

THE FREEMASON.

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

Reports of the Grand Lodges are Published with the Special Sanction of

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

Vol. XVIII., No. 846.]

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

PRICE 3d.

CONTENTS.

LEADERS	251	Reviews	255
Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lanca- shire	252	REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS—	
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire	252	Craft Masonry	256
Consecration of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087	253	Instruction	259
Consecration of Castlebergh Lodge, No. 2091, at Settle	253	Royal Arch	259
Board of Benevolence	253	Cryptic Masonry	260
CORRESPONDENCE—		Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	260
Proposed Northern Counties Lodge	255	New Masonic Hall at Melbourne	261
The Consecration of Lodges	255	The Craft Abroad	261
The Recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	255	Obituary	262
		The Theatres	262
		Masonic and General Tidings	263
		Lodge Meetings for Next Week	Cover.

WE are in a position to announce that the only lodge of the English Constitution (viz., No. 1207, Mount Gambier), which has hitherto held aloof from the movement for establishing a Grand Lodge of South Australia, has resolved on joining with its sister lodges, so that all the English lodges have now given in their adhesion, and peace and harmony prevail in every sense of the term. It is right we should add, however, that the "Grand Lodge of South Australia" fully recognised the right of any lodge to continue under its parent Grand Lodge.

* * *

THE two leading successful candidates for the Widows' Fund at the last election were Mrs. MARSH and Mrs. COOKE. They represent the Drama and Literature, and seem to us not inaptly to point to the thoroughly æsthetic and genial temper of Freemasonry. Bro. MARSH was, as "J. MARSTON," well known in his day on the English stage. Bro. MATTHEW COOKE was equally before us as a conspicuous contributor to Masonic literature. We are glad to think that in our world-wide and tolerant Order talent of all kind is regarded and esteemed, and we trust that whatever changes Time, which upsets so many theories and destroys so many results, may have in store for our Fraternity, it will never be able to rob it of its large-hearted, sympathetic, and liberal characteristics.

* * *

THE annual meeting of the members of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Friday the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when a very large gathering assembled, and a very animated scene was presented in the Great Hall all the afternoon. The annual Report of the Managing Committee was received and approved of, and carried amid much applause, the more so as it announced 24 men were to be elected out of 38 candidates, leaving only 14 unsuccessful candidates; and 26 widows out of 76, leaving, we regret to add, 50 unsuccessful applicants. But this sensible increase seemed to go as far as prudence would suggest, and foresight could commend. However philanthropic and extended the view might be which suggested that all the candidates should be elected, yet it was quite clear that the authorities would not be justified, with present receipts and income, in placing such an additional strain on the resources. Increased straitness in mercantile circles, or a gloomier aspect of business affairs, may result in an unsatisfactory result of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival in 1886, and then where would the Institution be? This increase of numbers to be elected, and the large margin on the Widows' list, rendered the voting very close, though, to use technical language, well-known elsewhere, widows were "in demand," and certainly "had the pull." The highest successful male candidate polled 2973 votes, and the lowest 614. The highest successful widow polled 2018, and the lowest 1396. There were 44,153 votes polled for the successful male candidates, and 2069 for the unsuccessful, and 2047 votes left unpollled for any one, as there were 48,269 votes to deal with. For the widows 43,510 votes were polled for the successful, and 13,948 votes for the unsuccessful, and 5956 votes left also unpollled for any one, there having been 63,414 votes brought forward and issued. 169 men's voting papers were rejected for various causes, and 269 widows' voting papers, a result which almost seems unaccountable to those who take part in the elections habitually.

* * *

ONE of the most characteristic features of English Freemasonry has now passed away for six months, namely, our Elections for the Charities. Other jurisdictions may have, we do not deny, marked excellences and developments, foreign bodies, that is, bodies extern to ourselves, may have special forms of usefulness and activity; but English Freemasonry for some time past has devoted itself to exemplify before an often startled public the excelling grace of Charity. Our very gatherings in Freemasons' Tavern, for the elections to our useful and energetic Charities, seem to cast a striking light on the reality of the professions and practice of English

Freemasons. Brethren, intent on only one object, full of one idea alone, meet, greet each other, and disperse, having by their very presence and activity endeavoured to demonstrate the vital and upholding powers of Freemasonry. For, say what we will, the Charities are like the apex of a pyramid, they crown the whole Masonic edifice, and best seem to control and compact after all, its workmanship, its cohesion, and its idea. Whatever was the original outward symbolism of the form of the pyramid, Freemasonry, like to it, permeated by the Divine essence and truth of Charity, constitutes not only a lasting landmark in the great desert of time, but becomes in its mysterious unity and contour both a pride and a marvel to mankind. And therefore it is, as election time follows on election time, regularly and stately, we feel, if ever we allow ourselves to think, what a wonderful commentary this charitable activity of English Freemasonry, and Masonic teaching, and this evidence of Masonic reality suggest to all who value Freemasonry, not so much for what it is, as for what it seeks and proves itself to be. It is true that in other spheres and jurisdictions Freemasonry may be more or less emotional, more or less realistic, more or less active; but there are very few indeed on the earth's surface in which the unchanged lesson of Freemasonry proper has been so taught and so mastered as in this old land of ours. It may be taken, we think, as a Masonic axiom, alike safe and abiding, that, wherever Freemasonry is truly flourishing, it is most truly evidenced by the active exercise of the great principle and virtue of Charity. We may observe here and there, indeed, to-day, loud professions, but small results, "much cry, but little wool;" a claim to affiliation with a world-wide Masonic family, but little evidence of a kindred spirit or a common aim; and we begin at last to realize a truth,—too often ignored or put on one side altogether,—that there are "Freemasons and Freemasons," just as there is "Freemasonry and Freemasonry," and so that in cases where all activity of Charity is missing or wanting, we may fairly doubt whether that body or jurisdiction which is so dormant or so apathetic can fairly claim the honoured name of Freemasonry. At this moment we could put our fingers on one or two corners on this wide earth where Freemasonry, however much it talks, is doing nothing for Charity; however loudly it dons the robe and invokes the genius of Freemasonry as its peculiar patron, has no distinguishing virtue to recommend itself to its brethren and to mankind further than a noisy utterance of certain stereotyped formulæ, further than a mischievous acquaintance with some alleged principles of Freemasonry. If, for instance, you know of any Masonic jurisdiction which is encouraging discussions in its lodges on all questions but those of Freemasonry, you may be quite convinced that if you ask for any living proof of its zeal, reality, and energy, you may ask in vain; if you look to see how the old English proverb is verified, that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," your search must result in hopeless disappointment. The more and closer modern Freemasons keep to the old true Masonic model, the greater will be their love of, the more persistent will be their work for Masonic Charity. Up to date, the charitable impetus of English Freemasonry, despite hard times and dolorous days, has experienced no check, testifies of no abatement. The wonderful achievements of Bro. TERRY are confirmed in measure by the striking results of Bro. HEDGES, and we doubt not that Bro. BINCKES will manifest in due course that the energy and activity which have distinguished his long and zealous Masonic career are still, happily, to the fore; still as realistic and as conspicuous as ever. But if we thus can speak of the organizers, what may we not say of the organized in their goodly labours of Charity? Do not our warm-hearted brethren deserve some words of encomium and congratulation? We venture to think they assuredly do. When we recall to-day what is done by other good societies, when we know how much in various other ways and forms Freemasons also give, we cannot be otherwise than proud of that loyal, peaceable, useful, benevolent Order of ours, which keeps up, year after year, with unflagging energy and undiminished sympathy, its mighty outcome of real and worthy Masonic Charity. We may require a little more systematic development of lodge and chapter Constitutions, as an aggregate, but the zeal and liberality of Masonic individualism are unequalled, as far as we know, in England or elsewhere, to-day, and deserve the grateful recognition of all who strive faithfully to record the onward and triumphant progress of English Freemasonry. So long as Charity is the key-note which dominates all its professions and practice, its social circles, and its ceremonial gatherings, so long will English Freemasonry flourish and abound, not the plaything of the frivolous, or the "output" of some lower ideas of thought and action altogether, but a reality and a blessing for the world in which we live, proclaiming and practising, east, west, north, and south, its own fragrant and healing message of Brotherly Love, Toleration, Charity, and Loyalty.

THE large number of unpolled votes at the Royal Masonic Benevolent elections suggests one or two considerations. One is, that a considerable section of the subscribers does not seek to exercise its franchise; secondly, that despite all the organizations of the hour, and countless appeals, not a few of our worthy brethren must throw their voting papers into the waste paper basket. We live in a land of freedom, and most things are allowable, but it may make all the difference in the world to some poor candidate this non-user of rightful privileges and lawful votes. Let us hope to note an amendment in this respect.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting was held in the Methodist Free Church, Tod-warden, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and was presided over by the R.W. P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who was supported by between 400 and 500 brethren, amongst whom were the following:

Bros. George Mellor, V.W. Deputy P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, R.W.P.G.M. W. Yorkshire; Henry Smith, V.W. Deputy P.G.M. W. Yorkshire; J. W. Woodall, G. Treas.; Geo. Parker Brockbank, G. Std. Br.; Jas. Mc Laren, P.G.S.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. Parker, P.G. Chap.; J. Leach, P.G. Treas.; J. T. Worth, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Lowler, P.G.S.D.; J. T. Newbold, P.G.J.D.; John Roberts, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Abbott, P.G.A.D.C.; Richard Pilkington, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Andrew, 2nd Std. Br.; Charles Heywood, P.P.G.J.W.; Charles Henton-Wood, P.G. Sec. Leicestershire and Rutland; John Rigby, P.P.G.T.; J. Gibb-Smith, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Timperley, P.P.G.S.D.; Ed. Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G.T.; W. O. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.J.D.; Wm. Jaffrey, P.P.G.J.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; John Bladon, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Benj. Taylor, P.P.G.T.; Thomas Grime, P.P.G.A.D.C.; James Kershaw, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Jones, P.P.G.D.C.; James Hadfield, P.P.G.J.D.; William Roberts, P.P.G.P.; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P.; Charles Wood, P.P.G.S.; Denis Towers, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. E. H. Aldridge, P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.P.; Geo. Galloway, P.P.G.S.D.; Jas. Blacka, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Littlewood, P.P.G.S.; J. F. Hoffgard, P.P.G.D.; Jno. Morris, P.G. Sup. of Works; Joseph Wildgoose, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. E. H. Thomas, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; Saml. Porritt, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. F. East, P.P.G.D.C.; Jno. Halliwell, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Newton, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.P.; R. Caldwell, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Jno. Barker, P.P.G.T.; G. Ferguson, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Wm. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.; R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (*Freemason*); and others.

The brethren assembled at two o'clock, and at 2.25 the R.W.P.G.M. entered, attended by a long array of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. JOHN ROBERTS, called upon the brethren to salute the R.W.P.G.M.; the V.W. Dep. P.G.M.; the R.W.P.G.M. West Yorks, Bro. T. W. Tew; the V.W. Dep. P.G.M. West Yorks, Bro. Henry Smith; the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Woodall; the Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. George Parker Brockbank, and, finally, the Provincial Grand Officers.

At the request of the R.W.P.G. Master, the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, called over the roll of 93 lodges meeting in the province, all of which were represented except one.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was next called over, and letters of apology reported from absentees.

The minutes of the annual Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held last May, and also the special meeting, held in November, were, after some discussion, taken as read and confirmed.

The R.W.P.G.M. read a report, compiled by the P.G. Secretary, on the progress of Masonry in the province during the past 12 months, from which there appeared a loss of subscribing members to the number of 535, compared with the previous 12 months.

The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. LEACH, read a statement of his accounts for the year, which showed a balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge of £165 6s. 3d., against £79 9s. 6d. the previous year.

Bros. J. LOWNDES and E. G. HARWOOD (Auditors) reported favourably upon the P.G. Treasurer's accounts, and Bro. Lowndes moved they be passed, which was seconded by Bro. Harwood, and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Auditors for their services was proposed by the R.W.P.G.M., seconded, and carried.

Bro. Thomas Oakden, 298, was proposed for P.G. Treasurer, and unanimously elected.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested as follows:—

Bro. Abraham Clegg, 277	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Jas. Walker, 37	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. E. Parker, 116	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. J. Reeve, 1030	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" Thos. Oakden, 298	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. Lowe, 1253	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 44	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles Schuster, 62	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Wm. Brierley, 344	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Thos. Schofield, 288	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. H. Bibby, 999	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" John Greaves, 277	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Thos. Southern, 935	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. Abbott, 1030	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" W. W. Dawson, 1219	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Saml. Barnes, 217	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Thos. Carter, 42	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Lamb, 346	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Lee Riley, 1504	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" E. Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.	...	...	...
" J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G.J.D.	...	...	...
" W. O. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.	...	...	...
" Chas. Crabtree	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Parker	...	...	...
" E. Slater	...	...	...

Bros. Col. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.; George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M.; Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D.; and Joseph L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., were re-elected Trustees of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds.

The P.G. SECRETARY read a report from the Charity Committee, which was confirmed. Bros. Henry Poole, 44; Benj. Williams, 163; and Atkins, 300; were appointed Auditors for the year.

On the motion of Bro. CHAS. HEYWOOD, P.P.G.J.W., the sum of £50 was voted from the P.G. Funds towards the East Lancashire Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution.

Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P.P.G.J.D., proposed, and Bro. JOSIAH TAYLOR seconded, that the congratulations of Prov. Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. George Parker Brockbank on his recent appointment of Grand Standard Bearer.

The motion was warmly supported by the R.W.P.G.M. and carried with acclamation.

A motion on the agenda paper in the name of Bro. Tunks, of Accrington, having reference to the rescinding of a bye-law made last November at the special meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, was arranged to be brought forward at the next meeting, subject to some alterations.

Provincial Grand Lodge was invited by the five W.M.'s of the lodges meeting at Bury to hold its next meeting in that town. There being no further business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet was afterwards presided over by the R.W.P.G.M. in the Town Hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in the province was held at Freemasons' Hall, Derby, on Monday, the 11th inst. The Derby Lodge, No. 302, having been opened, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S., accompanied by the Prov. Grand Officers, entered the lodge room, the P.G.M. being received with the customary honours. Amongst those present we noticed

Bros. E. C. Milligan, as D.P.G.M.; Thomas Worthington, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Cox, P.G.J.W.; S. Cleaver, P.G. Treas.; Clement E. Stretton, G. Stwd. Eng., P.G. Sec.; R. Taylor, P.G.S.D.; Percy Wallis, W.M. 302, P.G.J.D.; W. L. Ball, P.G. D.C.; J. H. Lawson, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., P.G. Org.; H. Brown, P.G. Stwd.; M. J. Walker, P.P.G.W.; G. T. Wright, P.M. 246; John Walker, S.D. 302; T. Coltman, 194; R. L. H. Mole, Sec. 302; G. Small, 302; Rev. T. Orrell, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Silver Hall; J. H. Clarke, 302; J. O. Manton; W. Whittaker; J. Bland; J. D. Harris; J. J. Hart; W. J. Curtis; James Tanser, P.G. Tyler; and many others.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were duly confirmed, and the rolls of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were called over, and met with a general response.

The Worshipful Masters of lodges presented their reports, which, together with the Registrar's summary of returns, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes, showed that every lodge in the province is working very efficiently, and that Mark Masonry is making highly satisfactory progress, as evidenced by the fact that during the past year a new lodge, No. 339, has been established at Winhill, Burton-on-Trent (bearing the name of the esteemed Provincial Grand Master), and a warrant has recently been granted for the constitution of another new lodge in Derbyshire, to be held at Ashbourne, and named the Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353, which will be consecrated on the 18th inst.

The Treasurer's accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £43 os. 1d., were received. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. Cleaver for his past services, and he was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M. delivered a very interesting address relating to the prosperity of Mark Masonry in his province, specially referring to the progress made by the Derbyshire brethren, at the conclusion of which he appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sandars	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Percy Wallis, P.G. St. (Eng.)	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Henry Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Wm. Lawrence Ball	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.G.
" Richard Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Geo. Thos Wright	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Thomas Orrell, M.A.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Samuel Cleaver	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. H. Lawson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Clement E. Stretton, G. Std. (Eng.)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Arthur H. Marsh	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Wm. Whittaker	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" James O. Manton	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" John Dove Harris	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John J. Hart	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Rhys Williams	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. R. Cain	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" W. H. Barrow, F.C.O.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" James D. Bennett	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Edward Watson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" W. J. Curtis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" Joseph Bland	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" Thomas Dunn	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Tanser	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A letter was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, thanking the lodge for the address of sympathy forwarded to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. The recommendations of the Committee of General Purposes that the transactions of this Prov. Grand Lodge should be annually printed and circulated amongst the members, and that a State sword be purchased, were adopted. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed upon Bro. Walker's list as Steward. The invitation to hold the next meeting at Leicester under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, having been accepted by the P.G.M., the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The annual banquet then took place, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, and a highly successful meeting was brought to a close.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELECTRIC LODGE, No. 2087.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, another lodge was added to the roll of Grand Lodge of England, the members of which will mainly be drawn from the electrical profession. There was a fair muster of brethren. Among those present, who signed the attendance book were

Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., R.W.P.G.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir Charles T. Bright, P.D.P.G.M. Middx.; Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; J. Ramsey, M.D., P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec.; E. B. Bright, P.P.G.J.W.; W. H. Preece, F.R.S.; Major W. E. Williams; F. B. Williams; G. Gregory; J. Hookey; H. C. Hart; T. Barlow; A. Dennis; R. C. Levershed, J. Jenkin; C. Graham, P.M. 2034; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; J. Bourdeaux, P.M. 199; P.P.G.D. Kent; J. Godfrey Gömpel, 33; John Barker, 24; D. Lumsden, 68; M. J. Mumford, 1538; W. R. Cully, 68; T. Fletcher, 33; C. E. Spagnoletti, P.P.G.J.W. Berks, President of the Society of Telegraph Engineers; Julius Maier, 83; O. Weiss, 238; G. Risch, 1076; P. Estler, 913; W. J. Reynolds, P.G.S.; J. C. Strong, P.G.S.; H. Wheatley, 1512; R. G. Glover, W.M. 259; J. Elliott, 1973; H. Joskey, 1076; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler Middx.

Soon after five o'clock, the chair was taken by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who appointed Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M., as S.W.; Bro. C. Graham, P.M. 2034, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as acting Chaplain; and Bro. J. Ramsey, P.P.G.S.W., D.C. The consecration ceremony was ably performed by the R.W.P.G.M., who, in his address to the brethren, reminded them that lodges as now constituted should consist of the best and most worthy men, who would be of value to the lodge and the Order. This particular lodge will be supported by a certain class, consisting of members of Telegraph and Electric Associations in London, who will assemble here and carry out their Masonic duty. He was gratified that a brother who had had such experience in the working of the ceremonies had been chosen as W.M. elect. It would be a matter of consideration with him to advance brethren in his province by merit, and he promised to visit this lodge and judge for himself as to the progress made by the officers.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M., afterwards performed the ceremony of installation, and the newly-installed W.M., Bro. E. B. Bright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Preece, S.W.; J. Hookey, J.W.; Major W. E. Williams, Treas.; G. Gregory, Sec.; T. Barlow, S.D.; H. C. Hart, J.D.; T. Fletcher, I.G.; D. Lumsden and W. R. Culley, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The following were elected honorary members: Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., R. H. Thrupp, Dr. Ramsey, J. F. H. Woodward, and C. Graham.

Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and 21 members joined. A committee was formed to draw up bye-laws, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. After a banquet, admirably managed and served by Bro. Sadler, the host,

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** gave the toast of "The Queen," saying as it was only in the existence of a lodge that it was consecrated, it was especially the occasion when the feelings of those assembled should be right royally expressed.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of the Grand Secretary, followed.

The **GRAND SECRETARY**, in returning thanks, said that it was an honour at all times to return thanks for so important a toast as that of the Grand Officers of England, when noblemen and gentlemen of so high standing were their chiefs, particularly the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. They could not fail of having the love and esteem of the whole Craft. He had the honour of being present when H.R.H. the Grand Master initiated his son, and he could safely say the Grand Master was as hard working and practical a Mason as any one present. The Grand Officers were always sensible of the honour done them. It was not the first time he had taken part in ceremonies in Middlesex under the popular P.G.M., and would always be willing to do so.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, in proposing the toast of "The R.W. P.G.M.," said how pleased all were to see him present. When asked for his permission to domicile the Electric in that part of his province, Sir Francis said that so many of the London brethren were gravitating to this small hamlet, he was almost inclined to think it would be overstocked with lodges, but as he had allowed them to take a footing he hoped it would continue for many years. It was a pleasure to be presided over by so excellent and genial a Mason as the P.G.M., who was always ready to assist, and in fact was considered one of the pillars of the present age.

The toast was received with every mark of satisfaction and good Electric fire.

The **PROV. GRAND MASTER**, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the way he had put the toast, and was glad that 2087 had come to the province, and he was sure Middlesex and Hampton Court were pleased to receive them, and they would find that Bro. Sadler would accommodate them at the Mitre, which he might say was as good a house as any in the three counties. He thought there was every prospect of the lodge taking a high position, but although he was necessarily away a considerable portion of the year, yet his excellent Deputy kept him well informed, as he was present at almost all the meetings in the province, keeping a watchful eye; in fact, he kept him as well informed as a General in command of an Army, and he was able to bestow the provincial honours from, he might say, an actual knowledge of merit displayed by those who were the recipients; and he was certain to see this lodge prosperous, and hoped it would continue so long after he had gone to his long and everlasting home. (Applause.)

