, Mus. Bac., Org.; G. Davis, I.G.; J. B. Sampson, D.C.; and H. S. Hopton, Stwd. There were also present Bros. Major McGachen, P.M.; Capt. Gifford, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; G. Kirby, I.P.M.; G. C. Lee, P.M.; and J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. Amongst the visitors was Bro. T. S. Hewson, P.M. 349, 499, and 1923, who in the course of the after-business gave some interesting particulars of the mode of working in the Malta and other lodges with which he had been associated.

The business of the evening was light, and included a short discussion as to the desirability of providing a better organ, the result of which was that a Committee was appointed to consider the matter and report thereon. Votes of condolence were passed with the widow and family of Bro. Francis Rawling, who expired in his fifty-sixth year early that morning, and with the relatives of Bro. W. Whitehead, who died a few days ago at his residence, Holgate, near York. In consequence of these losses the lodge will remain in mourning three months.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday, the 14th ult., the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thos. Dinks, W.M., assisted by his officers, and the minutes having been confirmed the following candidates were balloted for and declared to be duly elected: Bro. R. Stove, S.S.C., as a joining member; and Messrs. T. Pottinger, Joseph Borrow, James Muir Smith, and John Nedwell, for initiation, and Messrs. Borrow, Smith, and Nedwell were regularly initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bros. J. H. Thompson, I.P.M., and J. T. Wilson, P.M. Bro. E. A. Cowling, J.W., gave the working tools. Bros. Podley and Wenham were then passed as Fellow Crafts by Bro. J. H. Thompson, I.P.M., Bro. John Hinde, P.P.G. J.D., Treas., explaining the working tools. The W.M. read the report of the Building Committee, which recommended that the plans prepared by Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., for a new Masonic Hall in Wesley-street and Ingham-street be accepted and approved of, and that Bro. J. H. Morton be empowered to advertise for tenders, and that the tenders be laid before the next lodge. Bro. J. H. Thompson moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.J.D., and after some remarks carried. After transacting other business the lodge was closed in harmony, and a pleasant adjournment was enjoyed by a large gathering of members and visitors.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—The members of this lodge attended at the Masonic Hall, on the 21st ult., when Bro. Commander Henry C. Walker, R.N., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. John Stevenson, P.M. The W.M. duly invested the undermentioned brethren as officers of the lodge for the forthcoming year: Bros. J. Brooks, S.W.; T. Tate, J.W.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; H. Hallgate, P.M., Org.; J. B. Dale, Sec.; J. T. Stewart, S.D.; R. W. White, J.D.; John H. Attlay, I.G.; John Brand, D.C.; J. H. Trueman, Tyler; and H. Wald, Steward.

After the installation the customary banquet was held at the Royal Hotel. The usual loyal toasts having been heartily received, the W.M. proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.V.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Grand Officers," and Bro. Attlay, P.G.O., returned thanks. "The Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces" was proposed by Bro. M. Smith, I.P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Major Marwood, P.M. The toast of the evening, "The W.M., and prosperity to the Lion Lodge," was eloquently proposed by Bro. John Stevenson, P.M., and the W.M. having acknowledged the compliment, proposed "The Installing Master," to which Bro. Stevenson made a very suitable response. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Brooks, S.W., and felicitously responded to by Bro. M. Smith. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. Tate, J. W., responded. The toast of "All Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by Bro. John Stevenson, having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Henry C. Pulman, of the Zetland Lodge, Guisbro', and Bro. Thos. Clarkson, of the Camalodunum Lodge, Malton, replied. The last toast on the list was "The Ladies," which was suitably honoured.

Some capital singing during the evening by Bros. Pitts, Captain Marwood, W. H. Marwood, Attlay, Trueman, Pulman, Clarkson, Frankland, and Lawson added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

LANDPORT.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—The annual installation meeting of this, the second oldest lodge in this borough, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, on the 16th ult., when there were present a large gathering of the members of the Craft. The out-going W.M., Bro. Councillor H. Croucher, in an admirable manner installed his successor, Bro. J. Buck, and was greeted with hearty applause on the completion of his term of office. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following members as his officers: Bros. Henry Croucher, I.P.M.; F. Sanders, S.W.; W. Gunnell, J.W.; J. T. Craven, Treas.; C. W. Rand, Sec.; J. S. Dyer, D.C.; Wm. Beuttell, S.D.; A. W. Hewett, J.D.; J. H. Bracey, I.G.; Thomas J. Faber, Org.; W. E. Leamy and J. Hewitson, Stewards.

The brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet in the spacious banqueting hall of the premises, when the customary toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 10th ult., when the W.M., Bro. E. Cammack, occupied the chair. After the formal business was transacted, Bro. Rev. A. W. G. Moore, S.W., P.P.G.C. Suffolk, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bros. Woodrow and Barrell, in the capable manner those brethren are well known to be masters of. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge, and also of visitors. After the ceremony, a sumptuous banquet was served in the board room, at the Corn Exchange, in the usual excellent mode of Bro. S. R. Harper, of the White Hart Hotel, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. W. G. Moore, occupying the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and some very enjoyable harmony was indulged in by various brethren present. A very prosperous year is confidently predicted for the new and popular W.M.

STOURBRIDGE.—Stability Lodge (No. 564).—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master took place on the 22nd ult., a large number of Provincial Officers and brethren of the province being present. Bro. Wm. Perry was duly installed into the chair by Bro. George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec., who rendered the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. At the same meeting a presentation was made by the brethren of the lodge to Bro. Broomhall, P.M., and Secretary, of a very handsome silver inkstand, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Broomhall, P.M. and Secretary, 564, Provincial Grand Junior Warden, P.Z. 498, by the past and present members of his lodge, in recognition of the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties of Secretary, and in appreciation of his valued services." A very beautifully engraved loving cup was also presented to the lodge by Bro. E. Stringer, the retiring W.M., who has been a subscribing member of the lodge for upwards of thirty years.

DERBY.—Lodge of Repose (No. 802).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 17th ult., when there was a large gathering of brethren, met to honour the new W.M., Bro. Tom Smith. Lodge was opened by the W.M., the following being present: Bros. E. Belfield, W.M.; W. L. Ball, I.P.M.; Tom Smith, S.W.; W. J. Piper, J.W.; S. Steele, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Waller, Sec.; Thomas Owen, S.D.; W. Parker, J.D.; W. Butherford, W.M. 1085, D.C.; C. E. Holden, Tyler; Thomas Cox, P.M.; G. Pipes, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; C. Larkes, Twigge, Bennetts, Clemow, A. Moore, J. Monk, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Frazer, P.M. 731; W. Whittaker, P.M. 731; J. Taylor, P.M. 731; J. Bland, W.M. 731; C. Webster, S.W. 731; G. R. Dalton and R. Roberts, J.W. 353; H. A. Bemrose, J.W. 253; C. Cobham, W.M. 949; W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253; W. Naylor, Prov. G. Sec.; Percy Wallis, Prov. G.D.C.; S. E. Howell, P.M. 587, 259; W. S. Hall, P.M. 432; T. B. Edwards, G. Johnson, W. L. Dodd, and J. H. Richardson, 1085; and many others from 731.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. T. Cox, Prov. G. Treasurer, and W. L. Ball, P.G.J.D., to Bro. E. Belfield, the W.M., who proceeded with the ceremony of installation in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, and in an able manner duly inducted the W.M. into the chair of K.S. in ancient and solemn form. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Belfield, I.P.M.; W. J. Piper, S.W.; A. J. Waller, J.W.; S. Steele, P.M., Treas.; T. Owen, Sec.; W. Parker, S.D.; G. Pipes, P.M., J.D.; W. Butherford, W.M. 1085, D.C.; R. Slater, I.G.; Chartres, Org.; F. Bryant and J. Monck, Stwds. The charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. J. Cox, P.G. Treas., in a very forcible manner. A letter of resignation having been read, and one candidate elected, and two proposed, Bro. Cox rose and made feeling allusion to the death of Bro. J. Gadsby (late Town Clerk), one of the founders of the lodge. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased, and the lodge to go into mourning for three months. "Hearty good wishes" were then expressed by the numerous visitors and the lodge was closed.

Shortly after the brethren met in the lower hall, when a very choice banquet was served under the supervision of Bro. W. Russell, of the Derby Club.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Ball ably responding to that in honour of the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. W. J. Piper, S.W., proposed in very flowing terms "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him upon the high honour he had attained to, and trusted he would have a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Smith, W.M., briefly replied, assuring the brethren of his great desire to do all he could to promote the best interests of the lodge.

Bro. W. Whittaker, P.P.G.R., proposed "The Installing Masters," to which Bros. Ball and Belfield responded.

"The toast of 'The P.M.s. of the Lodge'" was proposed by the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. Naylor, who heartily congratulated the W.M. also on his preferment, and spoke highly of the Past Masters, making special allusion to their worthy Bro. S. Steele, Treasurer, who briefly responded.

"The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bros. Roberts, C. Cobham, S. E. Howell, and Moffatt.

"The Sister Lodges" and "The Officers," were followed by "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Percy Wallis, who reminded the brethren that Bro. J. Bland, W.M. 731, had undertaken the office of Steward to the Girls' School, and asking them ably to support him with their subscriptions, he himself promising five guineas; Bro. W. L. Ball, P.M., five guineas; Bro. H. W. Leach, five guineas; and Bro. Clemow, one guinea.

Bro. Bland in responding thanked the proposer for the earnest manner in which he had placed the matter before the brethren, and sincerely trusted he should be able to take up a sum worthy of the Province of Derbyshire.

The Tyler's toast then concluded a most pleasant gathering, and one long to be remembered by all who were able to be present.

NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 22nd ult. at the Masonic Rooms, 23, St. Giles'-street, when Bro. Edwin Baldwin, P.M. 40, P.Z. 40 and 213, Prov. G.S.E., was installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of 27 Past Masters, the Deputy Prov. G.M. and several

Prov. Grand Officers honouring the lodge with a visit on this occasion. The W.M. invested his officers as follows—the I.P.M. having been duly invested in the Installed Masters' Degree: Bros. W. H. Moss, S.W.; Henry Burgess, J.W.; E. Bams, P.M., Treas. (for the eighteenth year in succession); Robert Gunn, P.M., Sec.; Charles Thorn, P.M., D.C.; W. R. Spowart, M.D., S.D.; Francis, J.D.; G. A. Fuller, I.G.; and Moses, Tyler. Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, I.P.M., was unanimously elected representative on the Board of Directors of the Norwich Masonic Association, and the W.M., Bro. E. Baldwin, was unanimously elected representative on the Charities' Committee, and both brethren acknowledged the confidence reposed in them by the members of the lodge. At the close of the business the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge for the honour they had conferred on them by attending the ceremony on that occasion.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master in feeling terms thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind way in which he and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge had been received. It was his first visit to the Sincerity Lodge, but he earnestly hoped it would not be the last.

The Rev. S. Linton, Vicar of St. Philip's Church, Higham, and Bishop designate of New Zealand, was proposed as a candidate for initiation.

"Hearty good wishes" were then given, and the lodge was duly closed, the brethren adjourning to a splendid banquet, supplied at the rooms of the Masonic Association, between 60 and 70 being present, among whom we noticed Bros. Major Penrice, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; C. R. Gilman, Prov. G.S.W.; W. M. Pigott, P.P.G. Chap.; J. B. Aldis, Prov. G. Sec.; George Jewsan, P.G.S. Devon; J. B. Jay, Prov. G.D.C., &c.; Edwin Baldwin, W.M.; W. H. Moss, S.W.; H. Burgess, J.W.; Edwd. Bams, P.M., Treas.; R. Gunn, Sec.; C. Thorn, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Spowart, S.D.; J. Francis, J.D.; F. A. Fuller, I.G.; J. C. Chittock, P.M.; H. G. Barwell, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; R. E. Thorns, P.M.; H. W. Stacey, P.M.; J. W. Muskett, P.M.; George Brittain, P.M., Org.; A. E. Dent, W. F. Ransome, H. Hooper, J. A. Mills, Owen Fiske, Bullen, L. A. Hotblack, F. Thoms, and others. Visitors: Rev. Dr. Richards, P.M. 40, 134, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Geo. Baxter, P.M. 807, P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Hunt, P.M. 807, P.G.A.D.C.; John B. Bridgman, P.M. 93, P.P.G.R.; S. J. Carman, W.M. 1500; D. G. Gaul, W.M. 1808; R. Kent, P.M. 93; H. Bennett, P.M. 502; C. A. B. Bignold, W.M. 52; J. C. R. King, W.M. 213; H. W. Pepper, 93; H. Rosling, W.M. elect 807; Austin Ballard, P.M. 1500; G. R. Robertson, 93; S. M. Mills, 52; E. Pankhurst, P.M. 807; C. Cubitt, P.M., Sec. 52; W. N. Dixon, 1500; F. C. Atkinson, P.G. Org.; H. Brockbank, 93; King, 807, Prov. G. Stwd.; and others.

On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were put from the chair and honoured, the D.P.G.M. acknowledging the compliment paid to the Prov. G. Master and himself. "The Officers of Prov. G. Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Gilman, Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. J. B. Aldis, Prov. G. Sec.; the toast of "The Visitors," with which was associated the names of Bros. the Rev. Dr. Richards, P.M., &c., Rector of Mulfingford, P.P.G.W. Sussex, and the Rev. W. M. Pigott, P.P.G. Chaplain, eliciting from the first named brother in response a speech which made a deep impression on all present.

The D.P.G.M. in very complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who replied, assuring the brethren that he very highly appreciated their kindness in electing him to the dignified position of their W.M. He should endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to their entire satisfaction, and he hoped that when his term of office expired he should leave the chair and carry with him into comparative retirement the kindly feelings of the brethren that had been shown him that evening. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge," stating that Bro. Barnard, the I.P.M., had so well and worthily discharged the duties of the office during the past year as to win the esteem and affection of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. Barnard, I.P.M., having acknowledged the toast, the W. Master said he was about to propose a toast which he was sure would be received very heartily by every brother present, and especially by the members of Lodge Sincerity. It was "The Health of their Secretary, Bro. Gunn, P.M.," who had been that day invested with the collar of that office in the lodge for the eighteenth time, during which period he had so efficiently discharged his duties as to gain the admiration, the esteem, and affection of every brother in the lodge. In consideration of his many services the brethren had desired him (the W.M.) to present to Bro. Gunn, in the name of the lodge, a gold watch (bearing a suitable inscription), and to assure him that they appreciated very highly his valuable services. The W.M. added: May that watch be as faithful in recording the time as you have been faithful to the duties of the office you have so long and ably filled; and in years to come, when perhaps we may be separated, may it recall to your mind not only our many pleasant meetings, but that you were considered a worthy brother among us, and that we appreciated your many services.

Bro. Gunn thanked the W.M. and brethren for their very handsome present, and assured them that in the future as in the past he would endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to their satisfaction.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable evening, the meeting throughout being a complete success.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, on the 17th ult. Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, P.M., presided, supported by Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., S.W.; J. F. Richardson, J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., 38, Chap., S.D.; H. G. F. Wells, Prov. G.A.P., P.M., Treas.; Robt. Hughes, Sec.; C. Armstrong, J.D.; T. J. Walder, acting I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.P. G.P., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; C. Martin, W. C. Till, J. W. Jordan, W. E. Skinner, W. A. Raper, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. Farr, P.P.G.S. Essex, P.M. 1817. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Farr, and being declared in his favour he was duly elected, after which the sum of one guinea was voted toward the "Welfare" memorial. The lodge was then closed.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1429).—On the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Bro. A. I. Sinclair, S.W., was installed W.M. of this lodge, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Welsford, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. I. E. Thomas, I.P.M. Upon the conclusion of the business of the lodge, Bro. Welsford was presented by the W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, as an acknowledgment of the energy and fidelity Bro. Welsford has displayed in the discharge of the duties of the lodge during the year. The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. A. I. Sinclair, W.M.; W. Welsford, I.P.M.; E. W. Evans, S.W.; Alfred Taylor, J.W.; Rev. D. Bowen, W.M. 1258, Chaplain; James Sanders, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., Treas.; J. C. Brook, Sec.; W. J. Dix, S.D.; A. J. Jacobs, J.D.; H. Richards, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D. of C.; H. Allen, I.G.; Geo. Hazell, Sup. of Wks.; E. W. Perren, Org.; D. Hickey and J. T. Wareham, Stewards; and H. Fletcher, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. F. Orders, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Chas. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; S. Davies, P.M., P.G.J.W.; I. L. C. Hunter Little, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; T. Goldsworthy, H. Faulkner, W. L. Morris, T. P. Hammett, W. Hopton, William E. James, John Davis, James Davis, A. J. Woodcock, Richard Richards, W. H. Box, D. Emlin Davies, L. Beynon, J. A. Dredge, W. J. Hollingdale, John James, D. Hickey, J. Kelly, Thos. W. Mitchell, R. Laslett, C. Sylvester, Robt. Little, Edgar Horner, Wm. J. Orders, Theo. L. Handford, F. P. Jordan, Israel Hall, E. V. Pearce, S. Dean, E. Thatcher, P.M., Prov. G. Org. Somerset; and W. Langdon. The following brethren were present as visitors: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.; E. Jos. Baker, I.P.M.; Edwin Hampton, W.M.; T. B. Tomkins, S.W.; I. W. Shackleton, J.W.; and L. D. Browne, J.D., all of 818; W. C. Peace, W.M. 960; G. Beavis, W.M.; J. Jones, S.W.; John Campbell, P.M.; H. Woolf, P. A. F. Villiers, T. Dawson, E. T. Evans, and F. E. Burfitt, all of 471; E. G. Balding, W.M. elect, and W. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., of 683; Rev. D. Bowen, W.M. 1258; R. Soars, 1536; F. Barton, J.W. 1271; B. P. Davies, 1573; J. F. Canlyle, 355; Morgan John, W.M. 1562; E. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.R. South Wales (W.D.); Bingham, and J. Jarvis, P.M. 1573.

Several visiting brethren having tendered their hearty congratulations, lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors, to the number of about 70, proceeded to the banqueting room of the Castle Hotel, Bro. S. Dean providing the repast, which was of an excellent character, and admirably served and appointed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and cordially received. During the evening an excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. Richards, Soars, B. P. Davies, E. V. Pearce, W. Dix, J. Campbell, W. J. Orders, P. A. Villiers, E. G. Balding, and others, Bro. Perrin ably presiding at the piano.

DUNSTABLE.—Chiltern Lodge (No. 1470).—On the 15th ult. the installation meeting of this meritorious little country lodge was held at the Town Hall, there being present Bros. J. Gladwell, W.M.; A. Morcom, S.W.; S. Spokes, J.W.; R. Cutler, S.D.; M. Dicker, I.G.; F. Farley, I.P.M., Sec.; F. Howell, P.M., Treas.; S. McLean, P.M., D.C.; H. Saunders, W. Crew, H. Balans, W. Howard, H. Rose, M. Collings, and J. Edmonds, Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. A. S. Ewen, W.M. 475; H. Pointer, P.M. 948; W. M. Phillips, P.M. 475; E. A. Cumberland, P.M. 475; S. Johnson, W.M. 948; F. R. Brown, S.W. 475; A. Atkins, P.M. 475; J. Dale, 933; V. Robinson, 14; H. Cumberland, 475; F. Ewen, 475; and F. Coleman, 475.

