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THE first business of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday next will be to consider a most gracious communication from the M.W. GRAND MASTER respecting the investiture of the Representatives of England at foreign Grand Lodges with a special badge, or jewel, to mark their position. Hitherto distinguished Craftsmen have been appointed representatives at sister Grand Lodges by our Royal G. MASTER and his predecessors; but no distinguishing badge has ever been presented them to wear; now, however, his Royal Highness has been pleased "to approve the accompanying design, and recommends that a jewel, made in accordance therewith, be conferred on each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as Representatives of the Grand Lodge of England."

As respects such a decoration, the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of England (the oldest and richest in the world) have been singular in their wearing nothing whatever distinctive of their exalted position, though it has been the custom for many Grand Lodges for years past to provide both clothing and jewels for their Representatives. Under the Grand Lodge of Scotland more than two pages of the "Constitution and Laws" are devoted to the subject, and a "Transcript Commission" is printed in that work. Representatives from sister Grand Lodges take rank in Scotland according to that recited in their Commissions; those at Grand Lodge having "conferred on them such rank as may be appropriate." The latter also wear clothing (viz., apron, cordon, and ribbon, with badge) similar to the clothing of Grand Officers, such regalia remaining the property of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (when so furnished), and "handed over to each new Representative in a foreign Grand Lodge when appointed." In Ireland Grand Representatives rank immediately before Past Prov. Grand Masters, and provision is made in the "Laws and Constitutions" for their wearing distinctive clothing.

STILL the warrants are increasing, the last chartered lodge being distinguished with the number 2129. The increase and vitality of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of England are extraordinary, and certainly most remarkable. Doubtless the starting of what may fairly be termed *class* lodges in part accounts for the continuous increase; but, though a factor in the causes which have led to such a result, it is by no means the chief, for out of the 18 warrants which have been granted by the M.W. GRAND MASTER since September 2nd, only two can be referred to such influences, viz., No. 2127, the Drury Lane Lodge, London, and No. 2128, the United Northern Counties Lodge, also of London. The 16 others are evidently due to the continued interest taken in the Fraternity in our numerous provinces and districts, and because wherever the English language is spoken, and the dominion of our beloved Sovereign extends, there Freemasonry is respected, and its members desire warrants from the premier Grand Lodge. No less than six of these new charters have been sent to Victoria, which is clearly indicative of the preference felt by brethren in that colony for our Grand Lodge, two also being for New South Wales, which is also a favourable sign. The remaining ten are distributed as follows: One each at East Griqualand, Otago (New Zealand), York (Western Australia), Queensland, and the Punjab; and one each at Liverpool (Lancashire, West Division), Chertsey (Surrey), and Bakewell (Derbyshire).

THE *New England Freemason* has a very sensible article on the "Grand Lodge of England v. Grand Lodge of New South Wales," (September 15th, 1885) and one that deserves careful study by all concerned. The editor speaks emphatically on the question, and does not hesitate to point out the exact facts in relation to the matter. The friendly support thus accorded our Grand Lodge is all the more valuable because the organ of the New Zealand Craft is not confined to the English Constitution, but is also warmly supported, as it deserves to be, by the numerous lodges hailing from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Neither is it a new Magazine just started, without any experience of the Craft, for it is in its

seventh volume, and, if anything, more vigorous than ever. The editor declares that "the brethren forming the Grand Lodge of New South Wales were in the *minority* when they seceded, and *are so still*." At present, the writer states, there are no less than 60 lodges under the English Constitution and 44 lodges under the Scottish Constitution successfully working in that Colony, and then asks, Can it be wondered at that the Grand Lodge of England has refused to grant the request made for recognition? "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was, unquestionably, erected on a bad foundation, and, although credit must be given to that body for having done most excellent charitable work," the Editor wisely maintains that the assumption of control of Masonic affairs by the minority is out of the question; and as wisely draws the distinction between that so-called Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of South Australia, for there is no parallel between the action of the latter and the former, South Australia being virtually the unanimous action of a united jurisdiction.

IT is inconceivable that even a firmly-established Grand Lodge, much less one whose authority has no assured basis to rest upon, should go out of its way to worry our authorities, who only desire the goodwill of other Masonic bodies, and to carry out their work quietly, unostentatiously, and without molestation by others. As far as we can make out from Dr. TARRANT'S address, as published in the *Sydney Evening News* of 11th September last, a telegram from some unknown source appeared about that date in the Australian press to the effect that "The Grand Lodge of Freemasons has refused the application of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be recognised by the English Grand Lodge." This appears to have had the same effect on Grand Master TARRANT as a red rag is supposed to have on a bull. At all events, he waxed wroth, began saying all kinds of uncomplimentary things about our Grand Lodge, and finished up his outburst by declaring it to be his intention to issue, "within the next few days," a manifesto denouncing all lodges not authorised to work by his pseudo-Grand Lodge, and proclaiming those initiated in them, "clandestine Masons." We are not much frightened at this. In fact, but for the trouble it may give our Grand Secretary and his staff, we are pleased that Dr. TARRANT has been at the trouble of delivering his address. Had he kept silence we might have given him credit for possessing some knowledge of Freemasonry, whereas now he has betrayed his ignorance and shown how unfitted he is to preside over any body of Masons, whether clandestine or regular. We do not expect a Grand Master to be well posted in the various intricate problems connected with the rise and progress of our Order. We do, however, look to him for an A B C knowledge of our history. But what will Bros. GOULD, HUGHAN, and others who have made this their special study say when we tell them Dr. TARRANT declares our Grand Lodge of 1717 was established in contravention of every known principle of Masonic jurisprudence. These are his very words: "According to Masonic jurisprudence, a Grand Lodge can be established in any territory where no Grand Lodge exists; but the Grand Lodge of England, as first established in London, violated this law, as its Grand Lodge was formed by four London lodges that seceded from the Grand Lodge of York, which was established in the year 926, having under its jurisdiction thirty-two lodges. Notwithstanding that there was a Grand Lodge of England, we find the Masonic body in London, then numbering only four lodges, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge so recently as the year 1717, and from it was instituted the present United Grand Lodge of England. And this, forsooth, is the body which refuses to recognise a Grand Lodge originally formed by thirteen lodges, which now has on its roll forty-four subordinate lodges, containing some 3000 Masons, and recognised by thirty-eight Grand Lodges," &c., &c. We will not destroy the effect of this novel reading of the circumstances attending the establishment of our 1717 Grand Lodge by any comments now. It is enough that our readers can judge for themselves of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales from the teaching it receives from its Grand Master.