The **PROV. GRAND MASTER** then said it was his privilege to take the gavel whenever he thought fit in his own province, but did not want to do so on any but pleasant occasions, as this was, when he had the pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M." He was quite sure no difficulty would arise that the W.M., Bro. Bright, would not be able to put right from the great experience he had gained in Masonry—his knowledge of the Constitution, and the laws of the Order. The W.M. of a lodge ought to have a certain moral power and weight, and so carry out the duties of the chair to the benefit of the lodge and welfare of the brethren in general.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, in reply, returned thanks, and was sure he would be well supported by his officers, who by so doing would strengthen themselves, and so in course of time the lodge would be second to none.

The toast of "The Deputy P. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was well received.

Bro. **THRUPP**, D.P.G.M., replied shortly, saying how pleased the Provincial Grand Officers had been to assist the Electric Lodge that evening.

"The Visitors" followed. The W.M. would be glad to extend the hospitality of the Electric Lodge to all from N., S., W., and E., and coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Barker from the North, and Bro. Glover from the South.

Bro. **BARKER** felt honoured in being called upon to reply. He was twice W.M. of No. 24, and had held offices in the Higher Degrees, and, as a Mason of 40 years' standing, found he could not attend to the duties as formerly, but was certain of this, that no one should take an office in a lodge unless he was determined to perform the duties, and from the lowest to the highest, and so rise to merit by good work.

Bro. **GLOVER** said he was frequently called upon to reply for visitors, and did not feel it necessary to add to what Bro. Barker had said, excepting that he considered it a great treat to have heard the Prov. Grand Master's excellent working, and concluded by thanking them for their kind hospitality.

"The Officers of the Lodge" followed, replied to by Bro. **PREECE**, the S.W., who said he felt like the electric eel, inclined to slip away from replying to the toast; but if assiduity, zeal, and good attendance could by example make good officers, then his brother officers should have it in him, as if you train up a child in the way it should go it would not depart from it; and he could only ask the W.M. to train up his officers, and they would do their utmost to follow.

The Tyler's toast followed.

CONSECRATION OF THE CASTLEBERGH LODGE, No. 2091, AT SETTLE.

On Monday, the 16th inst., R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, performed the ceremony of consecrating Castlebergh Lodge, No. 2091, at Settle, on the roll of the Grand Lodge. Excellent rooms have been secured at the Ashfield Hotel, and have undergone the necessary embellishments to meet the requirements of Masonry. Some 70 brethren, including most of the Provincial Grand Officers, were present at the ceremonial. This was the first lodge consecrated by Bro. Tew in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge entered at one o'clock, and the consecration and dedication took place with the accustomed ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master delivered a lengthy and elaborate address. After the consecration ceremony Grand Lodge was closed.

The following officers of the lodge were then installed: Bros. John Throup, W.M.; Thos. Procter, S.W.; and Thomas Brayshaw, J.W.

A cold collation was afterwards served, to which about 60 brethren sat down.

The following toasts were honoured:

"The Queen," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," proposed by the **PROV. GRAND MASTER**.

"The Provincial Grand Master," proposed by Bro. **THROUP**, and responded to by the **PROV. GRAND MASTER**.

"Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. **GEORGE KENDALL**, and responded to by Bro. **HENRY SMITH**, D.P.G.M.

"Success to the Castlebergh Lodge, No 2091," proposed by the **PROV. GRAND MASTER**, and responded to by Bros. **J. THROUP**, Capt. **ROBINSON**, and **THOS. BRAYSHAW**.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. **THOS. PROCTER**, and responded to by Bros. **TUDOR TREVOR**, P.M., and **LEE**, P.M.

The musical portion of the consecration ceremony derived additional support from the presence of an efficient choir from Keighley.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. W. H. Lee, and the following brethren were also present:

Bros. Frederick Davison, P.G.D.; Henry Garrod, G.P.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; F. R. Spaul, P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; W. H. Perryman, P.M.; Charles Davey, P.M.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; G. P. Britten, P.M.; Edward F. Storr, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; George Read, P.M.; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; T. H. Harvey, W.M. 25; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; J. W. Dewsnap, W.M. 1839; Wm. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Charles H. Everett, W.M. 2012; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; Geo. P. Dunckley, W.M. 1852; Controller G. Bake, P.M. 1151; Alexander C. A. Higerty, W.M. 1714; John L. Mather, P.M. 1471; A. J. Richardson, W.M. 1420; W. Rees, W.M. 913; Walter Snodin, W.M. 157; Robert C. Grant, W.M. 21; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; Thomas W. Chard Lent, Grand Stwd., W.M. 23; J. W. C. Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; Thomas W. Waice, W.M. 33; Thomas Gates, P.M. 1599; G. Sneath, W.M. 19; J. Drew Bear, W.M. 1584; B. E. Black, I.P.M. 2032; F. Reynolds, P.M. 820; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; W. T. May, P.M. 673; H. G. Stranger, W.M. 1381; W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056; G. Lambert, P.M. 720; E. M. Money, W.M. 28; A. W. Stead, I.P.M. 1997; A. de Chapeomony, W.M. 162; William Simpson, W.M. 201; Nicholas Turner, W.M. 72; William R. Marston, P.M. 55; George Bird, P.M. 1815; Joseph Harling, W.M. 30; Alfred Thomas Ives, W.M. 1472; Franc Kniph, W.M. 1044; George M. Downie, W.M. 1815; Julius Birding, W.M. 534; Edward Bessell, W.M. 1632; Aug. Darch, P.M. and Sec. 72; Saml. Pardoe, jun., W.M. 585; W. Channon, P.M. 1475; F. S. Defriez, W.M. 1677; G. F. Jones, W.M. 1563; Wm. Stiles, P.M. 1744; George Croxton, W.M. 1769; G. Hord T. Salmon, W.M. 1260; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; Aug. Tremmial, W.M. 228; G. H. Masters, W.M. 13; Robert H. Goffin, W.M. 1572; Alex. Forsyth, W.M. 140; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; Thos. Richardson, W.M. 862; John L. Payne, W.M. 1524; R. F. Jordan, W.M. 141; G. Bolton, P.M. 169; J. Charlton, W.M. 1259; and Henry Sadler, G.T.

The Board of Masters was first opened and the agenda paper for Grand Lodge of 3rd June was submitted. The Board of Benevolence was then opened and the brethren confirmed the recommendations of the last meeting of the Board to the amount of £590. There were 31 cases on the new list, a smaller number than has been the case for a long time. Two of the cases were dismissed and one was deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £620. This was composed of two sums of £50 each; three of £40 each; four of £30 each; eleven of £20 each; five of £10 each; and two of £5 each.

The Board was then closed.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

R.W. Comp. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.,
Grand Superintendent.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

will be held at the
MASONIC HALL, CHERTSEY, SURREY,
On Saturday, the 30th day of MAY, 1885, at 4.30
o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command of the Grand Superintendent,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
(P.G.D. of C. England),

Provincial G.S.E.
61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
15th May, 1885.

MORNING DRESS.

There will be a Banquet at 5 o'clock punctually. For
Tickets, apply to E. Comp. J. R. BOOR, P.Z., Shepperton.
Walton-on-Thames, enclosing 12s. 6d.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have
taken tickets.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
MARK MASTER MASONS OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,
Provincial Grand Master.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE
PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY

will be holden at the

SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW ROAD,
On Monday, the 1st June, 1885,

When all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers,
together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and
acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province are hereby *sum-*
moned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited
to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic costume of the Mark
Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of
their respective ranks.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.,

WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., &c.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

May, 1885.

BANQUET at 6.30 o'clock. TICKETS, One Pound each,
including Wine. Brethren intending to be present should
notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on
or before the 27th May.

GOVERNESSES' BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION ANNUITY FUND.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited in favour of
MISS MARY ANN HILL,

Aged 54 years.

Her father was, for many years, Secretary to a Bank,
and died when she was young. Miss HILL has been a
Governess for 20 years, and saved money, but lost it by
unfortunate investments.

Her age renders it difficult for her to obtain employment.
She has no income, and is entirely dependent on the
kindness of friends.

The Case is strongly recommended by—

The COUNTESS OF ESSEX, Cassiobury Park, Watford.
The COUNTESS OF SEFTON, Croxeth Hall, Lancashire.
Honble. MRS. LAW, Hampton Court Palace.
Honble. A. GRAVES, Parkshot, Richmond.
Mrs. D. RICARDO, 8, Chesham Street, Belgrave Square.
The Rev. P. CAMERON WOODHOUSE, Hampton Court Palace.
Rev. Dr. HUGHES, Castlebar Court, Ealing.
The Rev. W. MIDWINTER, Vicar of St. Paul's, Lisson Grove.
T. A. JONES, Esq., 40, Chancery Lane.
Mrs. DARLING, 8, Phillimore Gardens, Kensington.
*Miss HARE, 9, Argyle Road, Kensington.
Miss COLE, 84, Sutherland Gardens, Maida Vale.
*The Rev. C. J. MARTIN, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk.
*Who will kindly receive proxies.
No. 64 on List, Election 1st May, 1885.

INFANT ORPHAN ASYLUM,
WANSTEAD.

PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

Will be celebrated at the ASYLUM, Wanstead,
On THURSDAY, the 25th June next,
The Chair will be taken by

BRO. THE RT. HON. LORD BROOKE, M.P.,
PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR ESSEX.

Gentlemen willing to act as Stewards are respectfully
requested to forward their names to the Secretary.

HENRY W. GREEN, Secretary.

Office: 100, Fleet-st., E.

MEMORY AND SUCCESS.

PROF. LOISETTE.

Physiological Memory.

Art of Never Forgetting.
Wholly unlike Mnemonics.

PROF. LOISETTE.

Lost Memories Restored.

The worst made good,
And the best better.

PROF. LOISETTE.

Cure of Mind-Wandering.

Any book learned
In one reading.

PROF. LOISETTE.

PROSPECTUS POST FREE. Great inducements to
Correspondence Classes. Also Private Lessons by POST.

37, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

OFFICE—4, FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

GRAND PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Insti-
tution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, May
15th, 1885, W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D.,
in the Chair, after the general business was disposed of
the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election of
24 Male Annuitants from an approved list of 42 candidates,
and 26 Female Annuitants from an approved list of 76
candidates, when the following were declared duly
ELECTED:—

	MALES.	Votes.
Bro. Dearsley, Henry	...	2973
„ Budden, James	...	2161
„ Andrews, J. S.	...	2023
„ Dyer, George	...	1957
„ Butcher, J. E.	...	1919
*Barrow, Joseph	...	1844
*Woolrich, Henry	...	1814
*Fuhr, Heinrich	...	1706
*Osbaldeston, John	...	1620
„ Adkins, John	...	1596
„ Sigrist, J. B.	...	1581
„ Carter, John	...	1579
„ Welham, Joseph	...	1530
„ Ward, F. W.	...	1525
„ Dawson, J. R.	...	1351
„ Moore, Richard	...	1239
„ Hawkes, George E.	...	1232
„ Marsh, John G.	...	1199
„ Harrison, John P.	...	1162
„ Brokenshar, B.	...	1066
„ Crabb, G.	...	1015
„ Field, Henry (deferred)	...	729
„ Ensell, George do.	...	718
„ Prattent, Wm. do.	...	614

	WIDOWS.	Votes.
Mrs. Marsh, Georgina	...	2018
„ Cooke, Elizabeth C.	...	1949
„ Archer, Eleanor H.	...	1918
„ Turner, Margery	...	1851
„ Thomson, Sarah	...	1835
„ Thomas, Margaret	...	1762
„ Searle, Mary M.	...	1762
„ Bartley, M. A.	...	1760
„ Bennett, Elizabeth	...	1719
„ Goodwin, Caroline	...	1700
„ Allen, Sarah A.	...	1680
„ Madeley, H. M.	...	1678
„ *Hobbs, Elizabeth	...	1673
„ Newman, Charlotte	...	1662
„ Pickford, Priscilla	...	1652
„ Barras, E. A.	...	1646
„ Shilstone, Caroline	...	1645
„ Feaviour, Elizabeth	...	1641
„ Esnouf, Anne	...	1620
„ Huntley, H. M.	...	1581
„ Evans, Harriet	...	1528
„ Geary, Mary	...	1520
„ *Tribe, Jane	...	1450
„ Hunt, Caroline (deferred)	...	1446
„ Bellerby, P. M. do.	...	1418
„ Watts, Clarissa A. do.	...	1396

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried
forward to the next election.

Those marked (*) are elected to fill vacancies occasioned
by death since the voting papers were issued.

The three lowest on the poll (both male and female) will
be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order, JAMES TERRY,
May 15th, 1885. Secretary.

VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC FOR

BANQUETS, SOIREES, GARDEN PARTIES, &c.

ADDRESS—T. LAWLER, JUNR.,

59, ALBANY STREET, REGENT'S PARK, N.W.

MONEY MAKES MONEY.

CAREFUL INVESTMENTS in
Stocks and Shares are often doubled in a day. £10
to £1000 realizes the same ratio of profit. Non-liability
system. Explanatory Book (Fifth Edition) sent gratis
and post free. Address GEORGE EVANS & Co., Stock-
brokers, 141 & 142, Gresham House, Old Broad Street,
London, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR BOYS.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

GRAND PATRON:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
M.W.G.M.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD AT
THE CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM,
On Wednesday, 24th June, 1885.

The Most Hon. The MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, M.P.

(one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State),
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire,
IN THE CHAIR.

Officers of the Board of Stewards.

PRESIDENT:
V.W. Bro. Major J. W. WOODALL, Grand Treasurer,
P.P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks, Vice-President of Institution.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS:
W. Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, C.C., Past Grand
Treasurer, Patron of Institution.

R.W. Bro. A. F. GODSON, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire,
Vice-Patron of Institution.

R.W. Bro. FITZHERBERT WRIGHT, P.P.G.S.W. Derby-
shire, Vice-Patron of Institution.

ACTING PRESIDENTS:
W. Bro. W. ROEBUCK, Trustee, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W.
Middlesex, Vice-Patron of Institution.

W. Bro. Capt. GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G. Sword Bearer,
P.P.G.W. Herts, Vice-Patron of Institution.

W. Bro. Col. JAMES PETERS, P.G. Sword Bearer,
P.P.G.W. Middlesex.

W. Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.S.W.
Herts, Vice-Patron of Institution.

HON. TREASURER.
W. Bro. JOHN LAWRENCE MATHER, P.P.G.D.C. Herts,
Vice-Patron of Institution.

With 230 Brethren representing the Metropolitan and
Provincial Lodges.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are still most
earnestly solicited.

Dinner Tickets—Ladies 15s; Gentlemen 21s; including
admission to the Palace.

Dinner will be on the Table at Five o'clock, and, including
Dessert and Wines, will be provided by Messrs. Bertram
and Roberts.

Brethren to appear without Masonic Clothing.
Morning Dress.

Particulars and every information on application to the
Honorary Secretary,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Stwd., V. Pat.),
Secretary of the Institution.

Office—6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8th May, 1885.

FIELD-LANE REFUGES AND
RAGGED SCHOOLS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THIS INSTITUTION (D.V.) WILL BE HELD
On WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th, 1885,
AT THE

HOLBORN TOWN HALL.

Chair to be taken at Six o'clock by the EARL OF
SHAFTESBURY, K.G.

The Children of the Schools will form a Choir and sing
several pieces during the evening.

This Institution Maintains and Benefits about 3000 Per-
sons weekly.

Funds urgently needed.

Tickets for the Meeting may be obtained at the Schools,
Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road, or from the Secretary, MR.
PEREGRINE PLATT.

ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY,
92, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON, E.C.

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT.

Capital—One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pounds.
Instituted 1808, and Empowered by Special Act of Parliament.

The Company has been in existence more than 76 Years.
Moderate Rates. Prompt Settlements. Liberal Conditions.
All its Funds are Invested in Great Britain.

Transacts Home Business only.

No Hypothecation of Funds for Foreign Policy Holders.
Ample Reserves apart from Capital.

LIFE DEPARTMENT—Whole-World Assurances.
Liberal Surrender Values given in Cash or by paid-up Policies.

Payment of Claims immediately on proof of death.
All kinds of Life Assurance transacted.

ACCIDENTS—Assured Against, whether fatal or causing
total or partial disablement, at moderate rates, and with liberal
Compensation.

FIRE—Policies issued free of expense.

LOSSES OCCASIONED BY LIGHTNING will be paid
whether the property be set on fire or not.

LOSS OR DAMAGE caused by Explosion of Coal Gas in
any building assured will be made good.

Seven Years' Policies granted on payment of Six Years' Premiums.

Active Agents Wanted.
SAMUEL J. PIPKIN, Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE RT. HON. EARL OF KINTORE, M.W.G.M.
THE RT. HON. LORD EGERTON OF TATTON,
R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION

Of this Grand Lodge will be held at
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,
On **TUESDAY, the 2nd day of JUNE next,**

When and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock p.m.
By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided in the Venetian Salon, Holborn Restaurant, at 7 o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken on that day, and it is requested that every brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 30th of May.

Grand Lodge Office,
5A, Red Lion-square, London, W.C.,
May, 1885.

The Masons' Indispensable Vade Mecum.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ISSUE.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK
For 1885.

Price 2s., post free 2s. 1d.; 320 pages, flexible roan, gilt edges, tuck or elastic band.

"The most comprehensive Masonic Book of Reference issued."

LONDON: Freemason Office, 16 & 16a, Great Queen Street, (Opposite Freemasons' Hall).

GORING.—"The most picturesque part of the Thames." TO BE LET, a seven roomed villa; furnished; pleasantly situated; three guineas per week. Apply.—F. Cocks, Hill View, Goring.

RAGGED SCHOOL UNION.

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY will be held in
EXETER HALL,

On Monday Evening, May 11th, 1885,
at Six o'clock. 750 old scholars will receive prizes from the
PRESIDENT, THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.

They will also form a choir and sing a selection of pieces.
Admission by Ticket.

FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED

to sustain these centres of Gospel light and beneficence amongst our Ragged Poor.

Office: Exeter Hall, W.C.
JOHN KIRK, Secretary.

B. ARNOLD.—ANTIQUÉ SILVER PLATE.

B. ARNOLD.—OLD SILVER BOUGHT for Cash.

B. ARNOLD.—PLATE and JEWELS VALUED.

B. ARNOLD.—USEFUL WEDDING PRESENTS.

B. ARNOLD.—MASONIC JEWELS.

B. ARNOLD.—Silversmith, 72, Baker-street, W.

A BROTHER seeks RE-ENGAGEMENT as General Foreman, or any position of trust on an estate in town or country. Varied experience, including concrete buildings; carpenter and joiner by trade; abstainer; age 35. Highest references and testimonials. Just completed large and important Government works for contractor.—Address, 5, Freemason Office, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

NOTICE—GRASS FED LAMB
NOW IN SEASON; Delicious Flavour. Fore-Quarters, 9d. per lb.; Hind-Quarters, 10d per lb. Sent anywhere Free of Charge. Carts deliver in Finchley. W. H. ATTWELL'S Old-established Welsh Mutton House, 284, Strand.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

10, ST. SWITHIN'S LANE, LONDON, E.C.

General Accidents.
Railway Accidents.

Personal Injuries
Deaths by Accident.

C. HARDING, Manager.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,
Provincial Grand Master.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

will be held at the

TOWN HALL, UXBRIDGE,

On **SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, at 3 p.m.**

By command of the Prov. G. Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M.,
Prov. G. Secretary, *pro tem.*

"LA BRILLANTINE"
METALLIC POWDER

IS the best, cheapest and most effective Powder for cleaning and polishing Metals and Glass, especially Brass. It is used by the Life, Horse, and Dragoon Guards, the Fire Brigades, &c. Sold everywhere in 6d. & 1s. Boxes.

Proprietors, **J. F. BAUMGARTNER & CO.,**
22, NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.
Beware of spurious imitations.

HOWARD'S
PARQUETRY

FOR MANSIONS OR VILLAS,
AN
IMPERISHABLE FLOORING
OR
FLOOR COVERING.
Estimates Free.

26, BERNERS STREET, W.

READ,
MARK,
AND
LEARN,

F. READ,
TAILOR & OUTFITTER,
Sixteen years with ALFRED WEBB MILES and Co., 12, Brook-st., Hanover-sq.
SPECIALITE 63s. SUITS and 16s. and 21s. TROUSERS.

14, Brook Street, Bond Street, W.

CARRIAGES.

F. and R. SHANKS particularly call attention to their light ONE-HORSE LANDAUS, of the very best materials, and fitted with their patent Self-acting Head. Several buildings to order to be seen in all stages at their manufactory, 70 & 71, Great Queen-st., Lincoln's Inn-Fields. Drags and new and second-hand Carriages of all descriptions. Estimates given for repairs.

KNITTING AT HOME,

BY which Incomes can be Increased and recreative as well as Healthy Employment secured. Apply for terms to—
PATENT AUTOMATIC KNITTING MACHINE CO.,
LONDON: 417, Oxford-street, W.; 159, Upper-street, Islington.

LIVERPOOL: 39, Islington.
GLASGOW: 7, Howard-street.

PARASCHO CIGARETTES

Possess a delicious natural aroma. When smoked or inhaled do not irritate the throat or nostrils. Are made ONLY from the finest YENIJEH (Turkey) TOBACCO. Are rolled in specially prepared paper, tasteless, and free from nitre and are different from and superior to all others. A sample box containing 24, will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 2s. 6d. in Stamps or Postal Order.

SOLE ADDRESS—
65, PARK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON, W.

OUR EYES.