The installation ceremony was performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. Gladwell, in a manner which elicited the warmest encomiums from all present. Bro. Morcom having been installed in the chair of K.S., invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. James Gladwell, I.P.M.; Spokes, S.W.; Cutler, J.W.; Dicker, S.D.; Collings, J.D.; Rose, I.G.; Howell, P.M., Treas.; Gladwell, I.P.M., Sec.; Farley, P.M., D.C.; and John Edmonds, Tyler. On the completion of the ceremony the W.M. presented Bro. Gladwell with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in the most complimentary terms, which was suitably and feelingly acknowledged by the I.P.M.

The subject of a provincial lodge for Bedfordshire was afterwards discussed, the brethren being unanimously of opinion that such a consummation is devoutly to be wished, the arguments in favour of it being apparently convincing to all present. The unique position of this county is certainly very remarkable, being so singularly left out in the cold, without provincial honours and without the collective power of doing good to the extent that it otherwise might. It would certainly be instructive to hear what are the specific reasons to be alleged against it. The subject has been periodically discussed for several years past in the three lodges which are in favour of it; but a kind of passive resistance has hitherto been maintained by the other two, but we are now happy to learn that there is reason to believe a considerable leaven of purple feeling—if we may be allowed the expression—is now animating the lodges which were formerly opposed to it, and that a Provincial Grand Lodge for the county of Bedfordshire is within measurable distance of becoming "un fait accompli."

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th ult.; among those present were Bros. T. Moody, W.M.; Davey, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; C. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Sparing, S.D.; Wheatley, J.D.; Hollands, I.G.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Jessett, P.M.; W. S.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., M.C.; Hiscox, I.P.M.; and Eales, A.W.S. Visitor: Bro. Pinckney, 1424.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Martin was duly raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being well performed. A resolution was then passed "That the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Hiscox, I.P.M., as Steward to one of the Charities, such sum to be in the name of the lodge, but Bro. Hiscox to have the vote as long as he shall remain a member of the lodge." Numerous apologies for non-attendance were read.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was presided over by Bro. Hiscox, in

the absence through indisposition of the W.M. The usual toasts followed, and Bro. W. Hammond and Hopwood responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given by the Secretary. Bro. Hiscox having acknowledged the compliment upon behalf of the W.M., then gave "The Visitor," which was responded to by Bro. Pinckney. "The Past Masters," replied to by Bro. Jessett, and "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Wheatley and Eales, terminated the proceedings.

CANNOCK.—Earl Shrewsbury Lodge (No. 1520).—On the 9th ult. the members of this lodge assembled at the Local Board Offices to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, when Bro. J. L. Gibbons, P.M., installed Bro. F. Stanley Hooper as W.M. for the year, and invested the officers as follows: Bros. R. Barton, I.P.M.; J. L. Gibson, S.W.; J. Turner, J.W.; P. Sharp, S.D.; B. P. Blockley, J.D.; J. J. Simpson, I.G.; T. Evans, Sec.; J. L. Gibbons, Treas.; T. H. Cope, D. of C.; C.S.; Rev. C. Bullivant, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Morris, Org.; J. Green and J. J. Robinson, Stwds.; and E. Coombes, Tyler. In addition to the above-named, the following brethren were among those present: Bros. W. Ormson, P.M.; Prov. G.S.D.; D. W. Munro, G. Blogg, T. M. Heape, J. Smith, S. Adams, Rev. J. Seddon, 526; R. Thomas, 456; J. Craddock, 1039; W. R. Brookes, 739; and F. Barnett, 539.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Crown Hotel. The customary toasts were given and responded to, and during the enjoyable proceedings a choice selection of songs, was given.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when there was an attendance of upwards of 90 brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., who was officially supported by Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; John Atkinson, P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Lloyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; O. W. Saunderson, S.D.; W. Whittle, J.D.; J. J. Monk, Org.; J. Ayr Marples, I.G.; H. Round, W. Parker, C. H. Buchanan, and E. H. Allen, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the numerous members present were Bros. John Cobham, P.M., 241, 1380; W. Pirrie, E. Graham, I. Jacobs, H. Brooklyn, E. Cruft, W. I. Lawson, Eaton Batty, J. Bramham, J. Buziau, G. Rawlins, Ballard, S. Mattison, T. L. Duncan, J. Frueberg, Galloway, J. L. Goedhart, Ben Hughes, Lewis Hughes, J. Hout, J. H. Light, J. B. Macpherson, F. A. Macpherson, J. Rawthorne, W. E. Stone, and others. There were about 30 visitors from other lodges, and the meeting was generally voted as being most successful.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, Messrs. Harris, Fineberg, Briscall, and Dr. Gardner; which proved unanimously in their favour, and as they were in attendance, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Giannacupolo, Ben Davies, and Lionel Ellis were subsequently passed to the Degree of F.C., and after the transaction of some other business, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, a very pleasant evening being enjoyed. Songs were given by Bros. Ben Davies, of the Carl Rosa Company, J. B. Macpherson, W. W. Hall, W. Jones, W. E. Stone, W. Savage, Giannacupolo, and other brethren.

Another of the numerous "surprises" which seem peculiar to the Dramatic Lodge took place on this occasion. A committee consisting of the I.P.M., J.W., and Secretary had very quietly organised a presentation to the brother who holds the keys of the cash box of the lodge, in recognition of his musical abilities, which have more than once been used to some purpose in the lodge. The testimonial took the form of what was called "a handsomely bound volume of music," and an address, which in respect to the unique nature of the "get-up" and contents has probably had no parallel in the history of this or any other lodge in modern times. The text of the curious production conveyed the information that it was presented as "a humble tribute to the musical genius" of the brother who was thus honoured, and as a testimony to his "extraordinary talent in that branch of musical art which may not unappropriately be termed declamatory singing." The address further stated "It is but a meagre compliment to you to remark that your vocal efforts are such as have never yet been surpassed if ever equalled, in the originality of their rendering, the daring of their conception, and the boldness of their delivery. To all whose fortune it may have been to listen to the dramatic story of the fair Imogene and the brave Alonzo, as interpreted by your matchless and perfectly unique delivery, these few lines will but serve to convey a faint idea as to what extent not only the members of our lodge, but hundreds of outside individuals are indebted to your astounding versatility. It is not too much to remark that the lute of Orpheus, the lyre of Apollo, nay, even the very pipes of Pan, must pale before such music, and it is on these considerations that we have decided to present you with this magnificently bound copy of what may justly be termed your 'cheval de bataille,' merely expressing the hope that you may long be spared to astonish and excite your music-loving friends with the almost superhuman effects of your musical genius. We present you with the volume not because you are ever likely to need it, nor as an aid to the pianist whose lot it may be to accompany you, for we fear that no mere copy, however correct, could approach in its startling minuteness and redundancy of ideas your own ideas of this immortal composition, but as a slight memento of the mingled feelings its performance has engendered in the breasts of, yours musically"—[Signed by nearly 70 members].

The I.P.M. in making the present, after a few preliminary apologies for inability to do justice to the event, said: When I mention the name of the distinguished brother whom we propose to honour I am sure you will accord him that acclamation which is due to those whom we love and esteem. I may mention that we have geniuses in this lodge, and on different occasions we have shown our appreciation of their talents by making presents to them; but never have we recognised the musical genius. Being blessed with so many of them in this lodge, it would be an invidious task to select one alone out of the number to honour, did not that one stand prominent and pre-eminent in his peculiar forte. To furnish some slight recognition of

his extraordinary talent, a strong committee was formed, and I am happy to say that very many of the brethren generously responded, and we decided to present the hero of this toast with a beautifully illuminated address and a handsomely bound volume of music, and with them the love and esteem of the subscribers.

The address having been read by the I.P.M., the brother whose vocal abilities elicited the surprising and extraordinary outburst of appreciation expressed his thanks in a few brief sentences. He felt proud that any little musical "scena" which he attempted should be thus recognised, and on all occasions he would be pleased to give the same "great musical number" whenever it might be called into requisition. The Dramatic Lodge was famous for its after-dinner programmes, and if the presence of "Alonzo the Brave and the Fair Imogene" was welcome to the brethren they would frequently play a part in the feast and its subsequent pleasant meetings. The musical drama, he was sure, would never decay so long as this immortal piece had an existence.

The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—At the regular meeting of the brethren of the above lodge on the 9th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Ellison House, there was a large assembly of members and visitors, it being the annual meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Geo. Hardy, W.M. Prov. G.A.D. of C., assisted by Bros. Jas. McCulloch, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; S. Chadwick, S.W.; C. W. Newlands, J.W.; and other officers. After transacting the preliminary business the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Samuel Chadwick, S.W., was declared to be unanimously elected. Bro. McCulloch, P.M., was then re-elected unanimously as Treasurer, and Bro. J. Murray, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in love and concord, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, where "The Health of the W.M. Elect" was duly honoured, and an agreeable night spent.

ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when there were present Bros. General Cook, P.M.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Barker, Dr. Mullens, Capt. Symonds, Pemberton, Foster, Bendall, Burns, Colson, 723, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Captain Griffith, R.A., as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Bro. Captain Croisdale said he had received communication from each of the Secretaries of the Masonic Charitable Institutions inviting the services of brethren as Stewards for their respective Associations, and expressed the gratification and pleasure with which the name of any brother undertaking that office would be received. There could be no doubt all three of the Institutions were doing a good work, they were admirably managed, and they fully deserved their hearty support. There might be circumstances in the way of undertaking the duties of Charity Steward, but there was one thing he thought they might all do, and that was to join a Charitable Association, through the aid of which, supplemented by a small monthly subscription, they would ultimately become Life Subscribers or Life Governors of these noble Masonic Charities. In fact he was of opinion the time had now arrived for starting a Charitable Association Fund in connection with their lodge. He had already carefully considered the subject, and was prepared to submit rules and regulations for the due administration of such a fund, if they agreed with him that an association of this kind should be established. Bro. Capt. Croisdale then proceeded to give a brief epitome of his scheme, and said he would formally submit it for their approval at their next meeting.