OF the special lodges that have been constituted during the past few years there is hardly one which can be said to have started on its career under more auspicious circumstances than the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which the GRAND SECRETARY had the honour of consecrating on Tuesday. It has an experienced Past Master for its first Master; two good Wardens, whose distinctions, achieved in other spheres of work, justify the conclusion that they will display as much zeal and devotion in the new positions they have been invited to fill; and a most able and indefatigable Secretary in the person of Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, to whom belongs the chief share of the merit attaching to its foundation. But there is still more than this

which may be urged in behalf of the Empire Lodge. There are some special lodges which may be said to have created the want they were intended to meet, but in this instance it is not so. The Empire Lodge took its origin from the Empire Club, an institution which has now been established some years, for the convenience of those in this country—and their number is legion—who are associated with or interested in our colonies; that is to say, with such as have official or commercial relations with them. The Empire Lodge is founded on precisely the same basis, and is intended to serve as a kind of Masonic home for colonial brethren when visiting the old country. Of course, in a certain sense, every member of our Society who visits us has a right to look upon every one of our lodges as his home, the right of visit being one of the landmarks of our Order. But this right, though it will smooth the way for his introduction into any lodge he may desire to visit, and will secure to him, when introduced, a right hearty welcome from the members, will, all the same, not permit of his being quite so self-possessed and at his ease—especially if he happens to be an entire personal stranger—as must be the case when he knows that he and the brethren he is about to meet for the first time have some special tie which unites them. As a rule, all colonials, when they come amongst us for the first time, are heartily welcomed, it being, generally speaking, the visitor's own fault if he does not succeed in spending a pleasant time in our midst. But this does not destroy the fact that if there is some connecting link, no matter how slight it may be, between the visitor and the visited, they start, on meeting for the first time, as if they were acquaintances. There is something in common between them, something in which they have a mutual interest, and therefore something to talk about. A and B meet who have never seen each other before, but they served in the same regiment, were at the same school, or are engaged in the same business, and therefore they "cotton" to each other at once. Now, this is precisely the merit of the Empire Lodge, and when our colonial brethren visit it next year, as doubtless they will in large numbers, in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition at South Kensington, they will find men connected with the colonies to welcome them, and they will at once be happy all round. We cannot doubt that a lodge which has been founded for this purpose, and in this spirit, must have a splendid future before it.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following business will be transacted on Wednesday next :

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September, 1885, for confirmation.

2. To consider the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master :—

It having come under the notice of the M.W. Grand Master that the distinguished brethren who represent this Grand Lodge at the various Foreign Grand Lodges have not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England such as has generally been presented by those Foreign Grand Lodges to the English brethren representing them in this country,

His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve the accompanying design, and recommends that a jewel made in accordance therewith be conferred on each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England.

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants :—

The widow of a brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	£50	0	0
A brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick	75	0	0
A brother of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, Loughton	100	0	0
A brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	50	0	0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	60	0	0
A brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Earl of Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, Farnworth	75	0	0
A brother of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, Twickenham	100	0	0
A brother of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Chipping Barnett	50	0	0
A brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3115 13s. 1d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 4s.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th November, 1885.

10. APPEALS—

1. Appeal of Bro. J. P. Cornforth, of Lodge Truth, No. 944, Bombay, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Bombay—that an amendment proposed by Bro. Cornforth to correct a speech of the District Grand Master as recorded on the minutes of the District Grand Lodge could not be received.

2. Appeal by the W.M. and the brethren of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, against a ruling of the District Grand Master restoring to his membership a brother who had been excluded by the lodge.

3. Appeal by Bro. E. P. Joyce, P.M. of the Turanganui Lodge, No. 1480, Gisborne, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes of the District of Auckland, New Zealand, on a complaint preferred by him against Bro. Thomas Crisp, of the same lodge, for violation of his obligation.

4. Appeal by Bro. Joseph Dawson, P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a resolution passed by the District Grand Lodge of British Burma on the 4th September, 1885, censuring him for having made an incorrect statement in a letter written by him to the Grand Secretary.

5. Appeal from Bro. John Durell, P.M. of Lodge La Cesarée, No. 590, Jersey, against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G. Treasurer—

That one thousand pounds (£1000) be paid from the funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence:—Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President; and none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:—Bros. George Pole Britten, P.M. 183; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; David D. Mercer, P.M. 1641; William H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George Read, P.M. 511; Francis R. Spaul, P.M. 1768; Edward Francis Storr, P.M. 22; Robert J. Taylor, P.M. 144; James Willing, jun., P.M. 1987; and no more than 12 were nominated.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 2112, The Gordon Lodge, Essendon, Victoria.
- „ 2113, The Umzimkulu Lodge, Umzimkulu, East Griqualand, South Africa.
- „ 2114, The Lodge of Prudence, Liverpool, Lancashire (West Div.)
- „ 2115, The Waikonaiti Lodge, Waikonaiti, Otago and Southland, New Zealand.
- „ 2116, The Umberumberka Lodge, Silvertown, New South Wales.
- „ 2117, The Lachlan Lodge, Cowra, New South Wales.
- „ 2118, The York Lodge, York, Western Australia.
- „ 2119, The General Gordon Lodge, Brisbane, Queensland.
- „ 2120, The Abbey Lodge, Chertsey, Surrey.
- „ 2121, The Lodge Triune Brotherhood, Kasauli, Punjab.
- „ 2122, The Kerang Lodge, Kerang, Victoria.
- „ 2123, The Gippsland Forest Lodge, Warragul, Victoria.
- „ 2124, The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Colliingwood, Victoria.
- „ 2125, The Yarrowonga Lodge of St. David, Yarrowonga, Victoria.
- „ 2126, The Rupertswood-Numurdah Lodge, Numurdah, Victoria.
- „ 2127, The Drury Lane Lodge, London.
- „ 2128, The United Northern Counties Lodge, London.
- „ 2129, The Dorothy Vernon Lodge, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