BROWNING'S IMPROVED METHOD OF SUITING THE SIGHT WITH SPECTACLES either personally or by correspondence. Browning's axis-cut pebbles are the most perfect lenses made, being cut from pure crystals of Brazilian pebbles at right angles to the axis, and every lens tested separately by the polariscope. Spectacles of superior quality from 4s. 6d. per pair; with pebble lenses in best steel frames, from 10s. 6d. per pair; and in gold frames from £1 3s. 6d. Full particulars of Browning's Method of Suiting the Sight by correspondence, and testimonials post free.—**JOHN BROWNING, 63, Strand, London, W.C.**

DENT'S
WATCHES.



NEW ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE of HIGH-CLASS WATCHES and CLOCKS at REDUCED PRICES, sent post free on application to **E. DENT and Co.,** Makers to the Queen, 61, STRAND, LONDON, W.C., or 4, ROYAL EXCHANGE.

To Correspondents.

VINCIT, QUI SE VINCIT.—The strict letter of the law has undoubtedly been violated, but not its spirit.

The following communications stand over—

The Inverness Charter.
REPORTS:—Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035; Friendly, R.A. Chapter, No. 1513; Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times" (New York); "Freemasons' Journal" (Christchurch); "Hull Packet"; "Die Bauhütte"; "Jewish Chronicle"; "Broad Arrow"; "Sunday Times" (London); "Citizen"; "Court Circular"; "El Tallor"; "Freemason's Repository"; "Proceedings of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Royal and Oriental Freemasonry"; "Wrexham Advertiser"; "Allen's Indian Mail"; "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal"; and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

PROPOSED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You will be gratified to know that this movement is making very satisfactory progress. A meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, 24th June next, and brethren who are interested in the movement are very cordially invited to send their names to you, in order that they may be notified of the place and hour of meeting.—Yours fraternally,
A LANCASHIRE FREEMASON.

THE CONSECRATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many thanks for inserting my letter upon the question of "Consecration" in your paper of the 22nd of November, 1884. Although we have very anxiously looked at every number of the *Freemason* since that date, we have unfortunately not received the required information.

By your reports, every new lodge is "consecrated," notwithstanding that the word is omitted from the revised Book of Constitutions.

My query may not appear of much importance in England, where Masonic ceremonies are so well understood and carried out, but in this colony we have lodges working under authority from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Victoria, and the practice of establishing a lodge without the ceremony of "consecration" appears to be a grave constitutional question that may involve the legality of many lodges and all the members they initiate.

As the question is causing great discussion, difference of opinion, and, I regret to say, un-Masonic feeling, I trust that you will kindly enlighten us by giving a full answer to my letter of November last.—Yours fraternally,
P.M., E.C.,
Victoria.

Melbourne, Victoria, April 6.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Satisfactory as the result of the recent Festival of our Girls' School undoubtedly is, an examination of the Stewards' lists discloses a fact which, in the interest of the Craft, should be brought home to its members, namely, that a large majority of lodges do not appear to recognize their obligation to afford any support whatever to Institutions, in the benefits of which every Mason under the English Constitution may fairly consider he has a vested interest.

Those who, from time to time, have scrutinized the Stewards' lists of the Festivals of the several Masonic Institutions, cannot fail to have been struck by the recurrence, year after year, of the names of the same lodges, and of the same individuals, and the invariable absence from such lists of the names of hundreds of lodges, many composed of brethren who, if not actually wealthy, cannot plead poverty as an excuse for neglecting to fulfil what I venture to regard as the most important of Masonic duties.

There is another fact in connection with this subject, which has recently been much commented on, that among those who not only aspire to but have succeeded in attaining high Masonic rank, there are not a few who do not appear to have included, in their claims to Masonic distinction, the active support of our Masonic Institutions.

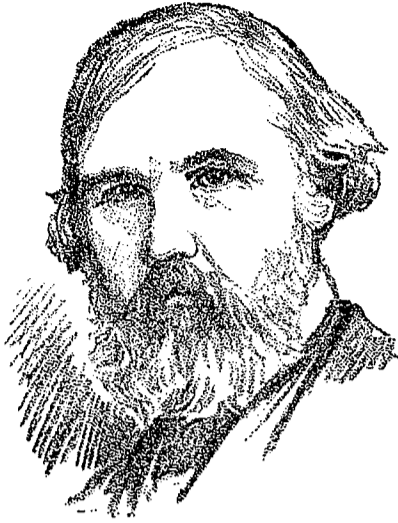
Far be it from me to suggest that Masonic honours should become degraded by being made simply a question of pounds, shillings, and pence, or that any office should practically be sold to the highest bidder; but, at the same time, I venture to think that those responsible for the distribution of the much-coveted honours, whether in Grand Lodge, or in the provinces, would do well in selecting the favoured recipients not wholly to disregard, as they too frequently have done, the practical exercise of that virtue we all profess to admire.

A PAST GRAND OFFICER.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.
1885-6.

Bro. Edgar Goble has signalled his accession to the office of Prov. Grand Secretary by issuing an edition for the current year of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Calendar in continuation of the series commenced during the Prov. G. Secretaryship of Bro. Le Feuvre, now D.P.G.M. He has done wisely, we think, in keeping closely to the lines laid down by Bro. Le Feuvre, and is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts to produce a compact and trustworthy guide to the lodges, chapters, conclaves, &c., in his province. As in the case of the Durham Calendar, we cannot discover that information is furnished which had better have been withheld, or that any is wanting which ought to have been supplied. Where there is a blank in the case of any Masonic body, it is because the particulars have not been afforded by the Secretary of the body itself; but this does not detract from Bro. Goble's success, as he clearly could not give what he had never received. However, the instances are very rare in which Bro. Goble has been obliged to substitute "No Information" for the usual details. As regards the manner in which the contents have been arranged and the style in which they have been given to the public, we consider that little, if any, room is left for improvement.



BRO. R. C. DRIVER, GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.



BRO. FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY, GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.



BRO. CHARLES HAMMERTON, GRAND SWORD BEARER.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM. 1885-6.

We thank Bro. Hudson, Prov. Grand Sec. Durham, for the copy he has forwarded of his excellent compilation. It seems to us that it contains all the requisite information as to the lodges, Arch chapters, Mark lodges, and other Masonic bodies meeting within the county of Durham which it is possible or desirable to furnish, and that this information is both well arranged, concise, and accurate. We learn also full particulars of the voting strength of the province, as well as of its local organisation for charitable purposes. It is, in fact, as complete an example of this kind of "Calendar and Directory" as we are acquainted with, and must have entailed on its compiler a very considerable sacrifice of time and labour. However, Bro. Hudson has done his part so successfully, that we feel sure he will not regret the attention it has required of him. He has laboured hard, though, no doubt, cheerfully enough, to secure success, and we rejoice to say he has secured it.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR CORNWALL. Edited by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Hughan's fourteenth annual compilation has reached us, and maintains its high character for utility, clearness, and compactness. To the Cornwall brethren it is invaluable as a yearly record of progress and activity, and to Freemasons in general it is one of those aids to a general knowledge of English Masonic life and work which they who wish to be posted up in Provincial as well as Metropolitan matters cannot dispense with. We note that Mr. Freeman, in "Longman's," in a recent article on the "Abuse of Language," objects to this antithesis of Provincial and Metropolitan; but we think his remarks are too fine drawn altogether for our readers. There were in the good Province of Cornwall at the close of 1884 1507 professedly subscribing members, though of these 37 had been lost by death, and 112 are said to be "in arrears," leaving a net return of 1471. Can Bro. Hughan explain why in 1877 there were 1507 subscribing members, and only, at the outside, 1507 in 1884? Is there any special cause for such want of progress in that distinguished province? There were 91 initiations in 1884, and 21 joining members. We are pleased to note the annual balance-sheet of the province. The receipts in their total were £317 7s. 6d.; £34 were granted to indigent Masons; £21 were given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the Provincial meeting cost £20; £9 16s. 8d., the result of a church collection, was divided between the clergyman and the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund; small expenses were a little over £10, and there is a balance of £198 13s. 8d. A list of the subscribers to the Charities will be published later, as the number of votes has been considerably increased under Bro. Truscott's able supervision. Cornwall, though a small province, is doing very well indeed. We congratulate Bro. Hughan on his little "labour of love." There are now 20 recipients of the very useful and thoughtful Cornwall annuities of £20 per annum.

FREEMASONRY FROM THE GREAT PYRAMID OF ANCIENT TIMES. By Bro. THOMAS HOLLAND, P.M. 1224, &c. Privately printed.

This work contains the substance of some Masonic lectures delivered by Bro. Holland before his lodge. They are another contribution to the pyramidal theory of Masonic symbolism and teaching. It is very remarkable what a fascination the Pyramids of Egypt exercise over many minds to-day. No doubt the great Pyramid may be considered in its reality and outcome one of the wonders of the world, and, abstractedly, we are not surprised that these vast and marvellous buildings, striking and mysterious witnesses of the flight of time and the lapse of ages, should to-day, as in past epochs, constitute a "Crux" for us all alike, difficult to solve, and hard to explain. There have been many Pyramidal theories. The old one of all, that it was built by Cheops, (whoever Cheops really was), and that it was a witness of fire worship, hence its name in Greek, "Pyramis,"—is, we believe, now given up. The Pyramids, especially the great one, have been held to be a mausoleum, a standard measure for corn, the scale of a survey for astronomical and astrological purposes, and for initiatory mysteries. Herodotus undoubtedly alludes to its mysteries of initiation, and we are not unfavourable to that view itself, as we think that the erection of the Pyramid hardly squares with any one of the other theories satisfactorily. Bro. Holland goes further than that numerous band of pyramidal students, which has of late years given us so many interesting volumes on this recondite and difficult subject. He sees in the construction and measurement of the Pyramid, its numerical quantities and its unity and harmony of proportion, both an Hebraic and a Christian witness, partly contemporary and partly prophetic. He leans to the idea of still undiscovered recesses and chambers, and of cryptic mysteries yet to be revealed. Egyptologists, we believe, are not adverse altogether from

We have much pleasure in presenting to our readers a further contribution to our series of Pen and Ink Sketches of the new Grand Officers, which we hope to continue in future impressions.

the idea that there may be yet undiscovered chambers, though what their use was is still a matter of grave doubt. One of our main difficulties is, that the Pyramids had been open in years by-gone, so that we are not certain that we have them as left by the Egyptians, and it is probably that in many instances the real entrance is still undiscovered. On the clyth of a passage in Maccabees, Bro. Holland seems to think that the prophet Jeremiah, before the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, hid in some secret caves, probably he hints the hidden recesses of the Great Pyramid (see p. 121), the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Stone, and the Altar of Incense it has been held by many that they were still a Jerusalem when it was taken by Titus, and carried to Rome and thrown into the Tiber before its fall. But Bro. Holland also alludes to the Mounds of Tara, in Ireland, and thinks that either there or in the Great Pyramid these relics will be found. No one can deny, who peruses Bro. Holland's work, to which he must have given much time and thought, the great ability with which he handles these difficult points. The only fear we have on our minds, the only doubts we entertain, rest upon the purely imaginative, if interesting, character of the theory. In the verse of the Maccabees, if we understand it aright, this hiding away took place in a cavern of Mount Pisgah, and Bro. Holland transfers it to the Great Pyramid, with some little violence to the Maccabean utterances. We see no objection to these theories, they all constitute bye-paths, as it were, to the Great Temple of Truth. And we can say this for Bro. Holland's work, it is clearly and cleverly written, its hypothesis is fresh, and its calculations ingenious; and certainly it deserves careful perusal at the hands of those who still delight to linger amid the fascinating topics of Oriental mysticism, or the many and prevailing forces of Pyramidal symbolism.



Craft Masonry.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—After a vacation of seven months this well-established lodge held its first regular meeting of the summer season at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.G. Std. Br. Middx. There were present during the afternoon and evening, Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., &c.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx., &c.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., Chap.; W. H. Lee, P.G.A. Sec., P.M., Middx.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Fletcher Knight, S.W.; W. R. Vassila, J.W.; J. Lawrence, S.D.; E. A. Smith, J.D.; C. A. Baker, I.G.; W. Walters, D.C.; W. Walters, W.S.; J. C. Gosling, A.W.S.; J. A. Wilson, Stwd.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; T. G. Mitchell, S. Wheeler, W. Kite, [R. J. Morley, C. A. Rambert, F. Dunstan, W. J. Babb, G. H. Eaton, and very many others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. H. Baldwin, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M. 1949, &c.; T. Poore, P.M. 720; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; J. G. Millbourn, S.D. 13; A. Leonard, S.D. 720; F. Purkiss, J.D. 720; H. Grout, 175, St John's (S.C.); and others.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 20th, 1884, were read and confirmed. The W.M., in his usual admirable manner, raised Bro. Charles Augustus Rambert to the Third Degree. The veteran Secretary informed the brethren that the exertions of the lodge had been successful in securing the election of Bro. William Prattent as an annuitant. Bro. W. Prattent had desired him to thank all concerned on his behalf for securing his election. His blindness prevented him from coming to the lodge. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary, moved, and it was unanimously resolved, "That a vote of thanks be given, and to be entered on the lodge minute book, to Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp and J. F. H. Woodward for the very great help they had given in securing the election of Bro. W. Prattent as an annuitant." Bros. J. F. H. Woodward and W. H. Lee were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. In addition to those on the list, some half-dozen gentlemen's names were given in as candidates for initiation, and to become members of the lodge. Some joining members were proposed.

The Secretary, by request of the ever popular W.M., stated that the Stewards' list of those brethren representing the lodge at the Festivals were as follows: For 1885—Bros. William Robert Vassila, J.W.; Edwin Gilbert, P.P.G. Steward Middx., P.M., Treasurer; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary; James Lawrence, S.D.; and Henry James Dawe, for the Benevolent Institution; Bros. James Alfred Wilson, Steward; and Samuel Wheeler, for the Girls' School; Bros. William Robert Vassila, J.W.; James Clark Goslin, A.W.S.; John Alfred Wilson, Steward; Samuel Wheeler, and Henry James Dawe, for the Boys' School—making a total of twelve Stewards representing the lodge in 1885. For 1886 they had Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; William Robert Vassila, J.W.; J. A. Wilson, Stwd.; G. H. Eaton, and S. Wheeler, for the Benevolent Institution; and Bro. Frederick Dunstan for the Girls' School—making a total of six Stewards for 1886. The Secretary assured the lodge he anticipated having more than one Steward for the Boys' School in 1886. He was very happy to say that for the Benevolent Institution he had the promise of one Steward for 1887, and two for 1888. There was this feeling in the lodge, that now they had secured Bro. W. Prattent's election, year by year Stewards must be had, by whose exertions a larger sum than an annuity would come to should be raised in this lodge. A notice of motion was given to take from the lodge funds 10 guineas for the Benevolent Institution; also 7 guineas to purchase a Past Master's jewel for the W.M. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from several brethren. With "Hearty good wishes" from all present, the lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed, served under Mr. Harris's personal supervision. The usual toasts were given, and with songs and recitations passed a most agreeable reunion.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney. Present: Bros. Whitley, P.M., W.M.; Pardoe, S.W.; Collick, J.W.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Williams, P.M., S.D.; Strong, J.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Wing, acting I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; Boehr, P.M.; Wing, Colman, Stephens, Wright, Harding, and Howard. Visitors: Bros. Pardoe, Gryce, Gawe, Meed, Nightingale, Foam, and Williams, P.M.'s.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Stephens was raised. Bro. Pardoe was installed as W.M., in a Board of nine installed Masters. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Whitley, P.M., I.P.M.; Collick, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Strong, S.D.; Wing, J.D.; Harding, I.G.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Blunderfield, W.S.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; and Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The newly-elected W.M. then very ably initiated Mr. Wm. Windsor. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the banquet that followed, Bro. Whitley, P.M., had the lodge jewel presented to him. Bro. Robinson, P.M., had also the pleasure of receiving a gold watch, subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of esteem.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 2023).—The first installation meeting after the consecration of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, V.W. Bro. R. N. Fowler, was installed as W.M. V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. R. N. Fowler, S.W.; Dr. Meadows, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; W. R. McConnell, S.D.; A. Sanson, J.D.; John Curnow, I.G.; H. C. Marbury, M.C.; Ed. Owen, and F. E. Lemon, jun., Stwds.; Chas. Gross, R. F. Pigott, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Gillard, F. Ernest Pocock, A. F. Morton, R. A. Germaine, S. Mullins, F. H. Huckleby, G. E. Halsted, Richard Cross, R. G. Larrington, P. Horrocks, W. D. M. Littler, P. J. Jackson, and Wm. Roase. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Jones, Cecil Stein, H. W. Roberts, S. Haye, J. Dobson, A. Allworth, E. A. Hughes, S. Brooks, H. W. Henniker Round, A. F. Dannant, W. Rowley, W. C. Packson, F. Lawrence, S. Pope, R. S. Archbold, A. Cooper, Walter V. Morgan, George Baird, A. Forsyth, J. L. Monckton, Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; F. Bennett, F. Aylmer Lloyd, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; F. Godfrey, Thomas Wakley, William Terris, J. H. Parker Wilson, B. Richardson, and W. Lake (Freemason).

The minutes of the lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. then moved the following resolution:—"That this lodge desires to place on record the expression of its sincere regret at the decease of one of its first and most promising members, Bro. E. J. Emanuel, I.L.B., and to offer its sympathy and condolence with the bereaved members of his family."

The W.M., in sympathetic and eloquent terms, alluded to the lost they had sustained, and the resolution was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge.

The ballot was then taken for a joining member and a candidate for initiation, and the report of the Permanent Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Germaine, M.A., was then passed to the Second Degree. The installation of the Lord Mayor was then proceeded with, and it is needless to say that in the able hands of the Grand Registrar it was faultlessly performed.

The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, B.A., Q.C., P.M., Grand Registrar, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Essex, I.P.M.; Alf. Meadows, M.D., P.G.S., S.W.; W. R. McConnell, B.A., J.W.; W. G. Lemon, B.A., LL.B., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Sec.; Arthur E. Sansom, M.D., S.D.; John Curnow, M.D., J.D.; A. C. Maybury, D.Sc., I.G.; Frank E. Lemon, B.A., LL.B., and Edmund Owen, M.B., F.R.C., D. of C.'s; Ralph D. M. Littler, B.A., Q.C., and Charles Gross, F.R.C.S., Stewards.

Bro. Lemon, the Treasurer, then proposed the following resolution: "That a Past Master's jewel be provided out of the funds of the lodge for presentation to the V.W. Bro. Philbrick, P.G.D., G.R., &c., on the expiration of his year of office as the first W.M. of the lodge, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and their warm appreciation of his services to the lodge as one of its founders, and of the courteous and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of W.M., and that it be referred to the Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary to obtain the same." This was carried unanimously, and the W.M. then made the presentation amid the hearty plaudits of all present.

Letters of apology were then read from many influential brethren who were unable to attend, amongst others one from Sir John B. Monckton, who, nevertheless, sent an excellent substitute in the person of his son.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet took place under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly proposed, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., returned thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers," which, he said, was a most important body, as it included not only those distinguished noblemen named, but a large number of equally distinguished brethren throughout the country. Before sitting down he desired to make one other remark. They had recently had the privilege of seeing the Grand Master initiate into Masonry his eldest son, and he had never seen the ceremony more impressively or ably performed than on that occasion, so that they knew the Most Worshipful Grand Master was not an ornamental Mason, but a thorough good worker.

Bro. Philbrick then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He had now taken the chair of a lodge which he ought to have held first; but, whether first or second, they were glad to see him there. He could congratulate him on presiding over an united lodge, which during the year had justified the reason for which it was created. He trusted its career would be such as they had a right to expect under such a Worshipful Master. For a year he had felt the presence of the W.M. in the chair was the one thing wanting to complete the edifice reared at its consecration.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, in response, thanked the V.W. Brother for his kind words, which he could not but feel were somewhat undeserved. He had been a Mason for about 18 years; but had not during that time worked up as he should have done; but he would ask them to look over deficiencies, and he would promise to do his best. His connection with the University of London had been mentioned. He was proud to be a member of that University, which he felt was now a national institution. Members of it were found in every line of life. In the Government they had a Cabinet Minister, and in Sir Farrer Herschell—a founder of the lodge—they had one who equally adorned the Bar and the Senate. Among the medical profession they had also many distinguished members. Quite naturally the members of the University had formed themselves into a lodge, and he was convinced that from year to year it would draw into its ranks many of the most distinguished men of the country.

The Worshipful Master then said he had to propose the health of a distinguished member of the legal profession. During the past year they had seen the great obligation the lodge had been under to the W.M., and in Grand Lodge, where many difficult questions had to be dealt with, his expositions of Masonic law had been the most clear and learned he had ever heard, and they were proud of having the Grand Registrar as the first Master of the University of London Lodge.

Bro. Philbrick, in reply, said he thoroughly and heartily thanked them for having placed him in the chair, but he had always felt himself in a false position. All wished as graduates that the Lord Mayor would have occupied the chair first, but other honours were showered on him, which prevented it. He trusted the lodge had recognised the service which he had rendered to it, and he looked forward to the position which it would occupy in the Craft to which they all belonged. He felt sure the W.M. would secure the thanks of all during his occupancy of the chair. Founding a new lodge was not always a bed of roses. Many difficulties had to be met, but he thought he could say that in the formation of the University of London Lodge, that not only had they received the sympathy of the sister Universities, but from all sides help and support had been offered them. They had now achieved their great wish in having the Lord Mayor in the chair, and he sincerely hoped and believed that prosperity would attend them.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors," whom they, in common with all Masonic lodges, were always glad to welcome. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., a member of the Northern Bar Lodge. The Northern Bar had many distinguished members, but none more worthy and distinguished than Bro. Pope, who was an ornament to the profession, and a great Mason.