It may be mentioned that all the brethren present expressed their concurrence, and therefore there is no doubt a Charitable Association in connection with the lodge will be successfully launched on the lines indicated by Bro. Capt. Croisdale, and we wish it every success.

After the transaction of other formal business the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards spent a pleasant hour together at the social board, discussing in a jovial and hearty manner what is sometimes facetiously called the Fourth Degree.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, there was a good attendance. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Davidson, W.M., assisted by his officers. Mr. Chas. Fairington, who had been previously balloted for, was initiated by the W.M., who also delivered the charge. After transacting other business the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, after which an enjoyable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge met at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 19th ult. Present: Bros. A. Ferrer, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; Sheppard, J.W.; A. Ferrer, S.D.; Parks, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Fenner, Woolveridge, Payne, Weeden, Dixie, Recknell, Williams, Cross, and Powell.

Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cross having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Dixie having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Dixie worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Sheppard, 1366, was elected a joining member. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

At the meeting on the 26th ult., there were present Bros. Liebman, W.M.; Gellen, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Woolveridge, S.D.; Payne, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Powell, acting Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Ashton, O'Donnell, Weeden, Leber, Hitterich, and Jones.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ashton having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of

initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Powell worked the third section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gellen was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed earlier than usual on account of it being the monthly meeting night of the Masonic Association.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).

The annual festival of this lodge took place at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, on Tuesday last. The lodge was opened in due form when there were present Bros. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. S., P.P.G.S.W. Middx., W.M.; Black, A.D.C. 1564, S.W.; Higerty, J.W., 1714, S.D. 1044, Sec., J.W.; Carter, P.M. 1044, Preceptor; Holland, P.M. 1044, Treas.; Knipier, S.W. 1044, S.D.; Ellis, J.D. 1044, J.D.; Cowley, I.G. 1044, I.G.; Boddy, P.M.; Morgan, P.M.; Spooner, P.M.; Marshall, Bate, Smith, Hurn, Lee, G. J. Jones, Harman, Bell, Fuller, Mason, Radclyffe, Cleaver, W. H. Jones, Wynne, Harcourt, Hardiman, Frost, Wyatt, and others. Visitors: Bros. Page, P.M.; Spooner, Smith, Gooden, Alciatore, Fagan, Gerholdt, Springett, and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree the following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Five Sections of the Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Knipier; Second, Bro. Higerty; Third, Bro. Carter; Fourth, Bro. Black; Fifth, Bro. Cowley. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gooden and Page were elected members of the lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren for working the sections, as was also one to the W.M. for presiding. The W.M. was then unanimously elected an honorary member, who in the course of his reply, stated that he was agreeably surprised to see the work so satisfactorily done by the brethren. The lodge was then closed in due form until Tuesday next.

The brethren then sat down to an excellent supper provided by the host, Bro. Barwell. After the cloth was removed the usual Masonic toasts followed, interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Cowley, Barnett, Smith, Frost, Carter, Marshall, and others. The brethren adjourned about midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. There were present Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; J. Laurence, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor, Treas.; D. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; F. Swain, S.D.; P. Chandler, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; H. Purdue, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974; J. Cruttenden, S. J. Humfress, W. Death, C. H. Wood, C. J. Brown, G. Dickinson, D. Stroud, A. Hardy, H. Robinson, C. R. Wickens, C. J. Craig, C. J. Morse, and J. M. Chapman. Visitors: Bros. C. Monticor-Williams, 1223, and Owen Hill, 755.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown being candidate. Bro. F. Swain, at the request of the W.M., then assumed the chair. Bro. Humfress was examined and entrusted, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. invested the officers after the lodge had been resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Mason then reassumed the chair. Bro. Read worked the Fourth Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for February 11th.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

A meeting of this lodge was held at The Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., on the 17th ult., when there were present Bro. J. Jacobs, W.M.; Fowles, S.W.; G. Coleman, J.W.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; J. Figgess, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Hyams, Delarue, Ball, Ford, W. C. Smith, and Mogford.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Delarue having offered himself as a candidate for initiation the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Hyams offering himself as a candidate for passing he was duly questioned, answered well and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Fowles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Bro. G. Coleman, one of the Auditors, read the report, from which it appears that during the year 32 meetings had been held, the lodge having a recess of four months, the number of members attending 363, and the number of new and joining members 20. The ceremony of initiation had been rehearsed 19 times, passing 13, raising 10, and installation 1; the First Lecture, with several of its Sections, had been worked 26 times, Second Lecture 12, and the Third Lecture 10. The lodge had been called off 12 times. From the books it appeared that after paying all expenses a fair balance remained in hand.

The report was unanimously confirmed. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. Reynolds, the Secretary, for the clear manner in which the minute book and accounts had been kept. Bro. W. H. Richardson, P.M., was again elected as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. Reynolds was re-elected Treasurer and Secretary, and both made suitable replies, assuring the members of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction they would do all in their power for its benefit.

On account of the illness of Bro. Kedgeley, which the brethren much regretted, his proposition of establishing a Charitable Fund in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was postponed until he was able to attend. The lodge was then closed.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).

At the weekly meeting held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., there were present Bros. Larchin, W.M.; Davies, Preceptor; Chorley, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Jennings, S.D.; Haynes, J.D.; Bolt, I.G.; Knights, Hubbard, Eldridge, Shackell, Hall, Fenner, A. Goode, Oldis, Moon, and Oxley. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the First Section of the Third Lecture was rehearsed by Bro. Fenner. Lodge resumed in Second Degree, and Bro. Moon having offered himself

as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge resumed in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner. Lodge resumed in the First Degree and Bro. Chorley having been elected as W.M. for the next meeting the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

COLNE.—Cana Chapter (No. 116).—The installation festival of this, one of the oldest chapters in England, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Swan Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult. In the absence through illness of Comp. Mason, M.E.Z., the chapter was opened by Comp. Bolland, Z. 126, as Z.; Comps. R. Nelson, P.Z. 126, as H.; and H. Booker-Carey, as J. There were also present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; James Townsend, S.E.; Thomas Varley, S.N.; George Townsend, P.S.; Edward Bird, 1st. Asst. Soj.; Hartley Waldon, 2nd Asst. Soj.; T. R. W. Hallam, James Smallpage, and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the S.E. read a communication from the Prov. G.S.E. stating that the Grand Superintendent had procured the return of the old charter dated 1769 from the Grand Chapter. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried with acclamation to Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Grand Superintendent, for his kind assistance in getting back the old warrant. The ballot was then taken for Comp. Leonard Baldwin Henderson as a joining member, and declared in his favour. Comp. Sillitoe then installed Comp. John Bolland, as Z. (by dispensation); H. Booker-Carey, as H.; and James Townsend, as J. The following officers were invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.: Comps. Thomas Varley, S.E.; George Townsend, S.N.; Edward Bird, P.S.; James Smallpage, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Walton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Hargreaves, Janitor. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Carey, in the name of the members of the chapter, presented to Comp. Sillitoe their first centenary jewel. In doing so, Comp. Carey spoke in very high terms of the services which Comp. Sillitoe had rendered to that chapter, and that he felt sure that the companions were proud to have him enrolled upon their list of members.

Comp. Sillitoe in thanking the members of the Cana Chapter for their valuable present referred to the unique position in which their M.E.Z. was placed, viz., that of presiding over two chapters which were constituted on the same day, and which he thought had pretty well established their claim to rank as the two oldest chapters in England.

A brother was proposed for exaltation and other routine business transacted, after which the chapter was duly closed.

The companions retired to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, "The Health of the Grand Supt., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," was enthusiastically drunk; afterwards the toast of "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed and cordially accepted.

Comp. Bolland in reply said that he justly felt proud of occupying the position pointed out by Comp. Sillitoe, and he thanked the companions of that chapter as well as the Nativity, Burnley, for having placed such confidence in him, which he hoped to repay by a strict attention to his duties in both chapters.

"The Health of the Second and Third Principals," "The Installing Principal," and other toasts were duly honoured. The meeting terminated at an early hour, as several of the companions had to leave by train.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The annual installation festival of this old chapter was held on the 17th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The chapter was opened by Comps. W. Dumville, M.E.Z.; W. W. Davison, H.; and A. R. Whittaker, J. There were also present Comps. John Roberts, P.Z.; J. C. Hind, P.Z.; Elias Nathan, P.Z.; J. Sallon, P.Z.; T. J. Hooper, P.Z.; John Brocklehurst, P.Z.; J. Sudren, P.Z.; C. J. Schofield, S.E.; Henry Paulden, P.S.; Ishmael Davies, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. A. Eldershaw, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Hartley, Treas.; H. B. Taylor, W. Byway, James Andrew, H. R. Slatter, J. Lewtas, C. S. Allott, Charles Swinn, W. Wills, S. H. Needham, John Cliffe, Thomas Middleton, P. Jackson, W. Appleby, J. Boylan, F. Griffin, Richard Barlow, C. Wren, E. C. Locke, Robert Leech, and Jas. Sly, Janitor. The visitors present were Comps. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.Z. 62, Prov. G.H.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 116, 645, 1387, Prov. G.J.; John Chadwick, P.Z. 152, Prov. G.S.E.; Thomas H. Glendinning, P.Z. 1055, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Major H. L. Rocca, Z. 815; W. R. Souter, H. 815; J. L. Aspland, Z. 1055; J. Warburton, S.E. 1375; F. A. Huet, J. 645; P. W. Lean, 325; J. S. Richardson, P.Z. 581; J. H. Greenwood, 1406; J. Squirrell, 1387; and W. Cartwright, 1235.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Samuel Lawton, 204, was balloted for and elected and afterwards exalted by the M.E.Z. in a very able manner. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe then installed Comp. Dawson in the chair of Z.; A. R. Whittaker, as H.; and C. J. Schofield, as J.; also investing the following officers; Comps. W. Byway, S.E.; Ishmael Davies, S.N.; H. Paulden, P.S.; R. Eldershaw, 1st Asst. Soj.; John Cliffe, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Richard Hartley, Treas. (17th year); John Roberts, P.Z., D.C.; and James Sly, Janitor.