CONSECRATION OF THE EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

On Tuesday last, the consecration of what we feel sure will prove a very successful and important lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly. When the proceedings commenced a goodly number of influential brethren connected with the various Metropolitan lodges attended to support Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., the Consecrating Officer, and Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., the W.M. designate. Among those present were Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Judge Prinsep, District G.M. Bengal; J. M. P. Montagu, Past District G.M. Dorsetshire; Sir John B. Monckton, Past G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past G. Chap.; Wilhelm Ganz, Past G. Org.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Colonel Haldane, Vice-Chairman Colonial Board of G. Lodge; A. J. Trendle, Past G. Stwd.; F. Wolfe, W.M. 969; Truman Wood, W.M. 99, Treas. 1159; E. Hyde Hewett, P.M. (H.M. Consul for the Niger); B. H. Van Tromp, P.M. 969; Fitch Kemp, P.M.; W. Smallpiece, P.M. 969; Sudlow, P.M.; W. Peace, P.M.; Capt. Dowell, P.M., G.O. Sussex; Beatty Kingston, D. Marks, R. J. Kell, Willard Beale, John Richardson, Somers Vinc, Maurice Grant, W. D. Harding, E. E. Harding, Ingoldby, Francis Legg, J. Russell, Dr. Wedgwood, W. Lloyd, Dr. Millar, J. Richards, and Emil Behnke.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in taking the chair, drew attention to the fact that in consequence of the great increase in the number of lodges in the Metropolis, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had in the exercise of a very wise discretion decided that some very strong reason must be given for granting a warrant for any new lodge. When, however, it was represented to him by such an influentially signed petition, consisting of the names of many of the distinguished brethren present, that a recognised want would be met, he readily acceded to the prayer of the petitioners.

On the conclusion of the Grand Secretary's observations, the following characteristic oration was delivered by R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap. :

Brethren, the name of your lodge bespeaks its object, an object than which none can be in more thorough harmony with the precepts and principles of our Craft. You desire to cultivate and preserve those feelings which bind Englishmen, in whatever clime they may be labouring, to the mother country, and those feelings also which make Englishmen remember with the greatest affection, when they have returned home, the country in which they have passed the best years of their working life. Wherever the Englishman goes, whether it be to the Equator or the Arctic Regions, whatever his work may be, whether to be the representative of her Most Gracious Majesty as Governor of some important colony, or to be the pioneer of civilization on some distant frontier of the Empire—wherever he is, or whatever he is doing, his thoughts turn homeward. How often do English scenes, the old home and loved faces, rise up vividly amid the snows of

Canada or the Himalayan Mountains. Brethren, it is well that it should be so. I believe that it is these homeward thoughts which, more than anything else, have kept untarnished the honour of the English flag. In keeping touch of his English home the colonist has kept touch of those great principles, which are still, thank God, in most cases the distinguishing characteristics of an English household—the fear of God, the love of the Brotherhood, and the honour of that Gracious lady who is both our Queen and our Empress. It is these principles which have taught the English soldier and sailor to do his duty in a manner unsurpassed by the armies and navies of other countries. It is these principles which have given to the English merchant's word its great commercial value. Brethren, there are those who desire to disturb the foundations upon which English greatness rests. They have failed hitherto, and I believe that our Craft has borne no unimportant share in preserving them. It is not the only agency, of course, but it is an important one. When the few Englishmen in a distant colony get their warrant for a new lodge, do they ever meet without some thought of the old English lodge? The sound of the Master's gavel and the old familiar ritual takes them back many thousand miles, and they rejoice to do something which strengthens the tie which binds them to the land of their fathers. When, then, any occasion arises which calls forth from our colonies no uncertain expression of their loyalty to the British Empire; when England's danger musters every able-bodied colonist for the defence of England's honour; when some national rejoicing in England is echoed back with increased enthusiasm from India, Canada, and Australia—then I think we Masons may claim with pride that our lodges have had much to do with preserving that brotherly feeling upon which the sun never sets. But, brethren, we think to-day, not merely on the affection which flows back to us in so strong and unceasing a stream from our colonies, we are founding this lodge to-day as an indication that the current flows no less strongly back from England to her daughter colonies. Englishmen, especially those who have worked under the English flag abroad, are justly proud of those countries which have been to them for many years a second home. I believe the future of this lodge may be a most useful one. It will afford to our colonial brethren, whether home permanently or on a holiday, many opportunities of conveying to every part of the great English Empire the assurance that the Mother Country glories in the fact that the sun never sets on an English lodge; that our ancient and honourable Fraternity is in every clime gaining for our Order the respect and admiration of the world. So, brethren, we complete to-night another link in that great Masonic chain of affection, which passes round the universe and binds together with the strongest bonds of fraternal love England and the colonies of the English Empire.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and most admirably performed.

Bro. Col. Clerke then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., P.M. 1159, in the chair of K.S., who in his turn appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Vice-Admiral Sir William N. W. Hewett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C., as S.W.; James Herman De Ricci, J.W.; Charles Washington Eves, Treasurer; Lennox Browne, J.W. 969, Secretary; Captain Rupert Latrobe Lonsdale, C.M.G., S.D.; Captain Algernon Barnett, J.D.; Geoffrey C. Herbert, I.G.; Sigmund Sinauer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; and Ernest Turner, Steward.