Bro. Pope replied in a characteristic speech, in which he referred to the position which the Lord Mayor occupied in his University, meeting the graces of a scholar with the civic virtues necessary to the exalted office he then filled.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Spratling, Sec., and Bro. Alfred Meadows, S.W.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by the members, and Bro. Terris, who was a visitor, gave a recitation, "The Lifeboat," in a style that might be expected from one so eminent in his profession.

RICHMOND LODGE (No. 2032).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Blasby, W.M.; Nunn, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Digby, S.W.; Houghton, S.D., as J.W.; Reynolds, Treas.; Phillips, Sec.; Dare, S.D.; Sapsworth, as J.D.; Marjason, I.G.; Crew, Org.; and many other brethren of the lodge. There were also present the following visitors: R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx., &c.; Bros. George W. Smales, P.P.G.S. Warwickshire; George F. Cook, P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts; G. H. Wrigglesworth, 974; Dan Argyle, P.M. 940; Ernest T. Smith, 1768; A. Kent, 211; G. Aldred, 2002; Louis Honig, 1319; R. Garner, 2602; G. Brown, 145; N. Courlander, 975; E. Cox, 780; W. Morley, 1924; A. Tyson, 1768; J. Custance, 975; E. Grafton, 1656; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M. raised Bros. Meers, James, Cook, and Trinder to the Degree of M.M., and passed Bro. Hestor in his usual able manner. The W.M. then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Digby, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. This ceremony was most ably and impressively performed, and proved to the brethren present that the late W.M. had spared no pains to make this, his last public act, as perfect and as pleasing as all that had previously occurred during his year of office. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Phillips, S.W.; Houghton, J.W.; Reynolds, Treas.; Rowland, Sec.; Dare, S.D.; Sapsworth, J.D.; Marjason, I.G.; Crew, Org.; Ireland, D.C.; Maton and Messum, Stwds.; and Banks, Tyler.

The newly-installed Master, after receiving the hearty congratulations of the brethren, proceeded to initiate Messrs. Rainbow and Clifford into the mysteries of the Craft, in the performance of which ceremony he, and the other officers, thoroughly upheld the character hitherto enjoyed by this lodge for the excellence of its working.

The lodge then adjourned to a banquet, provided by Host Bro. Munro, which was served in the usual manner. The usual toasts, which were most ably given and enthusiastically received, were proposed by R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Bro. Nunn, P.G.S.B., for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Digby received the hearty congratulations of all present on his elevation to the post of W.M., and, after responding in a few well-chosen sentences, presented to Bro. Blasby a handsome jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren.

This was inaugurated the second year of this young, flourishing, and most successful lodge.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of this old-established and flourishing lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 11th inst., Bro. Frederick Plowman, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; F. H. Hallett, S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treasurer; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Secretary; Henry Gloynes, S.D.; S. Chandler, J.D.; H. A. Muscat, Org.; Frederick Duke, I.G.; J. B. Foord, J.D. 1184, Stwd.; Leslie, Tyler; W. Glenister, P.M.; Arthur Wells, P.M.; John Pearce, P.M.; G. F. Wood, F. J. Parsons, John Bray, G. Roddis, R. J. Wilson, Arthur Bray, W. S. Allen, J. Stace, T. C. Edwards, G. Randall, W. A. Paine, R. Walsley, R. Dengate, John Plowman, and Henry Kimm, S.D. 1184 (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. Edwin Beer, P.G.D. Kent, P.M. 972; Richard Jeff, P.M. 435; W. Robertson, D.C. 442; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; J. B. Sargent, P.M. 1184; Robert Hughes, Sec. 1184; W. Woodcock, M.M. 1473; A. L. Ward, W.M. 1842; and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were confirmed and communications read, and a ballot taken for a joining member, Bro. W. Woodcock, 1473. There were three candidates for initiation, Messrs. William Cooper, Samuel Case, and Mercer Wildish, all of whom were approved. Upon the ballot being taken, Mr. Case, however, being the only one in attendance, was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., after which Bro. John Plowman, having received the reward of merit in the First Degree, was duly passed as Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master. The brethren having ceased from labour, and resumed again after a short interval, Bro. R. Walsley answered the usual questions, and was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the working tools and charge of each of the Three Degrees being given by the W.M., Bro. F. Plowman, who is to be congratulated upon the efficient and impressive manner in which the ceremony of each Degree was rendered. Although the Derwent Lodge prides itself upon the very able way in which the duties of the chair are performed, it has seldom been our privilege to witness such letter-perfect, earnest working as that of the present Master of Lodge No. 40. It was proposed and seconded that a sum of ten guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on Bro. W. H. Russell's list. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. G. T. Owen, W.M.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treasurer, as S.W.; Robert Stevenson, J.W.; Samuel Smith, P.M., Secretary; Sept. Bagott, S.D.; James Warham, J.D.; M. Smith, D.C.; W. Swallow, I.G.; Thos. Chambers, Stwd.; F. Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; Fras. Holcroft, P.M.; Edwin Turner, P.M.; Thos. F. Higgs, P.M.; Geo. Bagott, P.M.; Wm. Bagott, Jos. Russell, John Bywater, Benj. Barratt, E. J. Chambers, James Jones, A. J. Baird, Robt. Preece, Jos. Sidaway, Geo. Morgan, and Thos. While. Visitors: Bros. Charles McGuigan, P.M. 696; John Jordan, W.M. 498; Sitnah Clapp, P.M. 662; and Stevenson, 662.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Geo. Morgan was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.; and Bro. Thomas While was duly passed to the Second Degree—both ceremonies being performed in an able manner by the W.M. Three guineas were voted from the Aims Fund to a relief fund being raised for an afflicted brother, and another appeal for aid on behalf of a widow of a deceased brother was favourably considered by the brethren. W. Bro. C. F. G. Clark, P.M. (who occupied the chair in 1858) having, by letter to the Secretary,

tendered his resignation, in consequence of a change of residence, and he having at the same time presented to the lodge the manuscript of two lectures recently delivered by him to the brethren, on the history of Freemasonry in the province, and in relation to this lodge in particular, the said resignation was received and accepted with much regret, and a vote was passed and entered on the minutes to the effect, that the best thanks of the lodge were due, and were heartily and unanimously given to Bro. Clark, in grateful acknowledgment and return for the gift bestowed, and the kind consideration and favour shown by him in regard to his mother lodge.

Other business being duly disposed of, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and all adjourned to the banquet, and the further manifestation and enjoyment of brotherly love.

WELLS.—Benevolent Lodge (No. 446).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, as invitations had been issued to the neighbouring lodges, 285 and 772. The W.M., Bro. A. Thrale Perkins, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, was well supported, every officer of the lodge being in his place, and as many of the members as were not prevented by sickness or other causes. There were present Bros. J. H. Holloway, I.P.M.; A. L. Wade, S.W.; J. N. Knight, J.W.; L. E. Newnham, Treas.; J. M. Atkins, Sec.; J. J. Palmer, Chap.; W. Hill, S.D.; the Rev. J. J. Downes, J.D.; R. J. Manning, D.C.; A. McWilliam, I.G.; Horn, Tyler; Bros. Duke, Bright, Bath, Marchant, Cottrell, Budd, A. Baily, J. Baily, Davis, Phillis, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and then the brethren of the visiting lodge being announced, were admitted and received with Masonic honours. Bro. A. McWilliam having established his proficiency, was entrusted and retired. Bro. A. McWilliam was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and entrusted to the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded a hearty vote of welcome to the visiting brethren, which was carried by acclamation, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. A. Budd, W.M. 285, and Bro. J. A. Bright, P.M. 772. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

After the cloth was removed, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

The W.M., in proposing "The P.G.M. of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Else; and Prov. Grand Lodge," said that the great prosperity of the province, and the harmony prevailing throughout its length and breadth, was owing to the interest taken in his province by the P.G.M. and the indefatigable energy of the D.P.G.M. Amongst the Present and Past Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge the W.M. was pleased and gratified to see W. Bro. Alderman A. Baily, P.P.G.D., and he felt sure that every Mason present would welcome him amongst them, so that they might have an opportunity of congratulating him, as Masons, upon the very interesting family occurrence—no less than his golden wedding—which Bro. Baily had a few days before happily celebrated, surrounded by all his sons and daughters and 13 grandchildren. The W.M. wished Bro. Baily many years of health and prosperity, and concluded by saying he hoped to see Bro. Baily celebrate his centenary, and that he might visit Lodge 446 after that occasion. The W.M. then gave the toast, and coupled with it the name of Bro. A. Baily. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Baily returned thanks in a spirited and feeling speech, and his eldest son, Bro. A. Baily, P.M. 722, also said a few words.

The W.M. then gave "The Visiting Lodges," expressing the great pleasure the brethren of 446 felt in welcoming amongst them in this fraternal manner the brethren of 285 and 772; that it was by these friendly gatherings that Masons got to know each other, and the true Masonic "enteinte cordiale" was established.

Bro. Budd, W.M. 285, in reply, said that he came supported by 10 of his brethren, and that more would have liked to come, but that they feared they would trespass too much on the hospitality of their hosts. He was much impressed and gratified by the manner in which the W.M. of 446 had worked the Third Degree that evening, and considered it a lesson to himself and every brother present who aspired to become Master of his lodge. He also congratulated the lodge on the efficiency of its officers, every one of whom appeared to be well up in their work.

Bro. E. Bath responded for 772, and hoped that the example of hospitality set them that evening would be carried out, and that they might have many more of these fraternal gatherings in the future.

"The Health of the Newly-raised Master Mason" was proposed and responded to, and "The Secretary's" and Tyler's toasts were given.

The proceedings were enlivened by several capital songs by Bros. Knight, Bath, Davis, and others, and last, but not least, a rattling hunting song by Bro. Baily, whose voice seemed to have been mellowed by his 77 years and his golden wedding.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, Bro. W. Rees, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M., Stwd.; E. Palmer, S.W.; G. H. Setton, J.W.; C. H. Lawson, J.D., acting S.B.; W. B. Ledger, Org.; W. D. Keeble, I.G., acting J.D.; W. G. Lloyd, Asst. Stwd., acting I.G.; W. J. Larder, Tyler; W. C. Taylor, T. Hambrook, R. Courtman, T. Griffiths, W. Sanders, W. A. Fenn, A. D. Capon, A. Moore, J. Farrier, G. Frost, W. Topp, G. Lewis, J. Hooton, A. Day, Dr. Brysecon, H. Towers, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), all of the lodge; Lieut. Watkins, R.A., W.M. 1789; J. Aillud, W.M. 615; G. Masters, W.M. 12; G. Mitchell, W.M. elect 615; J. Sanderson, J.W. 700; W. Bidgood, Org. 700; R. Goode, 1789; W. Maule, S.D. 1536; A. J. Fenn, 1900; W. Keeble, 13; H. Tufnell, 13; G. H. Porter, 700; and G. F. Taylor, 700.

Bro. R. F. Tyler was passed, and Bro. W. A. Fenn raised, both ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers, the *Pattison* occasional music being finely rendered by the Organist of the lodge during the ceremonies. Five guineas were voted to the fund being raised for Bro. Holleyman's widow, and five guineas to Bro. Aillud's list for the Boys' School. Bro. Mason gave notice that he should at the next meeting move that a certain sum be yearly set aside from the lodge funds for the purpose of building a Masonic Hall, or home for the lodge, instancing the success of their provincial brethren at Wilmington, who had from very small beginnings built for themselves a hall worthy of the lodge and the province.

The lodge was then closed, and at the social board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were supplemented by some good singing by Bros. Lloyd, Tyler, Fenn, Taylor, Aillud, and Hooton, Bro. Tyler accompanying as he so well knows how to do.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. C. E. Birch, W.M.; C. J. Craig, S.W.; E. S. Strange, J.W.; R. Durnell, Treas.; J. H. Jewell, Sec.; J. I. Birch, S.D.; W. Sparrowhawk, J.D.; Alex. Ress, Org.; A. H. Lee, D.C.; P. Hanmer, I.G.; J. Hamlin, Stwd.; W. South, Tyler; E. J. Dodd, P.M.; C. J. Dodd, P.M.; A. W. Duret, P.M.; J. T. Baker, P.M.; F. P. Lee, D. Taylor, C. Hooker, T. Baker, T. Ryder, T. H. Knight, P. G. Townsend, D. J. Kent, W. C. Pascoe, E. Pilliner, S. Hall, W. H. Cate, T. Clarkson, R. Stevenson, H. S. Strange, E. T. Gething, A. W. Lloyd, and Alex. Gascoigne. Visitors: Bros. Shaw, W.M. 709; Ballard, W.M. 1414; Abrey, W.M. 1314; Harvey, W.M. 1314; Graham, W.M. 894; Clifford, W.M. 1826; Vine, P.M. 173; Kipps, P.M. 1531; Levy, P.M. 188; Hale, P.M. 1414; Clarke, P.M. 706; Collings, P.M. 766; Hodges, P.M. 1706; McNaught, S.D. 1298; Emblin, J.D. 147; and several others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors reported that the Treasurer's accounts were in a very satisfactory state, having a good balance in hand. Bro. A. W. Duret then, at the request of the W.M., proceeded to install his successor, Bro. C. J. Craig, and a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of 25, was then formed, and Bro. Craig was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The following officers were then invested: Bros. C. E. Birch, I.P.M.; E. S. Strange, S.W.; J. I. Birch, J.W.; R. Durnell, Treas.; J. H. Jewell, Sec.; W. Sparrowhawk, S.D.; P. Hanmer, J.D.; A. H. Lee, I.G.; J. Hamlin, D.C.; C. Monier-Williams, Stwd.; Alex. Gascoigne, J. Stwd.; Alex. Ress, Org.; and W. South, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Walters gave a good example of his catering.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Birch as his Masonic father and friend, whom he had known from childhood, and in the name of the lodge he presented him with a beautiful jewel of very elegant design, with the arms of Lord Amherst very finely enamelled, supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

Among the toasts, which were well received, we may mention one proposed by Bro. E. J. Dodd, "The Masonic Press."

The toast list was illustrated by some Shakespearean quotations by Bro. Jewell, the Hon. Secretary, and the printing was admirably executed.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Hope-street. Present: Bro. Mort, P.M., acting W.M.; Starkie, P.M., acting S.W.; Jackson, P.M., acting J.W.; Evans, P.M., Prov. G.S.W. W. Lancs., Chap.; W. Bryce, Treas.; W. C. Freeman, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Pennington, S.D.; T. Yarwood, J.D.; R. J. Martin, Org.; J. Dickinson, I.G.; Wm. Smith, and Joseph Jackson, Stewards; Coupe, Tyler; W. Barnes, F. E. Williams, W. Davies, and R. Greenough. Visitors: J. Lee, 1443; W. A. Brearley, 518; and J. Adams, 484.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Kleinfeller, and having proved favourable he was initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient usage by Bro. Mort, P.M. The working tools being presented by Bro. Evans, P.M., Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire. Bro. F. E. Williams was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C. Bro. Mort, P.M., presented the working tools of this degree. A letter was read from Bro. Banks, the S.W., tendering his resignation of his office and membership on account of having left the neighbourhood. The resignation having been accepted, the W.M. nominated Bro. Mort, P.M., to the office of S.W., and he was invested by Bro. Jackson, P.M. Notice of motion was given to adjourn the lodge for a summer vacation.

Bro. Freeman, P.M., Sec., drew attention to the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons which had been inaugurated to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. of West Lancashire, and Past G. Std. Br. of England, he explained the scheme and earnestly desired the brethren to qualify as Vice-Presidents or Life Governors and give a good start to so desirable an Institution, he concluded by giving notice that he would recur to the subject at the next meeting and propose a grant from the lodge funds.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from the visiting brethren, and the Charity box passed round, the lodge was closed in the customary manner, in peace and harmony.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M., in the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D. Herts.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M. and Treasurer; J. Ives, P.M. and Secretary; C. T. Lewis, I.P.M.; C. Jolly, S.W. (*Freemason*); J. Paul, J.W.; J. Savage, S.D.; C. H. Canning, J.D.; C. Wood, acting I.G.; A. Knight, Assist. W. Stwd.; W. Turvey, H. Tracey, S. Bow, J. Delo, J. Ryland, C. Fowling, G. Richardson, A. Burton, G. Lane, and C. W. Genery, all of the lodge; W. Hogg, P.M. 1349; and R. Randall, 1349.

Mr. Standford Sutcliffe was afterwards approved and

initiated. Bro. Capt. Harris was passed, and Bros. Turvey, Delo, and Tracey were raised by the W.M. in faultless style. On the motion of Bro. Jolly, a Committee consisting of the W.M., P.M.'s, and officers were appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, and the same Committee were appointed to make arrangements for the summer banquet of the lodge, which it was decided should take place at Brighton. Bro. J. Ives, P.M., was then decorated with a Secretary's jewel of the value of five guineas, furnished by Bro. George Kenning, and presented by the lodge as a small token of its appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary during the past seven years. The W.M. in presenting it said it did not often fall to the lot of a Master to present such a jewel to one who was not only a brother, but a father also, and he felt proud of the opportunity. He could not himself eulogise his own father's services, but he knew that every member of that lodge esteemed Bro. Ives, and wished as fervently as he did that Bro. Ives might long be spared with health and strength to wear it as an expression of their hearty good wishes for his welfare.

Bro. Ives briefly, but feelingly responded, and declared that if he could in the future do even more for the benefit of the lodge he would; but above all things he should cherish the jewel as one of the brightest ornaments of his Masonic career, which if it had not been brilliant, had, he trusted, at least been useful.

The lodge was then closed, and supper and harmony helped to pass a few pleasant hours.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The last of the "Israel" meetings, previous to the summer vacation, took place on Monday, the 18th inst., when a goodly muster of members and visitors took part in the proceedings. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. David Gabrielsen, the officers present being Bros. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., acting S.W.; H. Archer, J.W.; A. Kirkpatrick, Sec.; Maurice Hart, P.M., P.P. G.D.D.C., Treas.; M. Cohen and Wilcock, Stwds.; M. Aronsberg, P.M., D.C.; and J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., Org. Amongst the members were seen Bros. Ralph Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. H. Burman, J. Defrece, G. P. Gabrielsen, B. Levy, B. Siemms, J. Cottrell, A. Rabow, A. Lyons, H. Gabriel, D. Stern, J. F. Davis, D. Solomons, J. Frank, P.M. 203; A. Cohen, J. La Porte, D. Meek, J. Phillips, M.; Siemon, and others. The visitors comprised Bros. Dr. Samuels, P.G.J.D.; R. Ripley, P.G.D.D.C.; Dr. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Sewel, W.M. 216; J. Pendleton, P.M. 241; J. King, W.M. 823 (who acted as I.G.); Allen, 786; N. Moss, 1474; J. Woolf; Louis Davis, and others.

The business on the agenda being the Third Degree, Bro. Rev. H. Burman presented himself for raising, which was performed by the W.M., Bro. Gabrielsen, in such a marked manner that called forth the eulogiums of every member and visitor present. The S.D. of the lodge, Bro. Rev. H. M. Silver, being prevented from attending by his ministerial duties, his place was kindly taken by Bro. Capt. King, W.M. 823, who worked the office in his usual masterly manner. It was resolved to send letters of condolence to Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. and S.W. Lodge of Israel, London; S. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; and H. Ellis upon the recent heavy bereavement they have sustained—the deceased being the mother of the two former, and the mother-in-law of the latter, the lady when in life being a most exemplary mother, and respected among all classes of Jewish Society.

The brethren were then called off for refreshment, which was served in good style by the House Steward, Bro. Casey. The evening was enlivened by some capital songs, the performers being Bros. Bryan, M. Hart, M. Cohen, B. Seimms, Rev. H. Burman, and the W.M. Previous to the lodge being closed, two former members were proposed for re-joining, in addition to Bro. N. Moss, another of the visitors.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The above lodge held its annual monthly meeting at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, on Friday, the 8th inst., Bro. G. Kenneday, I.P.M., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Saunders, W.M. Among those present were Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; W. Moulds, S.W.; J. W. Gze, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; J. Bilton, D.C.; A. Murdock, Stwd.; Morton (acting as J.W., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Rowley); J. Aillud, W.M. 615; A. Akers, S.W. 13; R. Goode, 1789; W. C. Taylor, 913; E. Berclay, 151; J. Wood, 381; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (*Freemason*).

The work before the lodge consisted of the initiation, after ballot, of one candidate, and two were raised to the Third Degree, the work being admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. Ten guineas were voted to the widow of Bro. T. Holleyman, late P.M. of the lodge; five guineas to the widow of Bro. Wood, also of the lodge; and five guineas to Bro. Aillud's list for the forthcoming Boys' School Festival, at which he will attend as a Steward.

The lodge was then closed, and after a neat little supper, deftly served by Bro. Vallom and his assistants, had been discussed, the brethren reassembled round the social board, and concluded in harmony an evening devoted to good Masonic work, both ceremonial and charitable.