After some ordinary routine business had been disposed of the chapter was closed in solemn form. The companions adjourned to a substantial banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been suitably honoured, "The Healths of the 2nd Prov. Grand Principal, Comp. Royds, and the 3rd Prov. Grand Principal, Comp. Sillitoe, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that they were all pleased to see Comp. Royds, who on that occasion represented the Grand Chapter of England as a Past Grand Officer, as well as their own province. As to Comp. Sillitoe he scarcely knew how to thank him for the services he had rendered to that chapter. He (Comp. Dawson) felt sure that every companion who had been permitted to be present during the whole of the ceremony that evening would agree with him that it had been a great treat to witness the very able manner in which that ceremony had been performed by Comp. Sillitoe.

They were also proud to have amongst them their esteemed friend, Comp. John Chadwick, the Prov. Grand S.E., to whom they were all deeply indebted for his uniform kindness and courtesy.

This toast having met with a very hearty reception, Comps. Royds and Sillitoe responded briefly, having to leave by train. Comp. Sillitoe assured the M.E.Z. and companions that he was always ready to assist in promoting the interests of Freemasonry as far as he possibly could, and as an earnest of this he stated that during the last year he had performed the installation ceremony in no less than 24 chapters and four lodges in their own and neighbouring provinces, and that he had travelled nearly 1200 miles by railway in order to perform those ceremonies.

The toasts of "The Newly Installed Principals," "The Newly Invested Officers," "The Visiting Companions," and others followed, the pleasure of the evening being enhanced by the vocal efforts of several members of the chapter.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).—The quarterly meeting of the companions of the above chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was an exceptionally large attendance of members and visitors from Sunderland. The chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. J. T. Wilson, Z.; E. Comps. J. S. Wilson, P.Z., P.G.J.; and J. Whitter, as H. The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for three candidates for exaltation, who were declared duly elected. Each candidate was properly prepared and exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the three Principals named, assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Turnbull, Sunderland, who gave one of the obligations, Comps. J. A. Hall officiating as P.S., and J. H. Thompson, as N.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the refreshment room where M.E. Comp. J. T. Wilson presided and proposed the usual toasts.

ALDERSHOT.—Panmure Chapter (No. 723).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. Benham, Z.; Askham, H., Z. elect; Pomeroy, J.; Glasspool, P.S.; Hacker, P.Z., &c., as S.E.; Tozer, as S.N.; Smith, and others. Visitors: Comps. Capt. Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., &c.; Hall, H. 1331. The chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Frozer, which proving unanimous, he was after due preparation exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. Capt. Croisdale then took the chair, when Comps. Askham, Pomeroy, and Glasspool were severally presented and installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J., the whole of these long and interesting ceremonies being performed with marked and characteristic ability. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Croisdale for the truly Masonic treat he had given the members of the chapter in the ceremony of installation. Propositions for exaltation at the next meeting were given, also notice of motion by Comp. Glasspool for a grant from the chapter funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

There being no other chapter business to transact, it was closed in solemn form and the companions adjourned to dinner. It is almost needless to add that the usual Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and under the gavel of the newly-installed Z., Comp. Askham, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place on the 17th ult., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, under the presidency of M.E. Comps. Capt. Eugene Sweny, as Z.; H. Mason, as H.; and R. Edmunds, as J. Amongst the companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; H. J. Butter, P.Z., Scribe E., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z.; W. Myers, P.Z. and P.Z. 820; W. Musto, P.Z. and P.Z. 248, W.S.; W. Rees, S.N.; E. B. Hobson, P.S.; J. H. Roberts, 1st Asst. S.; A. H. Letton, 2nd Asst S.; Dr. C. T. Godwin, R. Hewitson, H. Wilson, G. Frost, D. Campbell, E. Palmer, W. Harris, T. R. Richardson, H. De Grey, C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others.

After the usual routine business had been concluded successful ballots were taken for Bros. C. Lawson, 913, and Dr. Botterell, 706, and the first named being present he was, with Bro. Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706, who had previously passed the ballot, exalted to the Supreme Degree. Bro. Larder, Tyler of the Pattison Lodge, was also exalted for the purpose of being posted as Janitor of the chapter, vice Mabbett, deceased. The whole of the sublime ceremony was carried out fairly well by the first Principals, considering it was the first effort since their installation. Comps. Campbell and Wilson having both expressed their intention to stand as Stewards for one or other of the charities, it was decided that five guineas should be given from the chapter funds to one of their lists (which one to be decided by mutual arrangement).

The chapter was then closed and the brethren sat down to supper, after which the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were honoured.

In response to the toast proposed in honour of the Officers of the Province, Comp. Butter confessed that he felt proud of the position of a Grand Officer, although a Past one. Referring to the exaltation of two companions that night, he said the chapter was greatly strengthened by the introduction of such excellent Masons as had that night joined them. He congratulated the M.E.Z. and his officers on the excellent work done that night, and resumed his seat amid applause.

In responding for the toast of his health, the M.E.Z. rejoiced that he had given them satisfaction in his efforts to carry out the ritual, although he felt while doing it as if he was undergoing a sort of competitive examination before a body of skilled, although not severe, critics and judges. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the H. and J." Comps. Mason, H., and Edmunds, J., having responded, "The Exaltees" were honoured, and in response Comp. Clarke expressed his pleasure at having been admitted a member of the chapter.

The whole of the proceedings, which were concluded by the Janitor's toast, were exceedingly interesting and pleasurable.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—On Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., the annual meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., when Comp. John Pemberton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., and Treas., acting as installing officer, duly installed Comp. N. Robertson as Z., S. Schönstadt as H., and Henry A. Tobias as J. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. R. Ripley, S.E.; John Davies, S.N.; Philip S. Levy, P.S. (who appointed as his Assistants Comps. Cook and White); and Comp. Peter Ball, Janitor. Bro. Evan J. Callow, 1094, was duly exalted by the M.E.Z. in a most impressive and efficient manner. Comp. Pemberton then presented a P.Z. jewel on behalf of the Chapter to Comp. R. B. Burgess, I.P.Z., in recognition of his services, the presentation being suitably acknowledged. The companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, where supper was provided by Comp. Casey, and a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent. The visitors present were Comps. A. D. Hesketh, Z. 1356; F. J. Bailey, Prov. G.J.; Henry Mathews, J. 220; T. Webster, P.Z. 823; J. M. King, P.S. 823; Maurice Hart, P.Z. 1502 and P.G.S.; Archer, P.S. 1502; and others. The usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, when the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed. Present: Comps. Maidwell, Z.; Webb, H.; J. S. Fraser, J.; Bell, S.N.; Brown, S.E. and Preceptor; Powell, P.S.; and Child, candidate; also Roberts, Smart, H. Thompson, Catterson, Lilley, Daniel, Allen, Abel, and Levy. The different officers were well up to their work, and the way in which the ceremony was gone through left little to be desired. The following were elected for the next two meetings: Comps. Webb, Z.; Fraser, H.; Smart, J.; Powell, S.N.; Bell, P.S.; and Powell, Janitor. On the first Tuesday in March, at half-past five o'clock, Comp. Brown will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals, when it is hoped that a good number of Installed Principals will be present. Newly exalted Royal Arch Masons desirous of making progress in this Supreme Degree cannot do better than attend the meetings of this Chapter of Improvement, as a talented Preceptor is always in attendance to render them every assistance and instruction.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. H. Goodall, P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; R. Lawson, S.W., W.M. elect; Harris, S.O.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.W. Middx. and Surrey, Sec.; Sims, I.G.; John Mason, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Alfred Tisley, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M., Hon. Member; and Potter, Tyler, Bro. Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec. was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The installation of Bro. R. Lawson into the chair was then proceeded with, and was well carried out by the W.M. with the assistance of Bros. Tisley as S.W., Don. M. Dewar as J.W., T. Poore as D.C., and J. Mason as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Willis, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Skinner, M.O.; Taylor, S.O.; Rickwood, J.O.; Sims, S.D.; Baldwin, Treas.; Walls, Sec. and R. of M.; Potter, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It having been reported that Bro. Baldwin had been unwell for some time past, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence on the part of the lodge be sent by the Secretary to him. Bro. Don. M. Dewar was elected an Honorary Member, "for services rendered to the lodge." Previously to the lodge being closed, the W.M. gave a notice of motion, that in future the lodge meetings be held on the last Thursday in the months of January, April, and November, instead of the fourth Friday as heretofore.

The members then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bros. Dewar, Walls, and Poore returned thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Mason and Goodall for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Lawson in reply expressed his gratitude to the brethren for electing him as W.M., and he hoped that their confidence would not be misplaced. He had every reason to believe that his year of office would be in every way a prosperous one.

"The Installing Officer" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. congratulated Bro. Goodall upon the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. At the conclusion of his speech he presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Goodall having acknowledged the compliment in fitting terms, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. This toast was responded to by Bros. Mason, Walls, and Tisley.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Harris and Sims, who responded, brought the proceedings to a termination.