It is generally understood, from a previous notice in our pages, that the Empire Lodge is intended for the convenience of Masons interested in or connected with our colonies, both those residing in the home country and those visiting it for purposes of business or pleasure. An evidence of the cosmopolitan nature of the lodge was afforded by the fact that in the investment of officers the W.M. had to hand the collar of J.W. temporarily to Bro. Sinauer, Bro. J. H. De Ricci being absent contesting a parliamentary borough, while Bro. Capt. Algernon Barnett, being absent at the Gold Coast, and Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert being absent at the Cape, the collars for these two officers were therefore also vested in temporary hands. This interesting ceremony having been concluded, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read a letter from the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in which, in response to a request to be an honorary member, his lordship stated that he had "mostly declined with thanks similar proposals, from the fact that they were supposed to entail an attendance which, with the other claims on his time, he found impossible; but in the present case he felt that he must make an exception, from the interest he took in all those institutions which drew colonists into closer connection and sympathy with home matters, and he had much pleasure in accepting the honorary membership."

The W.M. moved that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded the Pro G.M., and that he be thereby made the first hon. member, after which a resolution was proposed and unanimously carried, to the effect that the Consecrating Officers be also elected hon. members.

Seventeen brethren were then proposed as joining members, among whom may be named: V.W. Bros. Dr. E. G. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Consul Hewett, P.M., P.G.S.; Trendell, P.M.; and Truman Wood, P.M. Eleven gentlemen were also proposed as candidates for initiation.

The whole of the working tools, books, &c., were presented by the founders of the lodge. The Treasurer, Bro. Eves, presented the very handsome case of silver tools; Bro. Sinauer presented the books of the lodge; Bro. Turner the Volume of the Sacred Law; Bro. Lennox Browne, the Secretary, presented a handsome banner on which was enrolled the names of the founders, and a set of gavels. It was further announced that each of the first officers had presented the collar and jewel of his respective office. The W.M. moved a cordial vote of thanks which was seconded by the S.W., to all the brethren who had so generously made these gifts.

The Acting J.W., in putting it to the meeting, moved likewise that an especial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Lennox Browne, not only for the first conception of the idea upon which the lodge was founded, but for his indefatigable exertions and uniform courtesy in carrying out all the details connected with the foundation of the lodge; he also added that every preliminary expense had been defrayed by that brother.

The vote was unanimously carried with acclamation.

At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony of consecration the distinguished brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. Owing to pressure on our space, we regret we are unable to record them; but hope to repair the omission in a future issue.

The whole of the lodge clothing and insignia were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., &c., and were the subject of universal admiration.

CONSECRATION OF THE ONSLOW MARK LODGE, No. 361.

A distinguished assembly of Mark Masons met on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, to assist in the consecration of the above lodge by Bro. Lord Kintore, M.W.G.M.M., and the subsequent installation in the chair of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Onslow, its first W.M. A large number of Grand Lodge Officers attended to assist the distinguished consecrating brother, and the proceedings of the evening

passed off without the least hitch, beyond the somewhat delayed appearance of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Edis, G.I. of Wks., P.M. 7, who was to perform the ceremony of installation.

The procession of Grand Officers having been formed under the able direction of Bro. Robert Burrige, as D. of C., wended its way through the lodge and received the presiding Consecrating Grand Officer with an effusion of honours nine times, with characteristic good taste and precision. The following is a list of those present:

The Right Hon. Earl of Kintore, M.W.G. M.M.; Right Hon. Lord Onslow, W.M.; the Rev. Lord Molesworth, P.P.G.C. Middx. and Surrey; A. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C.; Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Thomas Murray Gorman; Frederick Davison, D.P.G.M.; Lord C. Montague; Horace White, S.W.; Major Scratchley, R. N. Thrupp, H. Fortescue, Hugh L. Fortescue, Arthur Bowles, V. J. Pearson, P.G.O.; Ambrose H. Bircham, A. W. Edis, A. J. R. Trendell, Algernon Moring, Major Craigie, A. B. Preston, E. Milner Green, J. C. Earle, H. T. Griffith, S. Green, Lloyd T. White, Col. Harding, P.P.G.J.W.; Middx. and Surrey, C. E. Haig, J. N. Palliser, Wilhelm Ganz, Chas. H. Driver, P.G.J.W.; H. Cummings, G. Chap.; Hyde Clerke, P.G.O.; and H. S. Burmez, G.M.O.

The above are all members of the Onslow Lodge, and, by virtue of having signed the petition for the warrant of the Constitution, possess the founders' jewel, a handsome ornament, especially designed by Bro. George Kenning for this lodge. It may here be stated that the Onslow Lodge appears to have sprung out of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, and in celebration of the auspicious occasion there was a large attendance of brethren from the latter lodge, among whom were Bros. J. Smith Eastes; A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.; C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; Hodges; R. Gooding, P.G.O.; N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; and George Gambleton, 55. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from the following distinguished rulers and members of the Craft: Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy G.M.M.M. (founder); Earl Percy, Lord Leigh, Lord Limerick, Lord Bective, Lord Robartes, Lord Ellesmere, Col. Love Jones Parry, Lord Henniker, Lord Arthur Hill, T. F. Halsey, Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M.; Lord Holmesdale, Lord Hothfield, Lord Hertford, and Lord Jersey.

The interesting ceremony of consecration having been concluded, and Bro. the Earl of Kintore having taken his departure for the country, Bro. Col. Edis proceeded to instal Lord Onslow, which he did in his able and effective manner, after which the distinguished W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Col. Scratchley, Deputy W.M.; Horace White, S.W.; Sir F. Bolton, J.W.; Gordon Robins, M.O.; Pearson, S.O.; Major Harding, J.O.; Rev. Lord Molesworth, Chap.; Jas. Inglis, Treas. and Sec.; Steward, Reg.; Wilhelm Ganz, Org.; Col. Bircham, S.D.; Major Craigie, J.D.; Moring, I.G.; Bowles, D. of C.; and Mills, Tyler.

Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Duke's Salon at the Holborn Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet was served, after which the usual toasts befitting the occasion were heartily honoured.