PORTSMOUTH.—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, when there were present Bros. W. Latham Cox, W.M.; T. Page, I.P.M.; H. Long, S.W.; J. Knowles, R.N., J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; Capt. E. O. V. Haldane, P.M., acting Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Pike, S.D.; G. M. Nelder, acting J.D.; Sam Knight, D.C.; J. G. Livesay, I.G.; G. Sylvester, Org.; and Carter and Mansell, Tylers; P.Ms. J. Johns, P.P.G. Swd. Br., acting W.M. 1428; H. W. Townsend, P.P.G.S.D.; and J. Gieve, P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Austin, G. Backler, F. Bevis, E. G. Charpentier, E. Davis, W. C. Ford, H. G. Giles, R.N., J. Gale, A. Long, W. Maybour, Scadder, E. H. Truscott, R.N., and J. St. Vincent Crowder. Visitors: Bros. A. Joliffe, W.M. 257; J. W. Gieve, W.M. 309; W. Gunnell, W.M. 342; H. E. Loader, W.M. 487; J. Dempsey, W.M. 903; E. Naylor, W.M. 928; H. Cook, W.M. 1069; T. Batchelor, W.M. 1705; W. Miles, 1776; J. Westaway, W.M. 1834; J. Lind, P.M. 243; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903, P.P.G. J.W.; F. Powell, P.P.G.P., P.M. 903; T. H. Williams, P.M. 1776; J. Brickwood, P.M. 1776, S.W.

2074; J. Dobbyn, J.W. 257; W. A. Hill, J.W. and W.M. elect 309; G. Attrill, 342; J. T. Thackara, J.W. 487; A. R. Jones, Org. 804; C. Larkins and H. Long, 903; G. Barnden, Sec. 1776; G. T. Cunningham, 1834; P. H. Emanuel, S.D. 2068 (*Freemason*), and others.

The lodge was opened, and after confirming the minutes of the last regular lodge the balance sheet was read and passed. The receipts showed a total of £323 11s. 9d., £107 16s. 10d. being the balance from last year. The expenditure amounted to £206 14s. 2d., leaving a balance of £116 17s. 7d. Bro. Long having been introduced to the Installing Master, Bro. H. W. Townsend, the lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and all below the degree of M.M. retired. Bro. Johns, P.M., acted as S.W., and Bro. Lind J.W., and Bro. Long was duly installed W.M. of the lodge. On the return of the brethren to the lodge, which was duly lowered to the First Degree, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, who returned thanks. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Latham Cox, I.P.M.; J. Knowles, R.N., S.W.; W. R. Pike, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.D., Chap.; G. Backler, Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; J. G. Livesay, S.D.; W. Maybour, J.D.; J. Gieve, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., D. of C.; G. Sylvester, R.N., P.G. Org., Org.; E. G. Charpentier, I.G.; A. G. Long and W. C. Ford, Stwds.; Mansell and G. Carter, Tylers.

The W.M. then presented a very handsome P.M. jewel to the I.P.M., and remarked that it was a most pleasant duty for him to perform in presenting it, as it was a token of the esteem and respect of the brethren of the lodge Bro. Cox had made himself loved and respected, and he wished him long life to wear it.

The jewel was made of 18 carat gold. The top brooch bore the word "Quartus,"—i.e., fourth year. On the ribbon was the lodge crest, the same as that used by H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The crown was studded with rubies and diamonds, and the badge was enamelled in dark blue and light green. Below the badge is a ribbon, on it being enamelled in white "W.M. 1884-5," and beneath this is a shield in blue enamel and a monogram in gold, "W. L. C." The engraving on the back of the square was as follows:—"Presented by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, to Bro. W. Latham Cox, as a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, genial character, and able conduct in presiding over them, 1884-5."

Bro. W. Latham Cox replied, and said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for their brotherly love and esteem. On looking back at the past year he felt he was not entitled to it, as he was absent so many nights from his chair. He thanked them for the mark of esteem bestowed upon him, and he assured them that the lodge and every brother of it were most dear to him.

The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Installing Master, who responded, to Bro. E. O. V. Haldane, P.M., as acting Treasurer since the death of the late Bro. Threadingham, and to the Auditors. The lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren (about 60) then sat down to a cold banquet, admirably served by Bro. T. Scadden, of the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea.

The W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, and in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarked that he was one of the most hardworking men in the kingdom. They had read of his tour to Ireland and the different places he visited; not only had he gone amongst nobles, palaces, &c., but the lowest class of Irish, in the slums and huts. Whatever his hands found to do he did with all his might. Bro. Long asked the brethren to drink with great enthusiasm to the toast.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M.; and Officers of Grand Lodge." He said he knew very little of Grand Lodge as he had only attended there once, and then it reminded him that the officers worked hard and did their duty admirably. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge met on the same night as themselves, or he might visit it more often. The Grand Lodge officers were deserving of their thanks for the manner in which they carried out their duties.

Bro. W. Latham Cox, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P.; and Officers of Grand Lodge." He said it was a question whether it did the Prov. Grand Officers good in drinking to their healths nearly every night; it certainly did those present good. They certainly did have a drink over it. But, joking apart, the proposing of the toast did do a lot of good, for it reminded them that they were not at the top of the tree, and that there was a Provincial Grand Lodge. They owed their allegiance not only to the lodge, but to the province. In speaking of Bro. Le Feuvre being raised to the position of D.P.G.M., Bro. Cox remarked that there was not a more hardworking or zealous Mason existing in the province than Bro. Le Feuvre. The brother on his left, Bro. T. Paget, P.M., P.G.S.D., had also a provincial collar, and no one deserved it better than he did, and he was worthy of the honour conferred upon him. With regard to the P.G.M., no one in the world could compare with the good qualities of Bro. Beach. He coupled the name of Bro. Page with the toast.

Bro. Page responded, and said that they could not expect much from him after the great eloquence they had heard from Bro. W. Latham Cox. They all knew the abilities of the P.G.M., and it was needless for him to dilate upon them.

Bro. Townsend, P.M., rose to propose, he said, the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It had been his pleasure, in and out of Masonry, to know Bro. Long for twenty years. To know him was to respect him. He had watched Bro. Long's progress in the lodge, of which he was one of the founders and one of the first officers, and, by perseverance and regular attendance, it was the unanimous wish of the lodge that he was placed in the proud position of W.M., and he was sure when the time came for him to vacate the chair he would be found to be a good man.

Bro. Long, W.M., thanked the brethren for their kind reception, and also Bro. Townsend for the good things said of him. If, however, he was not deserving of them he would endeavour to merit it before his year of office expired. He would do his best towards the lodge by regular attendance and learning the ritual. He took that opportunity of thanking the brethren for the position they had placed him in that night.

Bro. Long, in proposing the health of "The Installing Master," said, he could do that with a great deal of confidence for every one knew that Bro. Townsend was a hard-working, energetic Mason, and the road was never to long or rough for him to serve a friend or brother. He knew lots of good traits in his character, which in his presence he would not dilate upon.

Bro. Townsend thanked the brethren for the flattering way he had been spoken of, and the noisy reception. He knew Bro. Knowles did not take any animus in those few words, as he was aware it was with the best intentions towards him. Having placed Bro. Long in the proud position of W.M., it would be his endeavour to support him during his year of office.

Bro. Page proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Masters' and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," and said he considered that the toast of evening, and he was justified in saying so, and it ought to be placed in abler hands. They felt honoured by their presence that evening, and he wished they would come oftener. He took the opportunity of announcing that he had accepted the office of Steward for the Boys' School Festival, and if any of the W.Ms. found the slightest difficulty in obtaining a Steward from their own lodge, all they had to do was to vote and hand over any money to him, and he would give them all the credit for it.

Bro. A. Jolliffe, W.M. 257, responded. Bro. Haldane, P.M., proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said it was with pleasure he rose to propose the health of their I.P.M., Bro. W. Latham Cox. It was just 12 months since when Bro. Cox said he would do his best to rule the lodge; how well he had performed that duty they all knew, and it would be useless for him to dilate on that subject. There was no fear that he would make a good Master, for he had been brought up in two good schools—his regiment and Malta. The latter place, where Bro. Cox was initiated, they knew was the hotbed of Masonry now and in times past, and where Bro. Cox first drank the milk of Freemasonry, and, as we have read in the good days gone by, the Knights Templars defended it from the Saracens and sent their trained soldier Masons to succour the Holy Land from the infidel host who had overthrown that country. Of his regiment its organisation was such that its officers all made good commanders, and by this means they had a Master who ruled them well and strictly and made himself beloved by all members who sat under his Hiram. He would mention a short anecdote of the "gallant 10th," Bro. Cox's corps, which had earned the soubriquet of the "fighting tigers." It was at Sobraon or Feiozesbah that the then colonel, who was a strict soldier and severe officer, heard that some of his men intended to shoot him. Well, at the time of action, under a galling fire, he ordered his men to lie down while he remained mounted, and at the same time turned to the "tigers" and said, "Lads, if I am to be shot, let it be in front, and not behind." It is of such good stuff commanders are made, and he hoped they would find Bro. Cox some day commanding his regiment as well as as popularly as he had ruled the Saxe-Weimar Lodge. They must not, however, forget that Bro. Cox had to travel great distances, and it was a great expense to carry out the duties he promised to do, and which he has done so well and efficiently. He asked those present to drink the health, with long years of life and prosperity, of their able Past Master, with a hope that Bro. Long would follow in his footsteps.

Bro. W. Latham Cox said he was sorry to say that he was not entitled to the kind words that had been said of him, for during the last year, through circumstances over which he had no control, he had been kept a good deal from the lodge. When he was Senior Warden he was hardly one night absent, but he could not say the same when he was W.M. He had not done his duty as he wished, and was sorry for it, and could not help feeling it. He had been laid up with rheumatics in the eye, and that had kept him away. He had no doubt that had he been a teetotaler he would not have suffered so much. He really wanted the brethren to believe that he was sincere, and he thanked them for the kind mark of esteem shown to him, and he would treasure it until his death. He hoped that if any of the brethren did think he had been slack at his duties they would not think it had been his fault. Malta was certainly a hotbed of Masonry. It was one of the warmest corners he ever visited. He had often seen the Master presiding over his lodge in his shirt sleeves, and that would tell them how hot it was. As I.P.M. he would more than ever have the welfare of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge at heart, and more particularly the brethren.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Gieve, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Cunningham, I.C., and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Knowles, who remarked that when he applauded Bro. Townsend's name so heartily, he was led away by the feelings of his heart, as it was Bro. Townsend who had initiated him into Masonry.

Bros. Sylvester, J. St. Vincent Crowder, Townsend, Charpentier, Jones, and P. H. Emanuel contributed to the harmony of the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543; Secretary; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, S.D.; E. J. Seymour, J.D.; E. Coleman, I.G.; F. Goswell, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; James Boulton, P.M. 1056, S.W. 28; W. J. Mason, A. P. Lake, J. F. Lake, J. F. Cliburn, T. C. Edmunds, J. H. Wood, W. E. Purdie, W. R. Hatton, F. Chandler, and C. Coleman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Edmunds as candidate. Lodge called off and on. Bro. Boulton was elected a joining member. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, June 8th. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The annual banquet of this lodge of instruction took place on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, and was a most pleasant and harmonious meeting. Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M. of the mother lodge presided, supported by the following brethren: Bros. C. T. Lewis, I.P.M.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason); J. Savage, S.D.; C. H. Canning, J.D.; C. Wood, Wine Stwd.; S. Bow, M. Rilat, A. Burton, H. Lacey,

J. Delo, S. Sutcliffe, C. Winterton, 860; W. Wren, 637; D. Foley, and M. Lynch, both of 363 (I.C.)

The banquet, which was all that could be desired, having been satisfactorily discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "Worshipful Master," saying that it was four years ago since this lodge of instruction was resuscitated, which resuscitation was due to the Worshipful Master's energy and constant attention. It had increased in numbers, and he asked them to aid Bro. Ives by every means in their power to keep it going.

The W.M. who is exceedingly popular, was received with cheers as he rose to respond. He said that directly he became a Mason his earnest desire was to become master of his mother lodge. That he had achieved entirely through the Masonic knowledge imparted to him at the other lodges of instruction. He felt flattered at being so well supported that evening, and took it as a great compliment, and sincerely trusted that both in that, and the mother lodge he should receive their support and encouragement, and then neither he, nor they, need fear for the prestige of the one, or the success of the other.

The next toast was that of "Success to the Henley Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of Bro. West, the Preceptor, and Bro. Savage, the Secretary.

Bro. West in response said he merely acted as Preceptor in the absence of Bro. Paul, who had not, or could not attend regularly. He was anxious and willing to impart instruction to those who desired to go on to the chair, and hoped to see a good muster when the lodge re-opened in September next.

Bro. Savage pleaded guilty to neglect in attending the lodge so much as he should like to, on account of pressure of business, but would endeavour to attend better in future; so far as the success of the lodge is concerned the credit must be given to Bro. West, for without him the lodge could never have existed. He thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, and they might depend upon it the Secretarial duties should receive every attention at his hands.

Bro. Wren, in responding for "The Visitors," spoke highly both of the working and hospitality of the Henley Lodge. It was not the first time by several he had attended and always found the greatest sociality and brotherly love extended to every visitor.

Bro. Lynch was made a Mason in India, fifteen years ago, and found the working somewhat different, the hospitality was the same, and he must say that he had been most courteously entertained that night.

Bro. Foley thanked Bro. Lacey for introducing him to such good brethren, and such good company.

Bros. Winterton also briefly responded. Bros. Lewis, West, and Ives, responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Jolly for "The Masonic Press." The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and reciting by Bros. Delo, Winterton, Lewis, Burton, Lacey, Canning, and C. Jolly.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; J. W. Ford, S.W.; Laundy, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; G. Marsden, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; E. Farwig, P.M.; E. L. Valeriani, 1687; A. Clark, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, H. S. Hunter, and T. C. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Bro. H. S. Hunter having offered himself as candidate for being raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., worked the 2nd, and Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 3rd Section of this lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., proposed that Bro. E. L. Valeriani be a joining member of this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, and carried unanimously. Bro. J. W. Ford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. J. W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., gave notice that the lodge would continue its weekly meetings (Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock) throughout the year.

GUELPH LODGE (No. 1685).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Blackbirds, High-street Leyton, on Thursday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. A. P. Holden, W.M.; Walker, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Hunt, S.D.; E. Bare, Preceptor; T. F. Tyler, I.G.; J. Slade, Secretary; and several other brethren.

After the business of the evening was concluded, the following brethren were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Bare, Preceptor; Walker, Treasurer; J. Slade, Secretary. A vote of thanks was duly passed to these brethren for their services during the past year, especially to Bro. E. Bare, for the untiring zeal and assiduity which he has always exhibited for the good of this lodge of instruction. The election being over, Bro. Tyler proposed a vote of condolence with Bro. Chew, P.M., in the sad bereavement which has befallen him in the death of his daughter under very painful circumstances, and called upon them to convey to him their feelings of deep sympathy with him in his great trial.

Bro. E. Bare said, he wished to second the resolution, and could only endorse all that had been said by Bro. Tyler. He had been associated with Bro. Chew for many years, and was sure that he would fully appreciate the kind sentiments and sympathy so ably expressed by the proposer. The resolution was duly carried.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Grist, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Chilcott, S.D.; Glover, J.D.; and Cope, I.G.; Vallis, W. C. Smith, C. White, P.M., and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vallis being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Glover, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Grist was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being closed, the lodge was closed with perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1207).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. W. Lake, M.E.Z.; B. Fullwood, H.; T. Perrin, J.; Robt. Crowden, P.Z.; Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, S.E.; Watson Osmond, S.N.; Jas. Crowden, P.S.; W. J. Lavington and G. H. Finch, Assist. Sojs.; W. D. Robins, C. W. Fox, and Alfred R. W. Powles. Visitors: Comps. W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 1507; D. Watson, P.Z. St. John's, Torquay, P.P.G.P.D. of C. Devon; John Leager, P.Z. 742; A. P. Allen, 107; C. A. Mackrell, 742; John Hammond, P.Z. 1326, P.P.S. Middx.; and James Reid, 72.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. Cock was balloted for and duly exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Fullwood was then installed in the chair of 1st Principal, the ceremony being very ably performed by Comp. R. Crowden, P.Z. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as

follows: T. Perrin, H.; Watson Osmond, J.; J. C. Woodrow, Scribe E.; R. H. Crowden, Treas.; James Crowden, N.; W. J. Lavington, P.S.; G. H. Finch, and W. D. Robins, Assist. Sojs.

Comp. Lake, the retiring M.E.Z., was then presented with a Past Principal's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair during the year. The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

The companions then adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Fullwood. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Comp. Lake, in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," congratulated Comp. Fullwood on being elected to the First Chair of the chapter. As an old Mason, and one who had done good service to the Order during his provincial career, they were glad to have him amongst them, and from the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties in the other offices they had an assurance that all he undertook would be well carried out.

The M.E.Z., in reply, expressed the pleasure he felt at occupying the position of First Principal, and assured the brethren that he would do his best to carry out faithfully and zealously the duties of his office.

The toasts of "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Chapter," were then given and responded to, and the Janitor's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

EASTWOOD.—Affability Chapter (No. 308).

This old chapter met at Bottoms, near Todmorden, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when Comps. J. E. Craven, P.Z., was installed as Z.; Halliday, as H.; and Wrigley, as J.; by Ex. Comp. John Marshall, P.Z., P. Prov. G.P.S. The unexpected death of Ex. Comp. Thomas Knowles, who had been an active member of the chapter, threw a solemnity into the proceedings, and after the installation, Ex. Comp. Craven addressed the companions as follows: I was willing to accept the chair of Principal of this chapter, in the hope of assisting the chapter, and helping to bring it into greater prosperity; and you have done me the honour of electing me to it. I have no doubt I shall have the cordial assistance of all companions of the chapter, and the good wishes of all visiting companions. I had looked forward to receiving the assistance of a companion who is now no more, I refer to our late Comp. Knowles who was a P.Z. in this chapter. My Masonic relations with him for the last 13 years have been the most intimate. My connection with Craft Masonry in this room commenced slightly before his. He followed me in the Craft through the various offices into the Worshipful Master's chair. He followed me too through the various offices into the chair of the First Principal Z., in this chapter. He also followed me through the various offices into the Worshipful Master's chair of the Mark lodge held in this room. I have had therefore the unusual privilege of having him as my chief officer and assistant in those different Masonic Orders; and I ever found him willing, loyal and efficient. I had hoped to have his valuable services during my coming year of office in this chair. But the Great Architect, to whom we all must submit, and whom we ought at all times cheerfully to obey, has decreed otherwise. As Principal Sojourner of this chapter, his services would have been most able and appreciated. The white robes of that officer which I see before me, seems forcibly to remind us that he is now robed in the white cerements of faded mortality. He has gone, and we have still the last sad office to perform. But when we have interred his body, and left it to moulder in corruption his Masonic memory will ever be fresh and green in the recollections of the companions of this chapter and his brethren in the Craft and Mark Lodges. The services he has rendered to Masonry—services marked with no ordinary ability, grace, and culture; his devotion to his lodges—devotion, not that of a spasmodic enthusiast, but regular, fervent, and constant; his cheerfulness at our festive boards; and, above all, his true Masonic character, and his apprehension of the spirit of Masonry, displaying itself in its broadest fraternity and sympathy, and in benevolence to the distressed and needy, have commanded our high appreciation and esteem, and caused his name to be deeply imprinted in the hearts and memories of his surviving brethren and companions. Oft will some tender recollection of our departed brother arise, filling the heart with sadness and the eye with tears. Masonry was to him a real and universal brotherhood, in whose temples he found inculcated those principles of duty, equity, and charity, to which his soul was so much attached. Being a bachelor, and living in apartments, he was not surrounded with the tenderest affections of hearth and kindred, and it seemed as if in consequence he possessed greater love and sympathy for his fellow-beings. He disliked ostentation and shams, wherever he found them, and under whatever name and sanction they might urge their assumptions. He was ever kind and considerate. With the means, culture, and address of a gentleman, he was plain, sincere, and benevolent. His purse, and such assistance as his health and engagements would permit, were ever at the disposal of his brethren. Of his other walks in life it does not become me here to speak. As a mortal, he must have had some failings and some weaknesses. What they were I care not to discover. Let us learn from our departed companion some of the many lessons his life teaches us; and may we remember that we are but dust, and sooner or later must make gaps in the ranks of our chapter; and may we try to deserve a fond recollection in the minds of our companions. It appeared as if our brother had almost died without the tender human sympathies which usually surround the dying; but the Great Architect willed it that two companions should arrive in time to pay him some of the last sad offices of nature. Our dear brother would not, I am sure, have wished it otherwise than to have his fading eyes finally closed by the W.M. of Prince George Lodge, and a P.M. of the Lodge of Harmony—lodges to which he was so much attached. We Royal Arch Masons seek and rejoice in the discovery of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us trust that our companion, through His mercy and love, has been exalted to a nobler and higher state of existence, and that he has discovered the presence of the Most High, whom we imperfectly seek here below. So mote it be.

The late Comp. Thos. Knowles, M.A., was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 228, in June, 1873, joined the Prince George Lodge, No. 308, in 1873, in which lodge he served many offices and was installed W.M. in 1877. He was also a P. Prov. Purst. in West Yorks., a Past Z. in the Arch, and a P.M. in the Mark.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. Faulkner, P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.Z., in the chair; T. Goodchild, H.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Treas., acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; S. E. Wingate, S.N.; C. Stevens, acting P.S. Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z. 975, &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z. 975, &c., as a young member, and it proved to be unanimous. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comps. Goodchild, M.E.Z.; John Mason, H.; Wingate, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; Elliott, S.N.; Matthews, P.S.; Thiellay, Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to Ex. Comp. J. B. Ryley, M.D., Comps. Lee, P.Z., and Stevens were elected Auditors.

Apologies for absence having been read from Comps. Ryley, Elliott, Mason, and others, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This new chapter held its first convocation since its consecration in March last, at the Griffin Hotel, on the 18th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. E. M. Lott, Grand Org., M.E.Z.; T. T. Phillips, H.; H. J. Lardner, J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. S.E.; E. Hoare, acting S.N.; and others. Comp. W. Lister, 1471, was a visitor.