NEWBURY.—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—This lodge met at the Temperance Hall, on the 18th ult. Bro. Edmund S. Mackrill, Craft Lodge 1478, was first advanced to the Mark Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Bance, P.M. Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn, the S.W. and W.M. elect, was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months by the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Chas. Stephens, of Reading, High Sheriff of Berks for 1884, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. H. Lyon, M.D., I.P.M.; Head, S.W.; Plenty, J.W.; Stephen Knight, M.O.; Montagu Palmer, S.O.; G. Boyer, J.O.; Head, Treas.; Maychurch, Sec.; Walter Graham, Reg. of Mks.; E. S. Mackrill, Org.; W. T. Toms, S.D.; S. G. Hunt, J.D.; Bance, D.C.; Hamlen, I.G.; and Dodd, Tyler. The thanks of the brethren were presented to the D.P.G.M. for having visited the lodge and installed the W.M., and also to Bros. E. Margrett and S. Bradley, for the assistance they had rendered in carrying out the ceremonies. The W.M. read letters he had received from a number of

distinguished Mark Masons, expressing their regret that previous engagements prevented their attendance, and wishing the Worshipful Master and the lodge a happy and prosperous year of office, the writers including Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.; the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec.; T. J. Pulley, Prov. G. Sec.; and the W.Ms. of other Mark Lodges in the Province, and other brethren.

The lodge business, which occupied upwards of two hours, having terminated, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel and partook of a banquet served in a most satisfactory style by Bro. Hamlen. The tables were adorned with a profuse display of the choicest flowers, and the room had been tastefully decorated with evergreens, flowers, and Masonic emblems. There were present, in addition to the brethren named, Bro. F. G. Hall (who has been a member of the Porchester Lodge since the date of its consecration in 1858, and whose health was drunk in connection with the toast of "The Founders of the Lodge"), Bro. G. M. Knight, P.M., and others. The customary loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Some capital songs were well rendered, and the company separated shortly before eleven o'clock, having spent a most pleasant evening.

ALDERSHOT.—Military Lodge (No. 54).—This lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. Capt. Croisdale, W.M., P.G.S.D.; Hacker, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Harrison, M.O.; Gee, S.O.; Taylor, S.D.; Bendall, J.D.; Adnett, Org.; Phillips, Campbell, Weibkin, Hill, Cox, Burns, and others.

The lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and Bros. Liddle, Robertson, and Pardoe were balloted for and approved, and being in attendance were advanced to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very effective manner, the lecture expounding the history of the degree being delivered in a way that elicited the high encomiums of the brethren present, and proving a real Masonic treat. After the transaction of other formal business the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

There appears to be every chance of this lodge making good progress during the current year, there being six candidates for advancement at the next regular lodge meeting.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 16th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; Fisher, S.W.; Handel, J.W., W.M. elect; Briggs, S.O.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., Sec.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S. of W. Middx.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G., Hon. Member; and others. Visitor: Bro. F. Walters, P.G.I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. Henry Higgins, P.M. 1381, and C. H. Köhler, P.M. 1381, and it proving to be unanimous, those brethren were duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Handel into the chair of A. was also performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Walters as S.W., W. Hammond as J.W., T. Poore as D.C., and E. Hopwood as I.G. The officers invested were Bros. Fisher, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Briggs, M.O.; Frampton, S.O.; H. Higgins, J.O.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec. and Registrar of Marks; Köhler, S.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. The other appointments stood over. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. T. Poore for his services as D.C., and a similar compliment passed to Bro. Walls, as Installing Master.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given. Bros. Poore and Hammond responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Walls for "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and warmly received. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Advances." Bros. Higgins and Köhler having responded, the toast of "The Visitor" was acknowledged by Bro. F. Walters. The W.M. having given "The Past Masters," Bros. Walls and Hammond acknowledged the compliment. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Fisher and Briggs, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The annual meeting of the above lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, was held on the 16th ult., Bro. B. Craig, W.M., Prov. G.D.C., presiding. On the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. Dickson was advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., G.A.D.C., assumed the chair, and Bro. Richard Wilson, W.M. elect, Prov. G. Swd. Br., was presented and installed, and afterwards appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Geo. Lowden, S.W.; Jas. Routledge, J.W.; C. Gowan, M.O.; W. J. Harvey, S.O.; W. Swain, J.O.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; F. T. Allatt, Sec. and Reg.; David Bell, S.D.; J. McMullin, J.D.; J. Bewley, I.G.; and John Johnston, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. Craig. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Wm. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Lewthwaite, W.M. 229, Prov. G. Std. Br.; James Peel, and others. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, and the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT.—This old preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 11th ult. Among those present were Sir Kts. Dr. Sanders, E.C.; Alfred Williams, Prelate; R. Berridge, 1st Captain; F. W. Driver, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Reg.; G. Graveley, Expert; F. J. Stohwasser, 1st Herald; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; T. Wood, W. J. Freer, J. D. Harris, J. H. Dodson, Alfred Tisley, and E. F. Storr. The visitors were Sir Kts. C. F. Matier, Capt. Charles Hunter, H. Lovegrove, and C. B. Woodhouse.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Sir Kt. C. Driver, P.E.C., by permission of the E.C. assumed the chair and installed Sir Kt.

Berridge as Eminent Commander for the year ensuing. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Sir Kts. Berridge, E.C.; C. Sanders, M.D., Prelate; F. W. Driver, 1st Captain; G. Graveley, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Reg.; J. B. Glenn, Expert; J. H. Dodson, Capt. of G.; A. Tisley, 1st Std. Br.; F. J. Stohwasser, 2nd Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Herald; J. Andrews, 2nd Herald; T. Wood, D.C.; and J. Rawies, Equerry. The E.C. then presented the I.P.E.C. with a jewel in recognition of his services. Sir Kt. Dr. Sanders having expressed his acknowledgments the encampment was closed.

The sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where they partook of a well-served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Sir Knight C. Driver acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the E.C." was given in warm and flattering terms by the I.P.E.C. Sir Knight Berridge having replied then gave "The Visitors." The toast was acknowledged at length by Sir Knights Matier, Hunter, and Lovegrove. "The P.E. Commanders" was coupled with the names of Sir Knights Sanders and C. Driver, who replied. "The Treasurer and Registrar," with the names of Sir Knights Paas and Dewar, and "The Officers" were responded to by Sir Knight F. Driver. The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable and successful, then terminated.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Preceptory (No. 114).—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the preceptory being opened in due form in the presence of Sir Knights R. Wilson, E.P.; John Barker, Constable; J. W. Fourners, as Marshal; P. R. Tomlinson, as Sub-Marshal; R. W. Moore, Prelate; J. D. Kay, Prov. Sub-Prior, Treas.; H. L. Green, Prov. Vice-Chancellor, Recorder; John Scott, C. of G.; W. F. Smithson, S.; C. L. Mason, P. Prov. Sub-Prior; W. J. Beck, P. Prov. Treas.; and Gibson. Visitor: Sir Knt. J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor, Faith Preceptory, No. 13, Bradford.

The minutes of the last regular preceptory having been read and confirmed, Sir Knts. C. L. Mason, P. Prov. Sub-Prior, and W. F. Smithson, P. Prov. Vice-Chancellor, presented Sir Knt. John Barker, E.P. elect, for installation. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Sir Knt. R. Wilson. The newly installed E.P. having been saluted, appointed the following officers: Sir Knts. W. C. Lukis (by deputy), Constable; J. W. Fourners, Marshal; R. W. Moore, Sub-Marshal; John Scott, Prelate; J. D. Kay, Prov. Sub-Prior, elected Treas.; H. L. Green, Recorder; E. T. Clark (by deputy), 1st Std. Br.; P. R. Tomlinson, 2nd Std. Br.; Jos. Quarterman (by deputy), C. of G. Letters of apology were read from various sir knights, after which the preceptory was closed in due form, and the sir knights adjourned to a slight refreshment. The whole of the day had been very wild and boisterous, and it was a source of great gratification to the newly installed E.P. to be so well supported under such circumstances.

PRESENTATION TO A NORTHAMPTON BROTHER.

Bro. Hamilton W. Parker, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 360, and P. Treas. 1764, having recently left Northampton to take up his residence at Lowestoft, many of the local brethren felt that he ought not to be allowed to leave the neighbourhood without some tangible token of the regard in which he is generally held. A committee was formed, and it was decided that the testimonial should take the form of a Past Treasurer's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription and accompanied by an illuminated address. Bro. George Eillard kindly undertook the duties of secretary of the committee; and the necessary funds were speedily obtained. The jewel, an exquisite work of art, bears on the crossbar the words "Eleanor Cross" and on the face of the ribbon the lodge's emblem—a beautifully enamelled representation of the Eleanor Cross itself, one of the finest architectural and historical memorials of the county. It has also a Past Master's emblem appended, the whole forming in design and execution, a beautifully artistic expression of Masonic regard. The address, which bore the signatures of the Committee, is beautifully written on vellum and most tastefully illuminated, and altogether, artistically, an admirable piece of work. The wording is set in a unique border of blue, and the four corners are adorned by skillfully executed emblems as follows: 1. The Founders' Jewel of Eleanor's Cross, 1764; 2. The Royal Arch Jewel; 3. The Past Treasurer's Jewel; and 4. The Provincial Grand Deacon's Jewel. At the head of the address, in heraldic colouring and enclosed in a circlet of blue, are the Pomfret arms—the arms of the lodge of which Bro. Parker is a P.M.—and from this design depends the P.M.'s jewel. Owing to the distance which separates Lowestoft from Northampton, and the circuitous character of the railway communication, it was felt it would too much to ask Bro. Parker to come to Northampton to receive the grateful tokens of his brother Masons' regard. Bro. Hodgson, the W.M. of the Lodge of Unity, Lowestoft, kindly consented to make the presentation on behalf of the Northampton brethren, and he very graciously performed this duty at the last lodge meeting. It was, he said, a source of great pleasure to him to be entrusted with such a duty on behalf of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and he discharged it with the utmost satisfaction. The incident formed a most agreeable and interesting break in the ordinary business of the Unity Lodge meeting; and both jewel and address were greatly admired by the brethren. Bro. Parker very heartily expressed his acknowledgments, and has sent his warm thanks to the Northampton brethren for their generous appreciation of his services to Masonry.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES CAMPION.