W. Bro. Lord ONSLOW, W.M., stated that he desired the remarks they might be called upon to inflict upon the company should savour of that brevity, which is called the soul of wit. He then gave the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

W. Bro. Lord ONSLOW, in proposing "The G.M.M.—the Earl of Kintore" (a founder of the lodge), said it was a toast which was always welcomed among gatherings of Mark Masters. He had had the good fortune for a number of years of having the honour of Lord Kintore's friendship, and he had ever found him a staunch friend, both Masonically and generally speaking. While he was speaking concerning the G.L. Officers, he would crave their indulgence for diverting his subject, but he had on his right the Prov. G.M. of Bucks, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, the worthy son of a worthy father. They also had no less than 17 Grand Lodge Officers members of the Onslow Lodge; he referred to this circumstance with a feeling of pride, and would ask them to drink a bumper to the toast of "The G.M.M., Pro G.M., and G.L. Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Brownrigg and Davison.

Bros. BROWNRIFF and DAVISON having responded,

Bro. General BROWNRIFF next rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and referred in high terms to the distinguishing characteristics possessed by W. Bro. Lord Onslow.

Lord ONSLOW, in reply, said he had long had a desire to become a Master of a Mark lodge, as he had done in the Craft and Arch. He heartily reciprocated the kind manner in which they had received him that evening, and hoped his year of office would continue as successful as its inauguration had been auspicious.

Bro. Lord ONSLOW then rose to propose the toast of "Prosperity to the Carnarvon Mark Lodge," and said they were under a deep debt of gratitude to that lodge for the great assistance they had received from them in the consecration that had been so happily effected that evening. He himself was advanced in the Carnarvon Lodge, therefore they would not consider him presumptuous in referring to the pleasant circumstance. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Major Chas. Harding, J.O., the W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, who they were fortunate in having present that evening, and, although his name would be sufficient to command their approbation, there was one name he could not leave out, and that was W. Bro. Col. F. W. Edis, to whom he (the W.M.) was indebted that evening for having performed in so able a manner the ceremony of installation. No doubt had Bro. Col. Edis been present that evening at a certain stage of the proceedings when they were awaiting his advent, with tears in their eyes and a great wringing of hands, he would be able in some measure to gauge the feeling of appreciation which his kind services undoubtedly provoked.

W. Bro. Major HARDING, in responding, thanked Bro. Lord Onslow for his kind allusions to himself. He would not occupy much time by a lengthy speech; but would leave it in the hands of their excellent Bro. Col. Edis, a P.M. of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge.

W. Bro. Col. EDIS said the kind remarks of the W.M. and Bro. Lord Onslow reminded him of an ancient usage existing in the City of Frankfurt, to the effect that when about to bury a corpse a rope was put into the hand of the deceased, so that if any life were left in its body it might apprise the mourners of the fact by pulling the rope, at the end of which was a large bell, and further, it had been stated by Douglas Jerrold that our poet laureate, Lord Tennyson, was indebted to the story for a well-

known couplet. He thought the Onslow Lodge was in the position of endeavouring to place the rope in the hands of the moribund Carnarvon Lodge, and that that lodge would ring the bell with no uncertain sound to avoid the suspicion being cast abroad that it was nearing its end. The Onslow Lodge, like the celebrated Prince Henry IV., had been guilty of trying on the crown before the King was dead; that was the serious aspect produced by the evening's ceremony. However, to go from jest to earnest, he could state, with every degree of truth, that the Carnarvon Mark Lodge would view with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction the progress of this offshoot from the Carnarvon.

Bro. Lord ONSLOW then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said they were one and all indebted to their noble brother for the amiable hospitality he had accorded to them. Despite the genial feelings they experienced at having a very good dinner at some one else's expense, they had had the most satisfactory experience of viewing the M.W.G.M.M. performing the ceremony of consecration in a most perfect manner in another place. The visitors joined with him in wishing the Onslow Mark Lodge every success.

Bro. Lord C. MONTAGUE, in responding for the newly-advanced brethren, said they one and all begged to thank their distinguished Bro. the W.M. for the able manner in which he had admitted them to the mysteries of that Degree. He felt that he was inadequate to the task of responding for this toast, having been prevented from attending the ceremony at an earlier period of the evening, which appealed very highly to the imagination of those who witnessed it. The outward symbols of Masonry were a good deal more sacred than many persons who were not Masons would credit, and he felt sure they all appreciated very much the high honour that had been done them.

The toast of "The Deputy Master, Bro. Scratchley," was next proposed by Bro. Lord ONSLOW, coupled with the name of Bro. WHITE, S.W., who, in replying, stated that the labour which had been so highly rewarded by the pleasant evening they experienced, confirmed the view the founders held, which was that of its being a labour of love.

During the evening an excellent series of songs and piano solos were rendered by the talented Bros. Dr. Davis, W. Gambleton, Rowles, and Fenn, the pleasant proceedings being brought to a successful termination with the Tyler's toast.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

A special meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms, Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 20th inst. The business was purely formal, with the exception of a notice of motion by Bro. D. Tunks, P.M. 1145, of which previous notice had been given, viz.—"That Bye-law No. 28, which provides that copies of circulars of private lodges be sent to the Prov. Grand Secretary, be, and hereby is, rescinded."

The nomination for Treasurer was also another matter which Provincial Grand Lodge had to receive.

Something like 140 brethren were assembled at three o'clock, and very shortly after that hour the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, entered, attended by a long array of Present and Past Officers, amongst whom were Bros. G. P. Brockbank, G. Std. Br. of England, P.P.G.S.D., acting V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Abraham Clegg, P.G. S.W.; J. Walker, P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. Parker, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.G.A. Chap.; Thos. Oakden, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Lowe, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Chas. Schuster, P.G. 1st S.D.; W. Brierley, P.G. 2nd S.D.; Thos. Schofield, P.G. 1st J.D.; W. H. Bibby, P.G. 2nd J.D.; John Greaves, P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Southern, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Abbott, P.G.D.D.C.; E. J. Cumings, P.G. 1st Std. Br.; E. G. Harwood, P.G. 2nd Std. Br.; Thos. Carter, P.G. Org.; Wm. Lamb, P.G. Purst.; Thos. Barker, S. Baines, and Geo. Slater, P.G. Stwds.; Thos. Higson, P.G. Tyler; Chas. Heywood, P.P. G.S.W.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W. J. E. Lees, P.P.G. Treas.; R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), and others.