The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. T. Tremere, W.M. 1929, and Aynsley, S.W. 1929; and it proving to be unanimous they were most impressively exalted into the Degree of the Royal Arch, the working of the three Principals in particular being almost faultless. Comp. Lane was then elected Janitor for the year ensuing. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Comps. Alfred Tisley, S.N.; Thomas, P.S.; W. Lake, Treas.; and several others. The chapter was then closed.

The companions then partook of a banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly proposed by the M.E.Z. in a brief but pertinent manner, and were warmly received.

During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Comps. Lott, Tremere, and Hoare.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—An excellent meeting of this distinguished council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 14th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. T. Poore, P.G.C.W., T.I.M.; Alfred Williams, P.C. of W., T.I.M. elect; P. Davison, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Deputy Grand Master, Recorder; T. Cubitt, C. of C.; Loveland, 2nd Marshal; Major Dunbar, S.S.; R. Bryant, Sentinel; C. Driver, P.G.C.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.; Captain Williamson, G.C. of G.; J. W. E. Macartney, M.P.; J. Brittain, A. F. Meaden, E. Margrett, R. J. Chitson, Edwin Storr, A. Godson, G. Hollington, H. George, J. Livingston, A. St. Paul, A. S. Miner, and others. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. R. H. Coulton, S. P. Catterson, E. A. Harris, I. P. J. Harris, T. G. Robinson, and E. Mills, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly and most impressively admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. Bro. Alfred Williams was then installed as T.I.M. by Bro. Walls, D.G.M. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing were Bros. Poore, I.T.I.M.; Anderson, D.M.; T. Cubitt, P.C.W.; F. Davison, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Recorder; the Rev. J. S. Moses, Chap.; Maude, Asst. Chap.; Graveley, C. of G.; Loveland, C. of C.; Berridge, 1st Marshal; Major Dunbar, 2nd Marshal; Lardner, 3rd Marshal; Spice, S.S.; Bryant, J.S.; C. Driver, Warden; and Edwin Storr, Sentinel. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to Bro. Poore, I.T. I.M., for the very able manner in which he had performed the onerous duties of the chair during the past year. After some discussion, it was eventually unanimously resolved—"That in future the meetings of No. 1 Council shall be held on the last Friday in February, second Thursday in May, and last Friday in September and November."

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to the Duke's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, where the annual festival was held, under the genial and able presidency of Bro. A. Williams. The proceedings, which were throughout most successful, terminated at an early hour.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

SIMPSON.—On the 18th inst., at Windsor, the wife of H. L. Simpson, J.P., of a son.

VENOUR.—On the 16th inst., at Clifton, the wife of Surgeon-Major Venour, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SPIERS—HACK.—On the 18th inst., at the British Embassy, Paris, Charles M'Carthy, son of the late Dr. A. Spiers, to Melicent Marguerite Lucy, daughter of E. L. Hack, Esq.

DEATHS.

BEARMAN.—On the 17th inst., at Dockley-road, S.E., Capt. E. J. Bearman, aged 49.

CHUBB.—On the 20th inst., at 13, Hinde-street, Manchester-square, Bro. William Chubb, Solicitor, P.M., P.P., &c.

CLARK.—On the 18th inst., at Duke-street, Manchester-square, George Clark, aged 44.

SMALE.—On the 7th inst., at 67, Corrance-road, Brixton, aged 19 years, John Henry, eldest son of the late Bro. William Smale, Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

SYMONDS.—On the 5th inst., Charles Dansey, son of Bro. J. Symonds, of Castle House, Bexley, Kent, aged 38.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of this Institution was held on the 15th inst., in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., presiding.

On the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, seconded by Bro. HASTINGS MILLER, this report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

After the reading of the minutes, Bro. TERRY read the following report of the Committee of Management:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governor and subscribers of the Institution.

The annual Festival was held by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 25th of February last. The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, occupied the chair. A Board of Stewards, 352 strong, supported him, and the result was an aggregate of donations and subscriptions amounting to £17,770 6s. 2d. It is impossible the Craft could have furnished a grander illustration than this of the loyalty with which it fulfils its most solemn obligations. The Committee in its report of last year pointed out with reference to the sum £14,665 13s., raised at the Festival in February, 1884, that it was "the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion" in aid of the funds of the Institution. Yet the total subscribed under the auspices of R.W. Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, with the cordial assistance of the Board of Stewards (especially of those hailing from his own province), and the generous co-operation of the brethren generally, was in excess of the total for 1884, by upwards of £3000. In such circumstances it will be easily understood that the Committee is at a loss for words to sufficiently express its gratitude to the R.W. Chairman, and those who laboured so zealously and so successfully in securing this splendid result.

The Committee has also to report that in consequence of the success attendant upon the last Festival the sum of one hundred guineas was presented to Bro. James Terry, in recognition of his great exertions to secure it, and of the additional heavy duties which will devolve upon him in the future.

At the election in May, 1884, there were upon the funds of the Institution 352 annuitants, namely 170 men and 182 widows, while to-day there are 118 candidates, 42 men and 76 widows, whose respective claims to be received into the Institution have been most carefully investigated and approved. In the face of a list so formidable in point of numbers, and having regard to the fact that only 16 vacancies, namely, 14 men and 2 widows, had occurred since the last election, the Committee decided, at its meeting in February last, upon increasing the number of annuitants still further, by placing 3 more men and 10 more widows upon the Fund, thus raising the aggregate of the two classes from 352 to 365. Since then there have died 4 men and 1 widow, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective Funds—exclusive of the 3 deferred annuitants—on each would be 21 men and 13 widows. Having regard to the brilliant success of the Festival, and in the exercise of what it conscientiously believed will be found a sound discretion, the Committee considers itself justified in recommending to the Governors and subscribers in Annual General Meeting assembled to elect 10 more widows, so that in the event of this recommendation being adopted, the full number to be elected will be 24 men and 26 widows, the aggregate on the two Funds being thus increased from 352 to 378, and the amount annually required towards the support from £12,624 to £13,384. It must also be borne in mind that a further annual sum of £420 will be needed in order to provide the half-annuities assigned by law to 21 widows, and payable during the first three years of their widowhood. Thus the total sum to be expended for annuities alone will be £13,804.

The Committee, however, in taking upon itself the responsibility of recommending this increase is desirous of impressing upon the Governors and subscribers, as well as upon the Craft generally, that the continuance of so large an expenditure for annuities will only be possible in the event of the Institution continuing to receive that generous measure of support which has been extended to it heretofore. The Committee, nevertheless, expresses its confident hope that upon these facts becoming generally known to the Craft, the necessary assistance will be forthcoming to enable it to extend the good work for which the Institution was established.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70, towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also desirous of conveying its most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants who have had occasion to seek medical advice and assistance.

They are likewise pleased at being in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, subject to those ordinary cleansings which are periodically necessary in all such buildings; the recent introduction of gas and other improvements have had the effect of increasing the comfort and convenience of the residents.

The Committee considers it would not be properly discharging its duty if it did not take this opportunity of placing on record its deep sense of regret at the death of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, J.P., Past G. Treasurer of England, and a Patron and one of the Trustees of the Institution. During a connection with the Charity extending over very many years, Lieut.-Col. Creaton always showed himself most assiduous and earnest in his endeavours to promote its welfare, and it feels it is only an act of justice that it should offer this heartfelt tribute of respect to his memory.

The Committee also wishes to express its sorrow at the death of Bro. James Norris, Warden of the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Norris faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of his office during a period of 16 years, and is succeeded by his daughter, Miss Norris, who, as Matron, had shared with him the responsibilities of regulating and directing the interior arrangements of the Asylum at Croydon.

In submitting the audited statement of accounts for the past year, the Committee is satisfied it will be found to

disclose a wise and economical administration of the funds of the Institution, and it appeals, as well to the Craft generally as to the Governors and Subscribers in particular, for a continuance of their support and encouragement, thereby enabling the Committee to discharge its arduous and responsible duties with satisfaction to the subscribers and with benefit to the annuitants.

The Committee is desirous of expressing, in conclusion, the earnest hope that these increasingly urgent appeals for aid in carrying out the benevolent intentions of the founders and supporters of the Institution will be as generously listened to in the future as they have been in the past. Notwithstanding the great increase which has been made of late years in the number of annuitants, there has been concurrently at the close of each successive annual election a very large number of unsuccessful candidates, the alleviation of whose sad necessities has inevitably been deferred for at least a further twelvemonth, a circumstance which the Committee most deeply deplore.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ended the 31st March, 1885, together with the usual particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

"MALE FUND."	
Balance 31st March, 1884...	£3445 12 9
RECEIPTS.	
Donation from Grand Lodge ...	800 0 0
" " " Chapter ...	100 0 0
" " " (Special) ...	250 0 0
" " " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals ...	5266 8 0
Annual Subscriptions ...	802 17 5
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	1117 10 8
Rent of Field ...	8 15 6
Legacies ...	14 5 0
Donation for Supply of Coals ...	35 0 0
Bro. Fisher's Account ...	3 3 0
	£11,843 12 4

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants ...	£6700 0 0
Salaries—Office ...	433 5 0
Collector—Commission ...	218 6 9
Messenger ...	5 0 0
Provincial, &c., Expenses ...	66 4 0
Medicine for Residents at Institution ...	12 10 0
Warden ...	20 0 0
Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's Salary ...	54 12 0
Rates and Taxes ...	64 0 4
Repairs, Painting, &c., and Goods Supplied ...	59 14 3
Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	179 15 2
Advertisements ...	23 10 10
Postages, &c., including Expenses of Elections ...	238 14 8
Petty Expenses ...	19 5 6
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants ...	59 17 5
Hire of Hall on Day of Election ...	2 12 6
Rent, &c., of Office ...	45 0 0
" " of Field ...	16 18 8
Purchase of Stock ...	1038 15 0
Votes of Thanks to Stewards ...	21 6 3
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy ...	3 15 0
Bankers' Charges ...	0 1 1
Assistance in Office ...	9 9 0
	£9292 19 5

Balance on this Fund, £2550 12s. 11d.	
"WIDOWS' FUND."	
Balance 31st March, 1884 ...	£3981 3 0
RECEIPTS.	
Donation from Grand Lodge ...	800 0 0
" " " Chapter ...	50 0 0
" " " (Special) ...	250 0 0
" " " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals ...	8164 12 11
Annual Subscriptions ...	1310 17 0
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	725 10 4
Rent of Field ...	8 15 6
Legacy ...	50 0 0
Donation for Supply of Coals ...	35 0 0
	£15,375 18 9

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants ...	£6297 0 0
Salaries—Office ...	433 5 0
Collector—Commission ...	270 10 0
Messenger ...	5 0 0
Provincial, &c., Expenses ...	66 4 0
Medicine for Residents at Institution ...	12 10 0
Matron ...	62 0 0
Gardener's Salary ...	28 12 0
Rates and Taxes ...	64 0 5
Repairs, Painting, and Goods Supplied ...	59 14 3
Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	176 5 2
Advertisements ...	23 10 11
Postages, &c., including Expenses of Election ...	233 6 4
Petty Expenses ...	18 14 6
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants ...	59 17 6
Hire of Hall on day of Election ...	2 12 6
Rent, &c., of Office ...	45 0 0
" " of Field ...	16 18 9
Purchase of Stock ...	1038 15 0
Votes of Thanks to Stewards ...	21 6 3
Premium on Collectors' Guarantee Policy ...	3 15 0
Bankers' Charges ...	0 0 7
Assistance in Office ...	9 9 0
	£8948 13 2

"SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING."	
Balance 31st March, 1884 ...	73 6 7
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds ...	29 5 0
	£102 11 7
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Repairs ...	4 4 0
	£98 7 7
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report, £9076 6 1	

"The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:

"MALE FUND.	
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge ...	£800 0 0
" " " Chapter ...	100 0 0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds ...	1117 10 8
	£2017 10 8
"WIDOWS FUND.	
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge ...	800 0 0
" " " Chapter ...	50 0 0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds ...	725 10 4
	£1575 10 4
"SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds ...	£30 0 0
	£3623 1 0

"R. W. STEWART, Chairman.
"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 13th May, 1885."

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., moved, and Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. and Treas. No. 22, seconded that this report be received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. C. H. WEBB called attention to one portion of the report with regard to the candidates, and reminded the meeting that there were three cases on the list whose respective ages exceed 82 years. Many of the brethren would no doubt have wished to see these cases taken off the list of candidates and placed on the list of annuitants at once. They had been on the list so many times that he thought they ought to go off; the chances were they would not be elected. If the report could be amended in that respect he was quite sure the meeting would adopt it. The expenditure increased by this course would be so small that the Institution would, he thought, rather benefit than be injured by it.

Bro. TERRY read the rule applicable to the case, and said that taking candidates off the list and making their annuitants must be effected at the meeting of the Committee in June. They could not override the laws, however much they might desire to aid these poor candidates.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said he was sorry they had not put that into execution since 1876; he found that it was acted upon then.

Bro. TERRY observed that since they filled up the vacancies which occurred in February and May the power of the Committee had never been exercised. Any vacancies which took place by death, a report of which reached the office up to the morning of the election, were filled up at the election. The power sought by Bro. Webb to be given had not been exercised before the meeting in June. The Committee the previous Wednesday very fully went into the question, but they found they could not do what Bro. Webb desired.

Bro. C. H. WEBB asked if the Committee took into consideration the particular three cases to which he had called attention.

Bro. TERRY said certainly not.

The motion was then carried.

The following brethren were then elected the Committee of Management: Bros. Frederick Adlard, P.M. 7; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M. 12; Stephen Barton Wilson, P.M. 59; A. Forsyth, M.D., W.M. 140; W. Hilton, P.M. 1351; Louis Stean, P.M. 212; John Bulmer, P.M. 174; C. H. Driver, P.M. 905; Charles E. Soppet, P.M. 60; Thomas Griffiths, P.M. 907.

The Auditors, Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. Berry, and J. Newton, were re-elected.

Bro. Bowyer was elected Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund.

The poll was then opened for the election of annuitants, the result of which will be seen in our advertisement columns.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT MELBOURNE.

The corner-stone of the newly-projected Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, was laid with solemn ceremonial, on Thursday, the 26th March last. There was a very numerous gathering of the brethren of the three Constitutions in honour of the auspicious event, the chief rôle being undertaken, as a matter of course, by R.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who is District G. Master of Victoria, under the English and Scotch Constitutions, and Prov. G. Master under those of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The building when erected will be a very spacious one, and will be the property of a Masonic Hall Company (Limited), with a capital of £20,000, in £1 shares, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke being Chairman of the Board of Directors. The brethren met at the Town Hall, the Irish and Scotch brethren meeting under their respective Deputy Grand Masters, which, as regards the English, it was the day fixed for their regular Quarterly Communication. All the city and suburban lodges, 32 in number, were strongly represented, and there was also a large attendance from the country lodges. R.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, having formally opened the D.G. Lodge of Victoria under the Grand Lodge of England, and several distinguished visitors from Queensland and Tasmania having been received and saluted with the honours due to their rank, the roll of lodges was called, and the minutes of the previous communication were read and confirmed, and D.G. Lodge adjourned. A procession was then formed, and the brethren in due order marched to the site of the proposed Hall in Collins-street, when the ceremony was carried out in strict accordance with ancient Masonic usages, the following being the order of procedure. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke having called upon the District Grand Treasurers, Bros. S. Franklin and W. Elms, to deposit the daily newspapers, the coins, and the parchment in the cavity prepared for their reception. Cement was laid upon the lower stone, and the trowel being handed to the R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master by Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, D.G. Master of Queensland, he spread the cement. The upper stone was slowly lowered, during which the choir sang the ode "O Lord of Hosts." The P.G. Junior Warden (I.C.), Bro. J. McKinnery, having handed the plumb rule to the D.G. Master, he applied it, saying: "I find this stone to be plumb, and that the craftsmen have prepared it true and trustily." The D.G. Senior Warden (S.C.), Bro. Major

Shakespeare, next handed the level to the D.G. Master, who, applying it, said: "I find this stone to be level, and that the craftsmen have laboured skilfully." The Deputy District Grand Master (E.C.), Bro. Dr. St. John Clarke, now handed the square, and the D.G. Master, applying it further, said: "I find this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared, truly laid, and that the craftsmen have worked well. The mallet being handed to the District Grand Master, he struck the stone thrice. The cornucopia was next handed to Sir William Clarke by Bro. Donaldson, P.M., 642, S.C., and the District Grand Master said: "I strew corn upon this stone, as an emblem of abundance and plenty." Bro. Isaacs, W.M. 349, I.C., then handed the ewer to the District Grand Master, who said: "I pour wine upon this stone, as an emblem of strength and gladness." Bro. A. Loel, W.M. 474, E.C., finally handed the second ewer to the District Grand Master, when he said: "I sprinkle this stone with oil, the emblem of peace and harmony." Sir Wm. Clarke then proclaimed: "May prosperity, happiness and brotherly love prevail amongst those who shall labour in this building, to the glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more." The plans of the building were next handed to the Dist. G.M. by the architects, Bros. Grainger and D'Ebro, and having inspected and approved them, he, returning them, said: "I now place in your hands the plans of this intended building, together with the necessary working tools, tools, not doubting your skill and ability as craftsmen, and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you." Prayer having been offered at the close, as at the opening of the ceremony, and the National Anthem having been sung by the whole assemblage, the procession was reformed to the Town Hall, and the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge (English Constitution) resumed. The following is the copy—a companion of which on satin was presented to Lady Clarke—of the parchment document deposited under the foundation stone:

"I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U., Audi, Vide, Tace, H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., K.P., K.T., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England; His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ireland; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland."

"On Thursday, the 26th day of March, A.D. 1885, A.L. 5885, and the forty-eighth year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, the corner stone of this structure, the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street East, in the city of Melbourne, and colony of Victoria, was laid according to ancient Masonic custom by the Honourable Sir William John Clarke, baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, member of the Legislative Council of Victoria, Right Worshipful District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, under the Constitutions of England Ireland, and Scotland, assisted by his District and Provincial Grand Officers, and in the presence of the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of many lodges under the three said Constitutions.

"H. Sr. John Clarke, Deputy District Grand Master, E.C.

"George Baker, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, I.C.

"Charles R. Martin, Deputy District Grand Master, S.C.

"T. H. Lempriere, District Grand Secretary, E.C.

"A. Ellis, Provincial Grand Secretary, I.C.

"H. W. Long, District Grand Secretary, S.C.

"Architects—Brothers Grainger and D'Ebro.

"Builder—Brother David Mitchell.

"W. F. Lamonby, W.M. 752, E.C., Hon. Secretary to Executive Committee.

"His Excellency, Sir Henry Brougham Loch, K.C.B., Governor of Victoria.

"The Hon. James Service, M.L.A., Premier of Victoria.

"His Worship Councillor G. D. Carter, Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Melbourne.

"The oldest English lodge in Victoria is the Australia Felix, No. 474, in Melbourne: warrant dated and signed by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master, April 2, 1811.

"The oldest Scotch lodge is the Australasian Kilwinning, No. 337, in Melbourne; warrant dated and signed by the Earl of Fitzclarence, Grand Master Mason, Feb. 6, 1843.

"The oldest Irish lodge is the Australia Felix Lodge of Hiram, No. 349, in Melbourne; warrant dated and signed by the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master, April 30, 1847.

"The first Prov. Grand Master in Victoria was Bro. Jas. Hunter Ross, Scotch Constitution, who was installed in the year 1847.

"The second Prov. Grand Master in Victoria was Bro. John Thomas Smith, M.L.A., Irish Constitution, who was installed in the year 1856.

"The third Prov. Grand Master in Victoria was Bro. Capt. Andrew Clarke, Royal Engineers, M.L.A., English Constitution, who was installed in the year 1857."

The mallet and trowel used by Bro. Sir W. Clarke were supplied by Mr. T. Dougall, Collins-street, from very elaborate designs prepared by Dr. Willmott. The blade of the latter bears on the point an open bible, surrounded by a blazing sun, below being the square and compasses, in the centre of which is the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.L.C., District and Prov. G.M. of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions, on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, 26th March, 1885, by Bro. D. Mitchell, J.P., contractor." Below the angle of the square are the words, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and on each side roses and thistles, with a sprig of shamrock at the apex. On the edge of the trowel is an indented or tessellated border. The handle of the trowel is of polished tulipwood, and a terrestrial globe in silver at the end. The mallet is made of tulipwood, a silver square and compass surrounding the monogram "W.J.C.," whilst the handle is ebony, with a silver celestial globe at the tip.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Sir W. Clarke entertained a large party at luncheon, at the Masonic Club, which is opposite the site of the new hall, and was bravely decorated in honour of the occasion, and in the evening he presided at a grand banquet in the Town Hall, at which he was supported by his officers and upwards of 400 brethren.

* His lordship had been succeeded—probably unknown to the brethren in Melbourne—before this date by Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blytheswood, the present Grand Master of Scotland.

In connection with this event a grand concert was given in the Town Hall the previous evening, to which Bro. Sir W. Clarke issued through the various lodges of the three constitutions, some 3000 cards of invitation to be present, and with the bright dresses of the ladies, and the rich insignia and clothing of the Craftsmen made the scene an especially brilliant one. The concert, like the rest of the proceedings, of which it was the commencement, appears to have been a great success, and we must congratulate our brethren of the three Constitutions in Victoria on what in all probability will be among the most memorable events in the history of Freemasonry in that colony.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.