Many Masons and a large circle of private friends in West Lancashire will hear with sincere regret of the death of Bro. Charles Campion, which took place at his residence, the Edge Lane Hotel, Edge-lane, Liverpool, early on Monday morning, the 21st ult., in the 55th year of his age. The deceased was during his lifetime greatly respected by many brethren, and his membership of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, which extended over several years, was one of great popularity and value. The

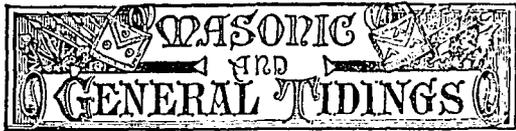
remains were interred at Smithdown-lane Cemetery, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The coffin was covered with sprigs of acacia and several beautiful wreaths. Although the weather was exceedingly stormy, upwards of fifty friends were present at the funeral. Amongst these were Bro. W. Campion, and Mr. C. Campion (sons), Messrs. T. Lovelady and H. Bishop, Bro. Jonah Wilner, Messrs. T. Campion, H. Campion, E. Ruddin, C. Dodd, and Tate, Bro. W. Hawksworth, Mr. W. Anderton, Bro. J. G. Bales, Messrs. A. Robinson, E. Jacob, A. Abell, H. Mason, and John Roberts, Bros. W. Matthews, C. Copeman, Kitchingman, and A. Woolrich.

BRO. FRANCIS RAWLING.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Francis Rawling, who expired in his fifty-sixth year early on the morning of the 21st ult., at York, after having undergone a painful operation, which he survived several days with every hope of recovery. The deceased was a highly-respected member of the City Council, and a builder by trade. He was admitted a member of the York Lodge in February, 1867. Between then and 1876 he held various offices, and in the latter year he was elevated to the position of W.M. He was likewise a Royal Arch Mason, and belonged to the Zetland Chapter, which is attached to the York Lodge, but he did not fill many offices in the Royal Arch. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, acting as Treasurer for the York District, and he figured prominently in connection with the York Medical Aid Association.



The theatre adjoining our premises, known first as the Novelty and then as the Folies Dramatiques, has again opened under its original title, under the management of Miss Nelly Harris (Mrs. Sedger) and we hope will now prove a source of profit. If one may judge from the opening drama a bright future is before the comfortable little house. "The New Magdalen" by Wilkie Collins, played some 10 years since at the Olympic, has been wisely chosen with the three principals of the original company playing in it, viz., Miss Ada Cavendish, Miss Le Thiere, and Mr. Frank Archer. As the house has been so unfortunate heretofore it was good policy of the new lessee not to venture on a new play, but to reproduce a popular drama with a first rate company to play it. Since it was given at the Olympic quite a new generation has sprung up to whom it is fresh. "The New Magdalen" is a most ingenious and powerful drama. We will give a brief outline of the story. The first scene takes place on the frontier during the Franco Prussian War of 1870. Mercy Merrick is a sister of mercy, sent out to nurse the wounded soldiers. Her life has at one time been a sad one, but she is penitent. To the cottage in which she is comes an English girl who is trying to get to England. Mercy Merrick tells Grace Roseberry the story of her past life, but without mentioning her name, and asks the young lady if she would have anything to do with such a woman. Grace replies yes, and is about taking Mercy's hand when the Magdalen bids her stay for she is the woman whose tale she has related. Grace Roseberry at once shuns her, as unfortunately do most of her sex when it comes to the practical test. Many feel that though she is now penitent yet the world look down on her, and in a few minutes a stray bullet comes through the window and wounds Grace Roseberry in the head. She is given up for dead. The thought strikes Mercy Merrick that an opportunity has occurred for her to retrieve the past, by taking Grace Roseberry's name. Who is to know? Miss Roseberry was on her way to England to live with a relative of her father whom she has never seen. There is not a moment to lose to decide. With Grace Roseberry dead what harm can there be in impersonating her. She puts on Miss Roseberry's clothes, takes from her pocket certain papers, gets a pass through the lines, is received by Lady Janet Roy as her relative, is loved by her and loves in return. Lady Janet's nephew, Horace Holmcraft, falls in love with her and wishes to marry her. But after she left the seat of war a certain skilled German doctor finds Miss Roseberry is not mortally wounded. She recovers, finds how she has been deceived and cannot get Lady Janet Roy to receive her as her niece. Grace becomes vindictive, naturally, and through a clergyman, Mr. Julian Grey, Mercy Merrick acknowledges the fraud and states who and what she is and has been. Holmcraft now shuns her, but Julian Grey, a noble specimen of his profession—would there were more like him for the sake of the world—has all along seen that she is bitterly sorry for the past and loves her and of course marries her in the end. Grace Roseberry is placed in her proper position, though she never wins the affection of Lady Janet. The grandest scene of all is that in which the two women confront one another. Mercy Merrick has the support of Lady Janet, and threatens to have Grace Roseberry taken away as a lunatic, for Lady Janet looks on her as an imposter, but no sooner has she given the order to have her removed than her better nature comes to her aid, and as swiftly she countermands it, and confesses the deceit she has been practising. We never saw Miss Ada Cavendish act more feelingly. It can be only the result of hard study. The pathos displayed by her here effectually won the hearts of her audience, and all the applause given was richly deserved. Miss Louise Willes, who plays Grace Roseberry, renders the character with great efficiency. Of course she is vindictive and unforgiving. This lady also we do not remember to have seen to such perfection in any other of her characters. It is a difficult part to play, and Miss Louise Willes plays it well. Miss Le Thiere is chiefly remarkable for her dignified bearing and commanding presence. Mr. Archer wins the hearts of his audience by his sympathy with the erring penitent, whom no one will hold out a hand to when they know her history. But he has in his heart all that is noble and forgiving, and says in effect, "Who made me a judge." We cannot quite admire some of the platitudes he utters as to his independence of all authority over him. The breathless attention which was given on the first night to this remarkable story and its acting proves the deep interest the public take in the drama, and altogether it looks as if palmy days are in store for the Novelty.



Lord and Lady Carnarvon left England for Italy on Monday.

Bro. Major Campbell, City Marshal, was invested as J.W. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, at the installation meeting on the 21st ult.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn is so much better that it is hoped he will shortly be in a condition to be removed into the country.

The Duke of Albany has signified his intention, if his engagements will permit, of being present at the bachelors' ball at Dorking on Tuesday next.

Bro. Sir Joseph Devereux, the late Mayor of Windsor, has been honoured by the King of the Belgians with the Order of King Leopold. Sir Joseph, it will be remembered, was knighted a few months ago by the Queen.

Bro. Deputy McKinlay will in all probability resign the chairmanship of the City of London Union, owing to his numerous business engagements making it exceedingly difficult for him to fulfil the duties to his satisfaction.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., has been elected Chairman of the Committee of Management of the City of London Freemasons' Orphan School. This Committee has also the care of the Corporations' Almshouses, situated at Brixton, for decayed citizens.

In our report last week of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, we printed the name of the brother who presented the Warden's columns as Brown. The donor was Bro. Bonnor, a member of the mother lodge. We regret the error, the more so as the columns were specially made for the lodge, and are beautiful specimens of carving.

On Tuesday evening, Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearsed the ceremony of installation at the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill. There was a good attendance of brethren, who thoroughly enjoyed the admirable working of Bro. Terry.

The French papers call upon the Quebec M.P.s. to vote down the proposed bill legalizing the Masonic lodges in that province. . . . The Craft in Quebec is in good shape, with the exception of the city of Montreal. A little energetic action by the Grand Officers resident in that city would have a wholesome effect and be the means of elevating the tone of Freemasonry in that hot-bed of Popery.—*The (Toronto) Freeman*.

A remarkable instance of munificence has been found in the will of Mrs. R. B. Dodson, of Beardwood, whose death occurred a fortnight since, and who has bequeathed £10,000 to the Blackburn Grammar School, £10,000 to the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, £10,000 to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles, at Lancaster, £5000 to the Manchester Infirmary, £5000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and £500 to the Gardeners' Benevolent Institution. Besides these bequests she recently signed a deed of gift transferring to the authorities of the borough a collection of oil paintings and water-colour drawings, roughly valued at £10,000 or £12,000, for the public museum.

The Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich, has subscribed £5 to a fund which is being raised for the assistance of the widows and children of two seamen, named Cross and Cattermole, who lost their lives while attempting to rescue the crew of a vessel showing signs of distress off Clacton, the place where the Albert Edward, the Freemasons' lifeboat, is stationed. James Cross, the coxswain of the boat, was in the employ of Mr. W. Wrench Towse, hon. secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. He had been out in the lifeboat 33 times, and assisted in saving the lives of 116 persons. He leaves a widow and six children, who have already been generously relieved from any pecuniary want by Mr. and Mrs. Towse and other friends.

Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 554, 141, 1159, &c., whose active and valuable services will be remembered in connection with the British section of the International Exhibition at Amsterdam last year, was entertained by the English exhibitors at a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening. The chair was occupied by Bro. Alderman De Keyser, who, in company with Bro. Alderman Savory, represented the City at the exhibition, making a special journey to Amsterdam for the purpose. The company included Bro. Ald. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., and a number of influential citizens. After the customary toasts the Chairman gave that of the guest, Bro. Simmonds, and in doing so alluded to the many talents he possessed; in fact he said he had tried hard to find one in which his friend did not excel, but he had not succeeded. In his busy life nothing had been too wise, nothing too great, nothing too minute for him. His services had been recognised before. In 1862 he received a vote of thanks signed by men whose names were now household words—Sir C. Darling, Sir Redmond Barry, Sir Daniel Cooper, and many others, for valuable services rendered during the Exhibition of 1862, and they then had to acknowledge the great services he had rendered them at the Amsterdam Exhibition. Their friend had done his duty and they desired to acknowledge it. They asked Bro. Simmonds to allow them to hand him a cheque for £651. Bro. Simmonds in response expressed his thanks in an able speech, in which he gave some interesting particulars of the late exhibition. Other toasts and speeches followed, and an admirable selection of music was performed during the evening.