On the roll of lodges being called over, 8 were found to be unrepresented, and the R.W.P.G.M. ordered them to be fined. After the roll of officers had been called over, and the minutes of the May meeting at Todmorden read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, the nominations for a Prov. Grand Treasurer were received.

Bros. John Halliwall, P.P.G. Swd. B. of Bury, and J. Blakeway, of Todmorden, were proposed and seconded for the office.

Bro. TUNKS' notice of motion next came on the *tapis*, and was dilated upon by that well-meaning brother, supported by Bro. RICHARD RUSHTON, P.M. 1145, and subsequently seconded. A great deal of opposition, however, set in against the motion, and amongst those who opposed it were Bros. CHARLES HEYWOOD, P.P.S.G.W., JAMES ARTHUR BIRCH and a Rev. Bro., whose name we did not catch, from Clitheroe. Finally the motion was lost by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, P.G. Sec., read a report from the Charity Committee relative to the results of the election of candidates from this province into the three London Institutions, from which it appeared that one male and one female candidate had been elected into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution this year. Respecting the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, the candidate for the first-named Institution had been elected with 1781 votes, being first on the poll, and there had been no candidates for the Girls' Institution. In conclusion, Bro. Chadwick said the Committee desired to express their hearty thanks to the brethren and lodges for so promptly returning their votes.

The R.W.P.G.M. then called upon Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., whom he aptly dubbed "the gentleman who drives the Charity coach," to say a few words, and that worthy brother, who was hailed with applause, stated that the province of East Lancashire possessed 2700 votes in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 2022 in the Girls' Institution, and every candidate hitherto put forward by the province for either of the Institutions had been elected.

This announcement was received with loud applause from the brethren, and when it had subsided, the R.W.P.G.M. passed a vote of thanks to the Charity Committee for their valuable and highly appreciated services.

There being no further business Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form.

A Court of Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was subsequently held, and a report on the progress of the same presented, which was in every sense highly satisfactory.

THE REVISED ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

By BRO. E. L. HAWKINS.

Readers of the *Freemason* and of G. Chapter Reports are doubtless all aware that a revision of the Royal Arch Regulations has been issued, and is to be considered and adopted at the Convocation of G. Chapter on Feb. 3rd next. As proposed amendments are to be sent in to the G.S.E. before Jan. 16th, I have thought that a brief account of the principal alterations introduced in the Revision might be interesting to Royal Arch Masons.

The Rules are numbered consecutively as in the Book of Constitutions, and as indeed they have been in previous editions of the Regulations; and it is intended to issue the revision in two sizes as is done with the Constitutions.

The principal alterations which I notice are as follows:—

Rule 1 gives to the President of Committee of General Purposes and to Past Presidents a definite rank in G. Chapter between Past G. Scribes N. and the G. Registrar, who (together with Past Grand Registrars) is promoted to rank above the Principal G. Sojourner; the G. Director of Ceremonies and Past G. Directors are also promoted to rank between Past G. Treasurers and the G. Sword Bearer, and the new offices of Deputy and First and Second Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies and of Assistant G. Scribe E. are introduced. On the other hand, the Associate Members are omitted.

Rule 2 requires service as First Principal for *one year* to qualify for a seat in G. Chapter, and also provides that such seat when lost by non-subscription can only be regained by again serving the office of First Principal. These points were not specified in the old Rule 33.

Rule 3, which gives the First G. Principal power to appoint additional members of G. Chapter, is apparently new on the analogy of Rule 7 of the Constitutions.

Rule 7 requires notice of motion to be sent to the G.S.E. instead of to the Committee of General Purposes, as by the old Rule 8.

Rule 8 requires notice to be given of appeals, which were specially excepted from the old Rule 80.

Rule 10, enabling all members of G. Chapter to have papers of business, &c., sent to them for 2s. 6d. a year, is apparently new on the analogy of Rule 57 of the Constitutions.

Rule 33 provides that the G. Registrar and the G. Treasurer need not be installed Principals.

Rule 37, specifying the officers to be appointed by a Grand Superintendent, is new.

Rule 39 gives power to the First Grand Principal to grant a dispensation for non-resident Provincial or District G. Officers, which was not contained in the old Rule 40.

Rule 40 requires G. Superintendents to hold Prov. or District G. Chapters at least once in every year.

Rule 50 requires a fee of 2s. 6d. from each companion who signs the petition for a charter of constitution, besides the old fee of five guineas for the charter.

Rules 53 and 54, providing that no chapter can meet without a charter, are apparently new on the analogy of Rules 125 and 126 of the Constitutions.

Rule 56 empowers the First Principal of a chapter to appoint a Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Steward; it also provides that no one shall be eligible to a principal chair who is not Master or Past Master of a lodge under the *English Constitution*; it also makes service as an *Assistant Sojourner* a qualification for a principal chair.

Rule 68 requires an annual return to G. Chapter of *all* the contributing members of a private chapter, whereas the old Rule 64 only required a return of members exalted or joining in each year.

Rule 72 requires proposition of a candidate to be made at a regular convocation, or sent in writing, to the Scribe E. at least 14 days before the next convocation, and requires that all particulars of a candidate must appear on the summons.

Rule 76 requires the certificate of a companion joining from a chapter joining from a chapter under a foreign jurisdiction to be submitted to the G.S.E. for inspection; it also provides that the fee for a duplicate certificate shall be 6s. 6d.

Rule 81 alters the hour of meeting of the Committee of General Purposes from 3.0 p.m., as in the old Rule 76, to 4.0 p.m.