The ninety-seventh annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, New Haven, on the 21st and 22nd January, under the presidency of Bro. Dwight Waugh, M.W.G.M., there being present among the Grand Officers Bros. A. C. Golding, D.G.M.; Henry H. Green, G.S.W.; John W. Mix, G.J.W.; John G. Root, G. Treas.; Joseph K. Wheeler, G. Sec.; George D. Stanton, G.S.D.; John H. Swartwout, G.J.D.; A. Dickenson, G. Marshal; and Rev. G. M. Stanley, G. Chap.; together with several Past G. Officers, Grand Representatives for other jurisdictions, and the representatives of a considerable number of the subordinate lodges. The address of the Grand Master dealt with the most important events of the past year, which, however, possess a local interest only. The report of the Grand Treasurer appears to have been most satisfactory, the receipts including the balance brought forward from the previous year, amounting to 5557 dollars, the expenditure to 3574 dollars, leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of 1983 dollars. The Masonic Charity Foundation Fund amounted to \$146 dollars, the whole of which, with the exception of 213 dollars retained as cash in hand, is profitably invested or on deposit in various Savings Banks. It appears from the returns appended to the report of proceedings that there are 111 lodges on the roll with a membership of 14,921. The report on correspondence has been carefully compiled by Bro. Wheeler, G. Sec., who appears to have found room for whatever of interest had occurred or was considered in the reports of other jurisdictions within the comparatively modest compass of about 100 pages. The following are the Grand Officers for the current year, namely:—

Bro. Dwight Waugh ...	M.W.G.M.
" Henry H. Green ...	D.G.M.
" John Mix ...	G.S.W.
" John H. Swartwout ...	G.J.W.
" John G. Root ...	G. Treas.
" Joseph K. Wheeler ...	G. Sec.
" L. A. Dickinson ...	G.S.D.
" Clark Buckingham ...	G.J.D.
" Wm. W. Price ...	G. Marshal.
" Rev. George M. Stanley ...	G. Chap.
" Arthur H. Brewer ...	G.S. Stwd.
" Charles Tilden ...	G.J. Stwd.
" Edward T. Main ...	G. Tyler.

The next annual communication will be held in the city of Hartford on the third Wednesday in January, 1886.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

R.W. Bro. the Hon. A. C. GREGORY, D.G.M., presided at the regular quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on Wednesday, the 4th of March last, among the D.G. Officers present being Bro. Barron L. Barnett, D.D.G.M.; William Finucane, D.G.S.V.; Ben. Burton, D.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Crompton, M.A., D.G. Chap.; John Fenwick, D.G. Sec.; John Thompson, M.D., D.G.S.D.; Ernest W. Smith, D.G.J.D.; and others.

In the course of the proceedings the D.G.M. delivered an address descriptive of the events of the past year, and congratulated those present, on the present state and future prospects of the Craft in his district. Bro. Gregory also mentioned that he expected to summon the brethren at an early date to attend and take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of their new Masonic Hall, the plans for which were already approved, and he further submitted for their consideration whether the time had not arrived for the appointment of a District Board of General Purposes. Bro. Finucane having been unanimously elected D.G. Treasurer, in place of Bro. Heussler, who a few days previously had left for England, the following brethren were appointed, and in several cases invested as D.G. Officers for the year 1885-6, namely:

Bro. John Thompson, M.D. ...	Dist. G.S.W.
" Ernest W. Smith ...	Dist. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. Crompton, M.A. ...	Dist. G. Chap.
" Hon. C. Stuart Mein, M.L.C. ...	Dist. G. Reg.
" John Fenwick ...	Dist. G. Sec.
" Daniel Jones ...	Dist. G.S.D.
" Joseph Dean ...	Dist. G.J.D.
" J. Blanchard Mills ...	Dist. G. Supt. of Wks.
" George Victor Le Vaux ...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" William Dawson ...	Dist. G.A.D.C.
" Pollett L. Cardew } ...	Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" Alfred R. Finney } ...	Dist. G. Org.
" Jas. Graham Vidgen } ...	Dist. G.P.
" Jas. Darby Reeve } ...	Dist. G. Asst. P.
" George Alfred Potter } ...	Dist. G. Stwds.

Bros. Alfred F. Stanborough, Carl H. Hartmann, Geo. Robert Gordon, Fred. Reichelmann, E. Pickering, and H. Smith }

Dist. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed with the usual formalities.

KENT LODGE OF EAST COLLINGWOOD, No. 845, MELBOURNE.

There was an unusually large gathering of brethren present at the annual meeting on Wednesday, the 18th March last, of this lodge to witness the rare occurrence of a father installing his son in the chair of K.S. On this occasion, the Installing Master was Bro. Philip Blashki, P.D.G.J.W., and the Installed Master Bro. Aaron Blashki. Additional interest was given to the proceedings by the fact that a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. M'Intosh, P.M., and a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. Major S. Tryhall, who had not long previously returned from a trip round the world, and who, in acknowledging it, spoke of the hearty welcome he had met with everywhere during his travels.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA, ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONS.

The regular Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 26th March last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., D.G.M. The business was of the usual character and included the submission and approval of the reports of the Board of General Purposes and Benevolence, and the D.G. Treasurer's statement of account for the year. The following brethren were appointed and invested as D.G. Officers for the year 1885-6, namely:—

- Bro. Dr. Balls-Headley... Dist. G.S.W.
- Dr. Hinchliffe... Dist. G.J.W.
- Rev. E. A. Thomas... Dist. G. Chap.
- Rev. W. W. Mantell... Dist. G.A. Chap.
- H. W. Lowry... Dist. G. Reg.
- H. Thompson... Dist. G. Reg.
- Major Trythall... Dist. G.P.B.G.P.
- T. H. Lempriere... Dist. G. Sec.
- John Scott... Dist. G.S.D.
- F. L. Flint... Dist. G.S.D.
- J. Chapman... Dist. G.J.D.
- J. Cleverdon... Dist. G.J.D.
- A. Purchase... Dist. G.S. of W.
- J. G. Morton... Dist. G.D.C.
- A. L. Levy... Dist. G.A.D.C.
- J. Mackie... Dist. G. Swd. B.
- J. G. Hornblower... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- David Lee... Dist. G. Org.
- J. W. Wright... Dist. G. Purst.
- W. Mills... Dist. G.A. Purst.
- A. J. Clark... Dist. G. Tyler.
- Bros. T. P. Dight, T. Haydon, H. B. Blashki, and Miser } Dist. G. Stwds.

The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following is a complete list of the officers of this District Grand Lodge for the year 1885-6, namely:—

- Bro. John Williams, J.P. ... Dist. G.M.
- F. A. Wright, M.P. ... Dist. D.G.M.
- Gustavus Gabriel ... Dist. G.S.W.
- W. H. Tulloh ... Dist. G.J.W.
- Rev. E. Madgwick ... Dist. G. Chap.
- W. Webster ... Dist. G. Treas.
- T. Read ... Dist. G. Reg.
- C. Stokes ... Dist. P.B. of G.P.
- A. H. Bray ... Dist. G. Sec.
- J. Levison ... Dist. G.S.D.
- J. Booth ... Dist. G.S.D.
- S. Hodge ... Dist. G.J.D.
- W. Cracknell ... Dist. G.J.D.
- John Sutherland, M.P. ... Dist. G.S. of W.
- A. A. P. Tighe ... Dist. G.D.C.
- F. P. Meares ... Dist. G.D.C.
- C. B. Airey ... Dist. G.A.D.C.
- A. Hancock ... Dist. G. Swd. Br.
- J. Marshall ... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- J. Munday ... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- G. F. Garland ... Dist. G. Org.
- P. L. Murray ... Dist. G.A. Sec.
- H. Pedriau ... Dist. G. Purst.
- T. W. Knight ... Dist. G.A. Purst.
- C. P. Middleton ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- H. Richardson ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- H. Howe ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- G. C. Clarke ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- J. Myers ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- E. Beale ... Dist. G. Tyler.
- James Stainer ... Dist. G. Tyler.

It should be added that Bro. James Macdonald, P.M. 868, is President of the Committee of Benevolence, and that R.W. Bro. J. Williams, D.G.M., is President of the Freemasons' Orphan Society and Chairman of the Freemasons' Hall Company.

THE CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1735, CAPE TOWN.

The regular meeting of this lodge, on Wednesday, the 25th March last, was marked by a highly interesting ceremony; Bro. George Brittain, P.M., who had occupied the chair of the lodge for close on three years, being presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his great interest in, and the signal services he had rendered to, the lodge. The presentation was made by the W.M., the Very Rev. the Dean of Cape Town, who spoke very felicitously, and in the warmest terms of admiration of Bro. Brittain's conduct, both as a member and ruler of the lodge, and Bro. Brittain, in acknowledging the gift, expressed his cordial thanks for the kindness of the brethren. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. George Brittain, P.M., by the members of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1735, in appreciation of services rendered the lodge."

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. SIR W. WATKINS-WYNN, BART., M.P., P.G.M. NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

By the death, on the 9th inst., of Bro. Sir W. Watkins-Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire since the beginning of the year 1852, there has been removed from among us one of the most prominent, as well as one of the most beloved and respected, members of the Craft in England. Our deceased brother was not only ready, but anxious, to play his part in Masonry, and the fact of his having been present at the consecration of nearly every one of the lodges in this province which have been warranted since his accession to the office of P.G.M., is convincing testimony, if testimony is needed, of the personal, as distinguished from the official, interest he took in whatever was calculated to affect for good the welfare of our Fraternity. We have also the most direct evidence of the great personal esteem and respect in which he was held by the brethren he ruled over in this further fact, that when he had completed 25 years of Mastership over his province, the sum of 500 guineas was voted for the purpose of purchasing a "Sir W. Watkins-Wynn Life Presentation" to the Boys' School. Thus the ruler and his province conjoined with each other in giving practical effect to the grand principles of Freemasonry, the former by personally interesting himself in the proceedings of the brethren, and the latter by reciprocating that kindly feeling in the manner most likely to find favour with their

chief—promoting the cause of true Charity. That the loss of such a brother must be the cause of deep sorrow everywhere, but especially in North Wales and Shropshire does not need to be specified, the gathering around his grave of the Prov. Grand Officers and the representatives of the lodges constituting the province on Friday, the 15th inst., when his remains were consigned to their last resting place demonstrates this clearly enough, nor are we exaggerating when we say that, years and years hence when other Wynns are walking in the footsteps of our deceased brother, and striving—successfully we hope—to emulate his numerous virtues, the memory of those virtues will be as bright and fresh as it is now. Bro. Sir W. Watkins-Wynn was the Senior Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons on the rolls respectively of United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter, his patent of appointment to the former office bearing date the 13th January, 1852, and that to the latter September 1859. His connection with Freemasonry is, necessarily, of a still earlier date, his initiation having taken place in the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, on the 27th December, 1854. He filled the S.W.'s Chair of that Lodge in 1850 and was elected and installed W.M. for the year 1851, his early progress in Masonry having been most kindly watched over by the late Viscount Combermere, P.G.M. Cheshire. Early in 1852 he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland, and installed by the late Lord Combermere, as Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, the ceremony taking place at Shrewsbury, where at the time two out of the four lodges constituting his province held their meetings. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Fidelity Chapter, No. 477, Birkenhead, on 4th April, 1853, and five years later joined the Friendship Chapter, No. 6. In September, 1859, he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of North Wales and Salop. During the period of his government the Craft has flourished abundantly, there having been only four lodges in the province at the time of his installation as P.G.M., whereas there are now no less than 28, of which 18 are in North Wales and the remaining 10 in Shropshire. But Sir W. Watkins-Wynn's interest was by no means confined to the proceedings which took place within the limits of his own province. He was a supporter of all our Institutions, being a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Life Governor, and once Steward, for the Girls' School, and a Vice-President, and once Steward, for the Boys' School. Moreover, in 1871, the deceased took the chair at the Annual Festival of the last-named Institution, and hence, no doubt, the selection of this School as the recipient of the "Life Presentation Fund" when the question as to the form of the proposed testimonial in his honour should take care to be considered.

The funeral took place on Friday, the 15th inst., in Llangedwyn Churchyard, in the presence of a gathering of many thousands of persons assembled from the neighbouring parts in order to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of their deceased friend and neighbour. All classes and bodies were strongly represented, and among the latter none more so than the Masons of North Wales and Shropshire, for whom the following brethren acted as a deputation: Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Rowland G. Venables, 611, P.G.S.W.; Rees Buckley Williams, 998, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Robert Jackson, 1896, P.G.C.; Rev. John Lewis, 1509, P.G.C.; J. P. White, 262, P.G.T.; W. H. Spaul, 1124, P.G.S.; Secretary Charity Association; Dr. E. Robinson, 998, P.A.G.S.; John Kitto, 1582, P.G.S.D.; W. Putman, 611, P.G.J.D.; W. J. Lovegrove, 1988, 1509, P.G.S. of Works; W. H. Foulkes, 1674, P.G. D. of C.; Dr. F. H. V. Grosholz, 1583, P.G.A.D. of C.; A. T. Akeroyd, 1432, P.G.G.; W. Simms, 1621, P.G.P.; C. K. Benson, 1336, P.A.G.P.; V. C. L. Crump, 117, Treasurer to the Charity Association, P.G. Stwd.; T. A. Forster, 1594, P.G. Stwd.; J. Maclardy, 1432, P.G. Stwd.; R. Lewis, 117, Auditor; T. C. Royle, W.M. 117; R. A. Craig, W.M. 262; William Norton, W.M. 611; Jno. Owen, W.M. 998; G. P. Raynor, W.M. 1113; L. E. Wollstein, W.M. 1120; G. J. Morgan, W.M. 1124; J. Parry-Jones, W.M. 1143; J. F. Edisbury, W.M. 1330; Samuel Morris, W.M. 1369; J. H. Parsons, W.M. 1432; J. L. Evans, 1488; Jno. Ginders, 1575; J. Jones, 1583; and H. A. Steer, 1674. Each of these, as he passed the grave, dropped his sprig of acacia upon the coffin, and in letting fall the curtain upon the closing scene in the story of one who had deserved so well of his family, friends, brethren, and dependents, it only remains for us to add our high but sincere expression of grief at his loss. To his widow and family, and, indeed, to all who knew him, we offer this tribute of our respectful sympathy.

BRO. WILLIAM CHUBB.

We regret to have to announce the death, on the 20th inst., of Bro. William Chubb, solicitor, of 13, Hinde-street, Manchester-square, and South-square, Gray's Inn. Bro. Chubb was an old and active Freemason. A P.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231; a Past Principal of the British Chapter, No. 8; and S.W. of the new lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029. Bro. Chubb was a brother-in-law of Bro. John Messent, P. Grand Sword Bearer, and had been associated with him in much Masonic work.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald and Lady Hanson, Bro. Sir E. and Lady Watkin, and Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., attended the Marchioness of Salisbury's reception on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

Bros. Viscount Powerscourt and the Hon. A. Kinnaird were among those present at the funeral on Monday, in Teston Churchyard, of the late Countess of Gainsborough.

Bro. the Earl of Fife had the honour of receiving their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at dinner on Friday evening, the 15th inst., at his residence in Cavendish-square.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., and the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, attended the Cabinet Council, held in Downing-street, on Saturday last.

Bros. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., and Colonel Lord E. Pelham Clinton were in attendance on the Queen as Lord and Groom-in-Waiting respectively on Tuesday, when her Majesty held a Council at Windsor. Bro. Earl Granville was present, and afterwards had an audience of, and dined with, her Majesty, afterwards returning to town.



Saturday week (the 30th) is to bring another change in the programme of the Haymarket. Bro. Bancroft announces the revival of Mr. W. S. Gilbert's pretty play, "Sweethearts." The programme will be completed by the comic drama "Good for Nothing," and the compressed version of "The Taming of the Shrew," by David Garrick. Mrs. Bancroft will play in the two first pieces.

Mr. Levey announces he will produce a comic opera at the Royalty. The title of "Doctor" having been already used, he will name Messrs. Colnaghi and Dick's opera "Dr. D."

Mr. Hare and Bro. Kendal announce that they will on an early date bring out a version of M. Sardou's "Maison Neuve," and a new comedietta by the author of "Uncle's Will." For next season the same managers are arranging the presentation in English of M. Claretie's drama, "Le Prince Zilah," which is meeting with much success in Paris at the present time, and is about being played at the Gaiety in the French plays series. Mrs. Kendal just now is playing one of her best characters in "The Queen's Shilling." We know some people consider it her very best part, and as pure English comedy is so rarely seen on the London stage in these days, we would urge every one to whom the play is a pleasure to go to the St. James's, and see Bro. and Mrs. Kendal's splendid acting. Mr. Hare also plays in this piece, as well as in the preceding comedy, "A Quiet Rubber," to which people ought certainly to go in time, for they will bring something away with them to talk and think about, and to send their friends to. A more delightful evening cannot be spent in any theatre than at the St. James's, where the company are so efficient and the plays so well staged.

Mr. Wilson Barrett puts Bro. Sims's "Lights of London" on the Princess's stage to-night (Saturday). It is sure to draw well for a few weeks, being one of the author's best dramas, and the cast being exceptionally strong. In a short time the new drama by Mr. Wilson Barrett and Mr. W. G. Wills will be brought out here.

Bro. Sims has achieved an unqualified success at the Adelphi, where "The Last Chance" has been playing for a month past. Owing to circumstances we were unable to see it in its earliest days, but are glad to have been now to witness one of the most realistic and life-like dramas which have ever been written. The plot is a little mixed, there being so many characters that it is difficult to take them all in at once, but the scenes help to elucidate. We have blended wit, pathos, sensation, stage carpentry, and scene painting. Many years before the play opens Richard Daryll and James Barton loved a foreign adventuress, one Marion Lisle. She has a husband living, whom she has betrayed and deserted. Daryll marries her, and two years afterwards she leaves him with her infant Rupert. Daryll, having the best grounds for believing she is dead, marries again. He has another son, Frank, and many years are spent with his wife and son. Barton, for revenge of losing the woman he loved, is at enmity with Daryll, and seeks out Marion and confronts her with her husband. Old Daryll has made a fresh will, leaving his property to his second wife and son Frank, but is compelled to destroy it in favour of Marion and Rupert as the price of silence. Another complication comes in here. Frank is secretly married to old Barton's daughter Mary. Marion is inclined to be merciful, but her son Rupert insists on his legal rights, the second Mrs. Daryll not being aware of the terrible secret. Old Daryll dies from the shock. Frank is left penniless. Rupert exclaims, "A fortune is mine and none to share it." While he utters the words a most repulsive individual appears, holds out his hand, and merely says, "How do you do?" Rupert starts on seeing him. Frank and Mary are found occupying a garret. Meanwhile old Burton has learned of his daughter's secret marriage, and implores Marion to assist her, but in vain. Having repented of his revenge on old Daryll, Barton now seeks to revenge himself on Marion, and finds a Polish refugee, one Karasoff, who he observes fills Marion with fear. The famous scene at the London Docks, of which every one is talking, comes in here. We see Frank starving, applying for work, but first all the regular hands are taken on. A few more are wanted; one good-natured labourer who has been chosen gives up his place to Daryll, who meets with an accident through the breaking of a crane. Karasoff is here, being in search of his traitorous wife, and gets information about her from the injured man. His wife goes out of her mind from grief and trouble. Rupert finds her and prevents her seeing her husband. In the garden of a hospital Marion comes to see Frank, and is confronted by the Pole, who attempts her life, but is restrained by Frank. The last act of course winds up well by Frank getting back his property when it is proved that Marion was already married when she became the wife of old Daryll. Mary's mind returns to her at the sight of her husband. Rupert is arrested for a murder, but the fate of Marion is left unsettled. Bro. Charles Warner as the hero, Frank, plays his part in his usual manly manner. Mr. Fernandez makes an effective figure as the malevolent old Barton. The make up of Mr. Beveridge is excellent; he looks a political refugee. Mr. Garden, as Christmas Day, is very amusing in his portrayal of a rustic. Mr. Charles Glenny is quite equal to the occasion as the villain, Rupert, and gets well hissed after each act for his excellent playing of his part. Miss Louise Moodie, as Marion, though a little too slow, is on the whole very good. Miss Mary Rorke, as the heroine, plays nicely, but the part is not a strong one. The scenery, specially that of the Haddon Hall, which is an exact reproduction, is very effective, and does the highest credit to Messrs. Hann, Telbin, and Smith. We can personally vouch for the London Docks scene being strictly accurate, having gone there to witness able and willing men trying to get a day's work, and few succeeding. It is one of the saddest of the many sad sights in London. Those who like sensational pieces should not omit a visit to the Adelphi.



The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey will be held on Monday, the 1st June, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the banner of the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 333. The receiving lodge meets at 4 o'clock, and R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett will open P.G. Lodge at 5, the banquet taking place at 6.30. The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., has accepted an invitation to be present.

R.W. Bro. Lord Pelham, P.P.G.M. Sussex, and Lady Pelham have left London for Sandgate.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and suite honoured the Globe Theatre with their presence on Friday evening, the 15th inst.

Bro. Col. Sir E. Du Cane presided on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, at the second annual meeting of the Huguenot Society.

Bro. Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, left his residence in Grosvenor-square on Monday last on a brief visit to Amsterdam.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Sir Charles Mills, Bart., M.P., have been elected Vice-Presidents of the Bank Clerks' Orphanage.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, though he has greatly improved in health lately, has been ordered by his medical advisers to take absolute rest for some time to come.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has had another relapse, and is under the care of his medical adviser at his residence at Stoke Dry.

The 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Militia) held their annual athletic meeting on the grounds of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, on Friday, the 15th inst., among those present being Bros. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies-Sewell and Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Stwd.

The Princess of Wales held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Monday afternoon, presentations to her Royal Highness being deemed equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The Prince of Wales, Princess Louise of Wales, Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar were present.