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Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey delivered a lecture before a large audience in the Public Hall at Hastings on Monday night on his recent voyage in the Sunbeam.

Comp. R. Hartley was invested for the seventeenth year as Treasurer of the Caledonian Chapter at Manchester on the 17th ult.

Sixty-two lodges in California have two hundred and fifteen widows and three hundred and sixty-six orphans dependent upon them.

The present year being the five hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wycliffe, it is proposed that a monument should be erected to his memory at Lutterworth, and a site has been secured for the purpose.

Madame Patti will leave America for England in May. She has, it is said, been offered the enormous salary of £1000 per night to sing at a limited number of concerts in London.

The second of a series of smoking concerts in aid of the Rahere Almoners' Society was given on Monday evening at the Manchester Hotel. The Prior, Bro. A. C. Morton, occupied the chair, and was supported by a large number of the council and visitors.

The Hamilton Chapter, of Rochester, is the largest body of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York. It has 570 members, and since its organization, in 1846, nearly 1000 companions have been exalted. Thirty-two were added to the membership during the year just closed.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented, on the occasion of his approaching visit with the Princess of Wales to Redhill, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's, to perform the ceremony with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Lord Wolseley writes as follows in answer to a correspondent: "I fixed the rations to be issued to the troops during the Red River expedition according to the scale of diet given to the lumbermen in the backwoods of Canada. I knew from experience how hard these lumbermen worked, and how well they thrived without any intoxicating beverage."

The rate of exchange for the adjustment of Indian pay and allowances of officers, and of retrenchments, family remittances, and message-money claims (which is annually fixed by the Secretary of State for India in Council in communication with the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury) will be 1s. 7½d. the rupee for the official year commencing the 1st April, 1884, and ending the 31st March, 1885.—*Broad Arrow*.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, Jan. 28th:—Old King's Arms Lodge, Robert Burns Chapter, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, National Peristerion Society. Wednesday, 30th:—Fore-street Ball, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers. Thursday, 31st:—Covent Garden Lifeboat Ball. Friday, Feb. 1st:—Eskdale and Liddesdale Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, Sette of Old Volumes, Thistle Lodge Mark Masters. Saturday, 2nd:—Phoenix Chapter.

Our very worthy contemporary, the *New Zealand Freeman*, would seem to have been slightly out of sorts about the month of November last. Had its editorial sanctum been located in the metropolis of the old country, we should have attributed its spasm of discontent to the fog which commonly prevails there during that gloomiest of months. It appears, however, that we have been the unconscious cause; and that its mental disquiet was owing to our non-acknowledgment of some article we are alleged to have extracted from its columns. We fully appreciate the tenderness on this point of our respected brother. As a rule, so scrupulous are we in the observance of this courtesy, that on one occasion we gave a contemporary credit for what originally appeared in our columns. We are the more grieved, therefore, if we have been guilty of an oversight in the case alleged against us. There is this perhaps to be said in extenuation of our fault—if fault we have committed—that we cannot call to mind a single article for which we have been indebted to our contemporary either during the three or four months preceding last November or at any other time. Therefore if we have been in any respect discourteous, we have been, as stated already, so quite unconsciously.

The report of the Select Standing Committee of the Canadian Parliament on Emigration and Colonisation for the Session of 1883 states that the immigrant settlers in Canada in 1882 numbered 112,458, while in 1881, considered a satisfactory year, the total only reached 47,991. Property and effects valued at no less than 10,000,000 dols. were taken to the country by settlers and investors. The emigration from the United States to Canada, as proved by the registration of arrivals with entries of settlers' goods at the Custom Houses in 1882, numbered 30,554 as against 15,404 in 1881; thus showing a satisfactory increase; while with reference to the alleged exodus from Canada to the United States, the investigations made most effectually dispose of the statements put forward by the Washington Bureau of Statistics. Dr. Dawson, in his evidence, says that the coal of British Columbia is superior to that found elsewhere on the Pacific Coast, and this assertion has been substantiated by the tests made by the United States War Department. He also pointed out the existence of valuable iron ore in close proximity to the coal measures. Dr. Bell, who has spent six seasons in examining the shores of the Hudson Bay and the adjacent country, is of opinion that there is a large tract to the southward and westward of James's Bay which will be available for agricultural purposes, and states that the Albany, Hayes, and Nelson rivers, all flowing into Hudson Bay, are open each year for six months, these statements being based upon fifty years' record. Dr. Bell says that iron ore has been found on the east coast of the bay and on the islands northward from Cape Jones, and that coal is said to exist on Long Island. He still adheres to the possibility of navigating Hudson Bay, and points out the important part it would play in the development of the North West Territory.

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Bro. E. Bams was invested as Treasurer for the 18th year in succession at the installation meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, on the 22nd ult.

The value of diamonds exported from Kimberly, according to the export returns for the year 1883, is £2,742,400 sterling.

The health of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore is giving considerable anxiety to his friends. The attack of bronchitis with which he was visited a week ago has just returned with more disquieting symptoms.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, W.M. 1949, has nominated and given 100 votes for the case of Edith W. M. Taylor (a daughter of the late Mr. Taylor, a well-known election agent in the City), a candidate for admission to the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead. The case is strongly recommended by three Aldermen and several Common Councilmen.

Mrs. Noble, the lady who gave £1000 towards establishing a lifeboat at Llanaelhaearn, a dangerous point of the Welsh coast, has sent £32 to be distributed among the sixteen men who manned the craft on its first attempt to rescue the crew of a distressed vessel during the recent terrific gales. The National Lifeboat Institution has also sent a large sum to be divided.

The public installation "craze" seems to be prevalent among the lodges of New York at the present time. We learn, from the *N. Y. Dispatch* of January 6th, that at the "entertainment" of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, on December 26th ult., "Miss Berg, the well-known soprano, never seemed in better voice. Signor Sencioni, the comic baritone, never seemed so mirth-provoking, and even Mr. Burdette out-did himself." Indeed! And all this occurred in a Masonic lodge! And further on we read: "St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, is sparing no trouble to make the public installation ceremonies (to be held in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, on January 15th, at 2.30 p.m.) one of the great Masonic events of the year." "Masonic," forsooth! May we not fairly judge, from the preceding installation, mentioned above, that it will, rather, be one of the "low-comedy" events of the year? The installation of lodge officers is a strictly Masonic ceremony, that no profane has any right to gaze upon.—*Keystone*.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-St., Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. John Pemberton, Chairman of Committee. There was a numerous attendance of members of the various lodges. The House Committee's minutes for the past quarter were read by Bro. J. T. Callow, Secretary, and unanimously adopted. The accounts of the Treasurer (Bro. Henry A. Tobias) showed that during 1883 the sum of £433 had been received as rent from lodges, £108 from chapters, £14 from miscellaneous meetings, £151 17s. 6d. for emergencies, refreshments, &c.; £35 from the Masonic Club; £1000 on mortgage from the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; and £105 10s. 6d. for furnishing fund. Repairs and alterations cost £136 os. 8d.; decorations and furnishing, £1177 4s. 5d.; and the house account amounted to £189 17s. 11d. The cash in the bank on the 31st Dec., 1882, was £389 15s. 4d.; and in the Treasurer's hands, £11 10s. 3d. The accounts, taken as read, were passed unanimously. Bro. J. Pemberton was re-elected Chairman of the General Committee; Bro. J. W. Ballard, Vice-Chairman; Bro. Henry A. Tobias, Treas.; and Bro. J. T. Callow, Secretary, each of whom received the cordial thanks of the brethren for their valuable services during the year. The following were elected members of the House Committee:—Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Dr. F. J. Bailey, Dr. Soldat, W. Cotter, H. H. Smith, T. Salter, G. Broadbridge, R. Martin, W. H. Jewitt, R. Foote, D. Jackson, M. Hart, A. D. Hesketh, R. Robinson, J. C. McGuire, T. H. W. Walker, J. B. Mackenzie, J. C. Robinson, J. Molloy, J. Pendleton, and W. Brackenbury. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Grammar School which our ancestors two or three centuries since so delighted to found, and of which there are so many examples in different parts of the country, still holds an honoured place among our scholastic institutions. In the majority of cases the system of education has been materially altered so as the better to meet the practical requirements of our day. But the old organization remains and even thrives, and provided the conditions as to healthy locality and sound training are satisfied, we know of no better place to send an active and intelligent youngster to than one of our old-established English Grammar Schools. The Hampton Grammar School is a case in point. It would be difficult to select a healthier spot or one which, from its proximity to the river Thames and the green fields that border it, affords better facilities for out-door exercise of almost every description. Thanks to the Thames Valley Branch of the South Western Railway, it is within easy reach of the Metropolis. The school buildings have been erected with a due regard to sanitary conditions. The governing body has a mind to keep pace with the times, and the educational staff, with the Rev. G. F. Heather, M.A., at its head, works in thorough harmony with the Governors. That it likewise works most efficiently is shown by the very complimentary report of the examiners. The curriculum includes Divinity Classes, Mathematics, French, German, and Natural Science, with the ordinary branches of an English Education. The terms are moderate, the sons of residents in the neighbourhood paying capitation fees ranging, according to age, from three and a half to four and a half guineas per term, while non-residents pay, in addition, an entrance fee of £2. Boarders are also received into the Head Master's house—the terms—capitation fees inclusive, being 50 guineas per annum, as well as into that of the second Master, the Rev. H. Adrian, M.A., late of Christ Church, Oxford. For any further particulars that may be desired application had better be made to the Head Master of the school, as already noted.

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