Rule 92 allows Present and Past Prov. and District G. Officers to have the emblems of their office on their aprons in the same way as with a Craft apron.

Rule 93 provides special aprons for Present and Past G. Officers and G. Superintendents.

Rule 94 allows Present and Past Prov. and District G. Officers to have purple lining and ribbons for their aprons.

Rules 95 and 98 fix the breadth of the collar at four inches.

Rule 97 forbids any but Present and Past G. Principals and Superintendents to wear their Arch collars in Craft lodges.

Rule 99 allows a G. Superintendent to suspend his jewel from a tricoloured ribbon, and Present and Past Prov. and District G. Officers to use the crimson ribbon.

Rule 100 allows Present and Past G. Officers and Prov. or District G. Officers to wear their jewels of office on the left breast at all Masonic meetings.

Rule 102 defines more accurately than the old Rule 95 what "the usual sash of the Order" is.

On the whole, it appears that few changes of any importance are introduced, and the object of the revisers has been to assimilate the Arch Regulations as much as possible to the Constitutions.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Ball and Festival Committee entrusted with the annual festive assembly in aid of the above-named Masonic Charity took place at the hall in Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 20th inst., when there was a large attendance. Bro. T. Whitehead, P.M. 241, was elected Chairman of the Committee; Bro. J. Beesley, P.G.D., Vice-Chairman; Bro. Simon Jude, J.W. 241, Treasurer; and Bro. W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675, Secretary. It was unanimously resolved, subject to the Mayor's convenience and the approval of the Finance Committee, to hold the annual festival and ball on or about the 12th January next.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF BRADFORD.

At the monthly meeting of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, held in the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Monday, the 23rd inst., a congratulatory address was presented to Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., P.P.G.W. of West Yorkshire, upon his having been elected Mayor of the Borough of Bradford. The knowledge of the intended presentation excited much interest, and there was a large attendance on the occasion. The routine business of the lodge having been completed, the W.M., Bro. J. Best, called upon Bro. B. Broughton, P.M., P.P.G.W. of West Yorkshire, who, on behalf of the Master, Past Masters, and brethren of the lodge, made the presentation in appropriate and well-chosen words. The address was then handed to the Mayor, and was accepted and acknowledged by him with much feeling amidst the hearty and repeated applause of all present. The text of the address is as follows:—

"To Worshipful Brother Thomas Hill, Past Master of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, Past Grand Warden of the Province of West Yorkshire, and Mayor of the Borough of Bradford.

"We, the Master and Past Masters of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, for ourselves and on behalf of the members of the lodge, desire to express the high gratification and pleasure which we feel on the occasion of your having been unanimously elected to the honourable and responsible position of Mayor and chief magistrate of your native town, and to offer you our sincere congratulations and good wishes.

"During our long and intimate acquaintance with you, we have had constant opportunities of observing and appreciating your many excellencies of character, your untiring zeal in the cause of Masonic Charity and philanthropy, and your earnestness in the promotion of every good work. It is to us, therefore, a source of special gratification to know that the high and distinguished honour which has been conferred upon you is a public recognition of the many valuable services which, in your capacity of Councillor and Alderman, you have rendered to the town, and of the sterling qualities which have gained for you the respect and esteem of all who know you.

"With sentiments of profound respect we ask you to accept our hearty and fraternal congratulations on your accession to the office of Mayor of the borough of Bradford, and our best wishes that you may be enabled to discharge the responsible duties devolving upon you with satisfaction to yourself and to all classes of your fellow-townsmen.

"Dated at Bradford, the 23rd of November, 1885." The address, which was signed by the Worshipful Master and twenty-one Past Masters (of whom thirteen are Past Provincial Grand Officers), was designed and executed by Messrs. Armitage and Ibbetson, of Bradford, and is richly and elegantly illuminated, and characteristically ornamented with Masonic devices, presenting as a whole a beautiful specimen of fine art.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE UNITED MILITARY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1536.

The annual banquet of the United Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1536, took place on Monday evening, the 23rd inst., at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, Bro. R. Gooding, Preceptor, in the chair, faced by Bro. W. Moulds, W.M. of the mother lodge, in the vice-chair.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S. Br. Kent; G. Kenneday, P.M.; W. Maule, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.D.; Quartermaster James Morton; McVeigh, A.S.C.; Quartermaster Willmott, Shropshire Light Infantry; A. Murdock, W. Seager, W. Shackleton, Jas. Froud, G. Shakespeare, W. Musguin, G. W. Kenneday, jun., J. Lockhart, E. G. Clayton, T. Spackman, W. Roberts, W. E. Buckenham, R. F. Robertson, L. Comerford, Jas. Laughlin, W. Wilde, B. Wager, and W. R. Howlett, all of the United Military Lodge; J. Hooton, 913; H. Mullins, 1037; J. Wood, 381; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The dinner having been satisfactorily discussed, and the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and provincial toasts duly honoured, Bro. WESTON proposed "The Health of Bro. Gooding," in eloquent and eulogistic terms. He said it was now some seven years ago that the lodge of instruction was first formed, and when they looked around and back, and saw and thought of the excellent Masons who had filled the chair of the mother lodge, and were coming on in the direction of that exalted position, they might well be proud of their lodge of instruction, and its Preceptors, Present and Past. It was the academy through which their officers had to pass, and therein they had to qualify themselves for the important position awaiting for them; and so excellently were they trained, that many of them were able to take any position in the lodge at a moment's notice. For proof they had only to look at their last meeting, when the W.M., for the first time, worked the first two Degrees in a manner not only gratifying to the lodge, but with credit to the lodge of instruction and its esteemed Preceptor; while their acting I.G. upon the occasion, although a young Mason, upon whose parchment the ink was hardly dry, fulfilled the duties entrusted to him to the approbation and, indeed, commendation of every brother present; and for that they had to thank Bro. Gooding, their indefatigable and zealous Preceptor. (Cheers.) Bro. Weston then

removed the cover from a mysterious-looking parcel before him, and revealed a handsome black marble twenty-one-day clock, with dove marble facings, the front and reliefs being of gold. It bore the following inscription: "From the brethren of the U. M. Lodge of Instruction to Bro. Preceptor Gooding, as a token of esteem and respect. Nov., 1885." This was, as it was intended, a surprise for Bro. Gooding; and, in presenting it, Bro. Weston said it was his pleasing duty to place it in the possession of Bro. Gooding, and that brother might be sure that with it went the "Hearty good wishes" of every member of the lodge for his health and happiness. "Perhaps," said Bro. Weston, "some day you may be called away from us to serve your country in a foreign land, and leave your friends and brethren in this district; but wherever you may go, you may depend upon it you will be followed by the best wishes and kindly regards of every member of the lodge in whose name I now present you with this clock, and wish you many years of life and happiness to view it amongst your household treasures." (Loud and continued applause.)