A Special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held, by command of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., at the School Room, Bishopstoke, on Saturday, the 6th prox., and be closed tyled at 3.30 p.m., to consider and confirm the bye-laws of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The testimonial to Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., which has been subscribed for in recognition of the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his important office during last year, will be presented to his lordship on Thursday next, the 28th inst. It consists of a diamond necklace and pendant for the Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler), and a silver centrepiece, together with his portrait, for his lordship.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past G. Treas., has just added another to the long list of ceremonials connected with the foundation of buildings by laying, on Tuesday last, the first stone of the new schoolroom, dormitories, and other buildings now about to be erected for the Brixton Orphanage for Fatherless Girls. The proceedings were of an impressive character, and the purses persons placed on the stone at the conclusion of the ceremony, with other contributions promised by the friends of the Orphanage, amounted to about £300.

The presentation dinner of the Corporation of London Orphan School Committee was held at the Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of the Chairman, Bro. A. Brookman, the principal guests including Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., Alderman Staples, E. D. Rogers, H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.

The following Regimental Dinners have been fixed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern during the month of June. June 1st—Grenadier Guards; 29th Regiment. 2nd—34th Regiment; 30th Regiment; 52nd Regiment. 4th—19th Regiment; 9th Regiment. 5th—103rd Regiment (Royal Bombay Fusiliers); 79th Cameron Highlanders. 8th—60th Rifles; 5th Dragoon Guards. 9th—Royal Engineers. 10th—18th Royal Irish; 7th Royal Fusiliers. 11th—90th Regiment; 8th Hussars. 19th—The Buffs; 12th Suffolk Regiment; 98th Regiment. 22nd—Staff College.

The 22nd Anniversary Festival of the Newspaper Press Fund was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. W. Howard Russell. Among the principal guests were Bros. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales East, Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, Baron H. De Worms, M.P., C. J. Kennard, M.P., Hyde Clarke (Treasurer of the Fund), Professor Dr. Hodgkinson, and J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. The subscriptions, including a cheque from Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore and an annual donation of £100 from the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, amounted to about £900.

Bro. T. Scadden, proprietor of the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, has compiled, expressly for the use of visitors to the hotel, a very interesting guide to Southsea and neighbourhood, including Portsmouth, Gosport, and the Isle of Wight. In the book is also a well executed map of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, and visitors to Southsea will find it a most useful book, for it gives every possible information, even to the lodges, where held, and when. Bro. Scadden, who accompanied H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to India, and also received a gold watch and chain from His Royal Highness, is held in high esteem at Southsea, and is well worthy of the support he receives at his well served house.

Bro. Alderman and Mrs. De Keyser left town for Kissingen on Thursday, the 14th inst.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will open a bazaar next month for the purpose of reducing the debt on the New Barnet Congregational Church.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Loveridge, who some time since was overtaken by a very serious illness, has so far recovered as to be able to leave Cheshire for home.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will preside at the annual regimental dinner of the 10th Hussars, the date and place fixed for the event being Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and the 4th June prox., respectively.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead, Bro. Sir J. B. and Lady Monckton, and Bro. Alderman Savory were amongst those present at Lady Granville's reception on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

It has been unanimously agreed by the Officers' and Clerks' Committee of the Corporation of London to recommend that the salary of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as Town Clerk, be increased from £2500 to £3000 per annum.

Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., and Sir R. Buxton, Bart., M.P., have been chosen candidates in the Conservative interest at the approaching General Election for the South-West and Southern divisions of Norfolk respectively.

The Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will not hold a meeting on Whit Tuesday, the 26th inst. Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, will preside at the meeting on Tuesday, 2nd June.

Bro. Sir John Bennett opened the South Bermondsey Workmen's Club and Institute, 7, Ilderton-road, on Friday, the 15th inst., a very pleasant programme of vocal and instrumental music being submitted in honour of the occasion.

Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M. 1196, 1792, P.Z. 1196, &c., has been unanimously elected First Principal of the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 95, which meets at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., and will be duly installed on the 5th of June next.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the Hôtel Metropole on Monday, when it was inaugurated with a grand military concert, the proceeds of which are to be devoted jointly to the Imperial War Fund and the Princess of Wales's branch of the National Aid Society.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, Chairman of the Finance and Improvement Committee of the Corporation, has reported that so many subscribers to the new City Loan have paid up their instalments in full that a considerable sum of money was in hand, and it was in contemplation to pay off some of the contemporary loans forthwith.

Bro. T. Beard, the Immediate Past Chairman of the Finance (Markets) Committee of the Corporation of London was presented on Wednesday, the 13th inst., by the members of the Committee with a handsome tea and coffee service in token of their appreciation of his services during the past year. A Committee dinner at the Guildhall Tavern was made the occasion for presenting the testimonial.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, A. Stavely Hill, O.C., H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), Alderman Staples, A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, Deputy East, F. B. Allison, Major H. A. Joseph, S. da Costa Andrade, G. Shaw, W. Malthouse, and J. Cox, were among the guests at the annual dinner at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday evening, of the City Commissioners of Sewers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will be present at the Military Assault-at-Arms, which will be held at the Floral Hall, Covent Garden, by special sanction of H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, in aid of the Royal Benevolent Fund, on Wednesday, the 10th June prox.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, returned from Buckingham Palace to Windsor on Thursday evening, the 14th inst. The following morning the old colours of the 1st Batt. Seaforth Highlanders were presented to her Majesty by Col. Stockwell, C.B., the regiment being drawn up in review order in the Quadrangle of the Castle.

Bros. G. B. Britten, P. Hamer, R. A. Morgan, W. W. Rust, E. F. Storr, and H. White were present at a meeting held at the Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 15th inst., in connection with the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, and their proposed amalgamation with the Retail Drapers' Orphanage. The result of a ballot was a decided majority against the proposition.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., presided, as Master of the Company, at the Merchant Tailors' banquet on Friday, the 15th inst., among the principal guests being H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. Lieut.-Gen. Sir F. W. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P., Sir J. E. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Baron H. De Worms, M.P., H. S. Northcote, M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Stwd., and W. Burdett-Coutts.

The annual banquet in connection with the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy took place on Wednesday evening, in Merchant Taylor's Hall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., who was supported by a numerous and distinguished gathering. Among the Stewards for the occasion were Bros. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. (Master of the Merchant Tailors' Company), Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Std., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., and H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be imperfect or seriously disordered without the effects of such derangement becoming visible in the countenance. These Pills at once remove the disorders and its unpleasant consequences. They stimulate the digestive and assimilative functions, and consequently promote that great blessing—a good appetite. Holloway's Pills most satisfactorily remove all deranged or diseased action of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach, and bowels—over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting at an early stage of the malady to those purifying and laxative Pills, the melancholy and jaundiced dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.—[ADVT.]

Mr. Onslow Ford is engaged on a marble bust in relief of the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Nottage, to be placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present at the representation of the forest scenes in "As You Like It," in the grounds of Coombe Lodge, towards the close of the current month.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. F. H. Macklin, of Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, has under his management the Alexandra Palace Theatre, Muswell-hill.

Bro. Lord Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., was to leave London on Friday (to-day) for Dublin, where he will preside at a meeting of the Royal Commission for Housing the Working Classes.

Bros. the Marquis of Waterford and the Earl of Milltown were candidates for the Chancellorship of the University of Dublin, rendered vacant by the death of Earl Cairns. The Earl of Rosse was elected.

Bro. R. C. Driver, G.J.D., as arbitrator appointed by the Board of Trade, had brought under his consideration on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Surveyors' Institute, several compensation cases in connection with a scheme promoted by the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Bro. W. Malthouse has accepted an invitation to become a candidate, in the Liberal interest, for the Walworth Division of the newly-constituted Borough of Newington, at the next election.

At Marlborough House on Monday the Prince of Wales presented the gold medals won by the successful pupils of the Manchester centre of the Royal Academy of Music.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has made a calculation to the effect that if the practice of total abstinence from alcoholic drink were adopted universally, by a population of 35 millions, it would be equal to the saving of 200,000 lives annually.

The Library Committee of the Corporation have recommended that the salaries of the Librarian (Bro. W. H. Overall), and Sub-Librarian, be increased by £150 and £75 per annum respectively.

Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, left Windsor for the purpose of inspecting the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley, where she visited the sick and wounded from the Soudan. The Royal party returned to Windsor in the evening.

Bro. the Lord Mayor M.P., and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Aldermen and their ladies at a banquet at the Mansion House on Tuesday, in honour of their newly-elected brother, Alderman Cowan. Bros. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Staples, Gray, Whitehead, and Evans were present as well as Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer), &c.

Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., H.M.'s Postmaster-General, proposes to nominate among other Members of the House of Commons Bros. H. Northcote, R. B. Martin, A. Stavely-Hill, O.C., and himself as a Select Committee on Postal Service between Great Britain and North America.

Bro. Col. A. A. Croll, as Master of the Company, presided at the Clothmakers' banquet, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, among the guests being Bros. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Savory, and Hyde Clerke, Bro. Alderman Savory returning thanks for the toast of "The Corporation of London."

The following dinners took place at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, the 23rd inst.: Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge. Tuesday—May Ball. Wednesday—Novio Magians; Universal Chapter. Thursday—Club of Nobodys Friends; Royal Caledonian Asylum; United Pilgrims Chapter. Saturday—Army Pay Department.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided over and Bro. Capt. Bedford Pim attended a meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of considering a plan and enlisting the services of watermen, lightermen, and others, for the defence of the Thames and its commerce in the event of war.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treas., Past Chairman, of the Orphan School Committee of the Corporation of London, was presented at the dinner held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday, the 15th inst., with a clock and side ornaments, as a slight token of the appreciation with which the members regarded his services during the past year. The presentation was made by Bro. A. Brookman, the present Chairman, and very cordially acknowledged by Bro. Marshall.

The St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, will be consecrated to-day (Friday) at Baron's Court, West Kensington, by E. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., assisted by E. Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N., as H.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., as J.; and F. Richardson, P.G.A.S., as D. of C. Comp. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., W.M. St. Ambrose Lodge, is the M.E.Z. designate; Comp. J. Holland, P.Z., H. designate; and Comp. W. H. Harris, J. designate. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., presided at the Annual Festival, held at the Guildhall Tavern on Tuesday last, of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, of which Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., is the President. The celebration had the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., Sir John Bennett, T. Beard, C.C., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Alderman Savory, Alderman Stone, P.G.W., Alderman H. J. Waterlow, and Baron H. De Worms, M.P.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD was sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest, gave it a preference over all others.—ADVT.

£20.—Tobaccoists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

STANDARD WORKS ON FREEMASONRY.

Royal 8vo, 665 pages, cloth, gilt letters. 10s. 6d.
KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY.—Edited by Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain. This Work treats fully on Masonic History and Archæology up to the present time, and contains all subjects which fairly form part of a Masonic Cyclopædia. Some topics are introduced for the first time; some omitted which tend to make most of our handbooks too bulky for the general reader, since they include subjects which may be considered *externa* to Freemasonry proper. It is hoped, however, that this new publication will be found both condensed and yet comprehensive, lucid in statement, and complete in treatment, and that it will become a real and portable *vade mecum* for English, Scotch, and Irish Freemasons. No efforts have been spared to make it worthy of our great Order.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.
 A goodly octavo of 600 pages, in which will be found many things which to brethren will be valuable.—*Standard*.

Is a very complete handbook in alphabetical arrangement of Masonic archæology, history, and biography.—*Daily News*.

This work, in brief compass, embodies the main points of information required by the general outside student of Freemasonry. . . . As a handbook of moderate price and much completeness within the limits, it bids fair to be of some service to the Guild, and to general enquirers.—*Echo*.

The editor is a well-known and esteemed member of the Craft, highly cultured, and with large stores of information, and he has made his book interesting, not alone to Freemasons.—*Builder*.

This substantial and clearly-printed volume presents, in a compendious form, a vast amount of archæological, historical, biographical, and other information on matters connected with Freemasonry, and is in every respect creditable to the editor and publisher.—*Literary World*.

To any brother who is not already in possession of a similar book we can recommend this work as containing much that will interest and inform him.—*Sunday Times*.

A real and substantial service to the cause of Masonic literature.—*Touchstone*.

Demy 4to, cloth. 10s.
THE FOUR OLD LODGES, the founders of modern Freemasonry, A.D. 1717, their history, statutes, and privileges, together with full histories (completed and connectedly arranged for the first time from the old record) of all regular lodges in England from A.D. 1717 to the Union in 1813, constituting an unique record of the progress of English Masonry, by presenting an outline of the history of every Lodge constituted by the Grand Lodge of England within that period. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.M., Barrister-at-Law. The five closings-up and alterations of numbers which occurred in 1740, 1756, 1770, 1781, and 1792, are shewn in separate lists, each of them indicating in a distinct column the number which was borne by each Lodge on the previous list, thus affording a key to its continuous historical identification.

Price 7s. 6d.
THE HISTORY OF MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING, Ayrshire, SCOTLAND, No. O. By Bro. WYLIE, Prov. G.S. of Ayrshire, &c. Many valuable transcripts of old charters.

Fourth Edition. Crown 8vo. 1s. 6d.
MASONIC POINTS. By Bro. JADU. Points for reference, or authorised cues to the E.A., F.C., and M.M. degrees, and of the R.A.
 Copy of Communication from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this morning received a note from Mr. F. Knollys, Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, requesting me to convey to you the thanks of His Royal Highness for the book you have been good enough to send him, a request with which I have much pleasure in complying.

"I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,
 "To Bro. Jadu."
 "JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

Demy 8vo. 6d.
A FREEMASON. An Extract from the Works of Zschokke, setting forth in a lively and entertaining manner most excellent arguments in favour of Freemasonry in its social and benevolent aspects, as against the opinions and prejudices (not always expressed) of many worthy people. The *dramatis personæ* are Dr. Solomon Wise (who, as may be surmised from his name, is the Champion of Freemasonry), and a family of Quakers, and it will be found that the arguments of the Doctor, so eloquently expressed, led the worthy Quaker in the end to admit that he too, in a certain sense, was a Freemason. Translated from the German by Bro. ERNST E. WULFF.

208 pages demy 12mo, handsomely bound. 2s. 6d.
THE ISRAELITES FOUND IN THE ANGLO-SAXONS. The Ten Tribes supposed to be lost traced from the Land of their Captivity to their occupation of the Isles of the Sea. With an exhibition of those traits of Character and National Characteristics assigned to Israel in the Books of the Hebrew prophets. By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z., Author of "Scientia Biblica," "Scripture Natural History," "Guide to the Reading of the Bible," "Lectures on Biblical Criticism and Interpretation," "A Popular Introduction to the Bible," "The Biblical Companion," "Critica Biblica," "Calendarium Palestinæ," "An Introduction to the Reading and Study of the English Bible," and Editor of the fifth large edition of "Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible," and of the Abridgement of the same, &c.

Five Shillings.
HISTORY OF THE AIREDALE LODGE, No. 387, of the Free and Accepted Masons of England, being (with numerous additions) an Address to the Members, delivered on the 50th Anniversary of the Lodge, by Bro. J. RAMSDEN RILEY, P.M., &c.

Crown 8vo, cloth. 5s.
A LEXICON OF FREEMASONRY. Containing a definition of all its Communicable Terms, Notices of its History, Traditions, and Antiquities, and an Account of all the Rites and Mysteries of the Ancient World. By ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D., late Secretary-General of the Council of the U.S., &c.

Re-issue. Demy 12mo. 5s.
MASONIC GATHERINGS. Edited by Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, P.M. Containing Historical Records of Freemasonry from the earliest to the present time, &c.

One Shilling.
REFLECTED RAYS OF LIGHT UPON FREEMASONRY; or, THE FREEMASONS' POCKET COMPENDIUM. By Bro. WM. GAREY, Aberdeen. Edited by Bro. JAMES STEVENSON, of "The Freemasons' Magazine" and "The Universal Masonic Calendar," Hon. Cor. Mem. Ger. Mas. Union, &c. With an Emblematical Frontispiece. Fourth Edition.

8vo, blue cloth, lettered, with Illustrations. 5s.
THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN THE DISTRICT OF MALTA, from the Year 1800 up to the present time. By W. Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, of Lincoln's Inn, London, Barrister-at-Law, &c.

Just Published. Demy 8vo. 7s. 6d.
ORIGIN OF THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, Especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree, with valuable Appendices by Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, and a Preface by Bro. THOMAS BOWMAN WHYTEHEAD.

CONTENTS.—Rise of Masonic Degrees.—Investigations of the Third Degree.—Premonitions of the Schisms.—Advent of Royal Arch Masonry.—Organisation of the Seceders.—Extension of Additional Degrees.—Constitution of the Grand Chapter; and valuable Appendices.

8vo, cloth. 2s. 6d.
THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE DATES SOLVED BY THE GREAT PYRAMID. By W. RAWBOTTOM.

8vo, cloth, Third Edition, revised and enlarged. 15s.
THE EARLY HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF FREEMASONRY. As connected with the Nors Guilds, the Oriental and Mediæval Building Fraternity. By GEORGE F. FORT.

EXTRACT FROM AUTHOR'S PREFACE.
 The Work is the result of years of labour, whose original and persistent design has uniformly been to arrive at truth. In no instance are traditions resting on unsubstantial ground adduced as corroborative testimony of the line of research which, after careful examination of facts, he has adopted. Mere legends or guildic tales do not appear in this book, unless produced in that portion of the treatise abandoned expressly to the traditional history of the Fraternity. In a word, the constant and invariable tendency of the author in the ensuing pages is to bring the history and antiquities of the Craft down to an undisputed historical basis; and, in the pursuance of this subject, he was frequently compelled to abandon the usual track followed by writers on this subject, and to rely upon authorities whose testimony—found noted in the margin—will be accepted without suspicion of intemperate or uncritical zeal. The immediate argument and scope of the treatise may be briefly stated as follows: To commence with a narrative of the state of fine arts at the decline of the Roman Empire, and also of the propagation of architecture and its kindred sciences by bodies of builders, who developed into the Middle-Age Freemasons, whose history is carried down to the formal extinction of the society as an operative brotherhood in the year 1717. Among the several appendices will be found a contribution to the History of the Lost Word, together with other valuable documentary evidence, which is added to make the same more acceptable to the public and Fraternity at large.

Five Shillings.
SCRIPTURAL EXTRACTS FOR THE USE OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS AND CHAPTERS.

8vo, cloth. 5s.
THE LIFE OF CONSTANTINE. Written in Greek, by EUSEBIUS PAMPHILUS (Bishop of Cæsarea, in Palestine). Translated into English from that edition, set forth by MALESIUS, and printed in Paris in the year 1659. Preface by Bros. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Treas. Gen., and the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C. With Engravings of Constantine the Great; Lord Rancilffe of Ireland, Grand Commander of the Orders of Constantine and Philippi; H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, K.G., Grand Sovereign from 1816 to 1843; the Earl of Bective, M.P., Grand Sovereign 1866 to 1874; Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Grand Viceroy 1866 to 1874, Grand Sovereign 1874 and 1875; Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy 1874 and 1875; Robert Wentworth Little, Grand Recorder 1865 to 1872, Grand Treasurer 1873-4-5; The Knights of Constantine and the Vision of the Cross, &c.

Two Shillings and Sixpence.
SLOANE MANUSCRIPT, No. 3320, British Museum. By Bro. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

800 pages, 8vo, with Index, cloth gilt. 10s. 6d.
THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT DAY. By Bro. J. G. FINDEL. Drawn from the best sources and the most recent investigations. Second edition, revised and preface written by Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.
 Bro. Findel, who has written a sober, earnest, and elaborate history of Freemasonry in all quarters of the world, does not go to so remote a period for the origin of the Fraternity. We do not suppose that such a mass of material for a history of the Craft was ever gathered together as may be found in this volume, in which the author seems to have fairly exhausted the subject.—*The Athenæum*.
 Herr Findel has brought together a large number of facts; his book is a valuable addition to the literature of Freemasonry.—*The Builder*.

Second edition. 1s.
FREEMASONRY IN RELATION TO CIVIL AUTHORITY AND THE FAMILY CIRCLE. By Bro. CHALMERS I. PATON, P.M. No. 393, Eng

Imperial 8vo, cloth. 31s. 6d.
HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH, Mary's Chapel (No. 1), embracing an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland. By Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Ayrshire, &c. This history is based on the oldest lodge records extant, and other manuscripts of unquestionable authenticity. It treats of the ancient laws and usages of the Operative Fraternity, and traces the development of that association into one of Theoretical Masons. It has been got up at great expense, and contains twenty-six beautifully-executed fac-similes, embracing the Masonic Statutes of 1598, the History and Charges of Masonry used by the Scotch Lodges two hundred years ago, the St. Clair Charters of 1600 and 1682, Mason Marks, Seals, &c.; also Authentic Portraits and Autographs of eminent Craftsmen of the past and present time, &c.

Large 4to, handsomely bound in cloth. Antique type. 7s. 6d.
KENNING'S ARCHÆOLOGICAL LIBRARY. Edited by Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C. Vol. I contains Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, being the first complete reprint in England of that memorable book.

8vo, cloth, lettered. 4s. 6d.
A CRITICAL INQUIRY INTO THE CONDITION OF THE CONVENTUAL BUILDERS and their relation to Secular Guilds in the Middle Ages. By GEORGE F. FORT, Author of "The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," &c.

32mo, cloth, gilt edges. 1s.
NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. By HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D., P.M., P.Z. These Notes on the History of Freemasonry are dedicated, by permission, to Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, with every feeling of fraternal respect and regard, by the Author.

"THE FREEMASON" OFFICE,
 16 and 16a, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.