Bro. GOODING, in response, said he saw in the face of every one around that table the face of a friend, who, he felt sure, would excuse him if he utterly failed to find words to thank them for their handsome, and certainly unexpected present; but he did thank them, and from the bottom of his heart. Kind words and kind actions had always affected him deeply, even as a boy, but never had he been so deeply touched in his life as at that moment, and wherever he might be he should always remember with pleasurable emotions the event of that night. In the face of that clock he should see their faces, and in the hands he should see their hands, aye, and even feel them in a true Masonic grip. With regard to the lodge of instruction, it had gone through many vicissitudes; at one time they could hardly get enough brethren together to open it, but now, every Monday evening, it was thronged by brethren eager for Masonic knowledge, and while he was there, and Preceptor of the lodge, he should do all in his power to spread a knowledge of the genuine tenets of Freemasonry amongst all who were willing and anxious to learn. He could not accept their present as a reward of his services, but would as a token of their esteem, and trusted that when he himself should be no more it would descend to one of his numerous progeny, who he hoped would all be Masons, and who would look with pride and pleasure upon it, as representing the esteem and regard felt by his brother Masons toward their progenitor. (Loud cheers.)

The toast of "The W.M." followed, and was drunk heartily, and Bro. MOULDS, in returning thanks, spoke highly of the energy and Masonic teaching of Bro. Gooding.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters of the Mother Lodge;" "The Secretary, Bro. Murdock;" "The Masonic Press;" "The Dinner and Presentation Committee," including Bros. Morton, Willmott, Maule, and Murdock, who severally responded.

"The Civilian Members of the Lodge of Instruction," for which Bros. HOOTON, KENNEDAY, and WOOD responded; and "The Host, Bro. Capern."

The musical portion of the programme was ably sustained by Bros. Hooton, Wilde, Shackleton, Buckenham, G. Kenneday, Willmott, Musguin, and others.

The Craft Abroad.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW YORK.

The 72nd annual conclave of Knights Templars in the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of New York was held in the City of Rochester, on the 13th and 14th October last. In the absence, through illness, of the Grand Commander, Grand Conclave was opened by his Deputy, Sir Knight Peter Forrester; Sir Knight E. M. L. Ehlers acting as Grand Captain General, in the absence, in foreign parts, of Sir Knight Goodall. There was a numerous muster of Grand and Past Grand Officers in attendance, and all the 55 commanderies in the State were represented.

A resolution of sympathy having been telegraphed to Sir Knight A. A. Crosby, G.C., and Grand Conclave having received a hearty welcome from Munroe Commandery, No. 12, Rochester, the several committees were appointed, and the Acting Grand Commander delivered the customary address, in the course of which were recorded and commented upon the events of the past year, and all such decisions of the G.C. as were thought worthy of remark.

Sir Knight Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, then read his report, in which he expressed regret that the literary members of the Order had not met with greater success in their labour of tracing a connection between Modern and Ancient Templarism, and gave a synopsis of the work done during the past ten years. After an adjournment till the evening, the principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and sundry presentations to different Sir Knights were made.

On the 14th ult., Grand Commandery resumed its labours, and 500 dollars having been voted towards defraying the expenses of sending the Council Officers to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., at St. Louis, in 1886, the Committee on Correspondence was appointed, and the rest of the business having been disposed of, Grand Conclave was closed, to meet again, in Elmira, in October 1886.

Among the visitors were Sir Knights Alexander and Meyer, G.C. and G. Recorder, respectively, of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

- Sir Knight Peter Forrester ... G. Commander
- Joseph A. Johnson ... D.G. Commander
- Albert G. Goodall ... G.C.
- Theodore G. Haslehurst ... G.C.G.
- Rev. John G. Webster ... G. Prelate
- Austin C. Wood ... G.S.W.
- Foster N. Mable ... G.J.W.
- Ralph C. Christiance ... G. Treasurer
- Robert Macoy (36th time) ... G. Recorder
- George McGowan ... G. Std. Br.
- George F. Loder ... G. Swd. Br.
- E. L. Gant ... G.W.
- W. D. May ... G. Inspector

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Bro. E. Coppé Mitchell, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, laid the corner-stone of the Parker Memorial Church,

Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, on the 8th October last, there being present Bros. Clifford P. MacCalla, G.S.W., as D.G.M.; Rev. James W. Robins, D.D.G. Chap., as G.S.W.; H. Stanley Goodwin, as G.J.W.; W. B. Hackenbury, as G. Treasurer; Michael Nisbet, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, as G. Chap.; Charles H. Cummings, as G.S.D.; Robert H. Lerch, D.D.G.M., as G.J.D.; G. W. Wood, G. Marshal; W. J. Kelly, Asst. G. Marshal; L. M. Chasteau, G. Swd. Br.; Rob. P. Dechert, G. Purst.; J. Wesley Supplee and Godfrey Keebler, G. Stwds.; and W. A. Sinn, G. Tylor. There were also in attendance Past G. Masters, Bros. the Hon. Richard Vaux, Hon. Samuel B. Dick, and Conrad B. Day.

Grand Lodge was opened in the Beta Beta Fraternity House of the Lehigh University, and a procession of the brethren having been formed, a start was made for the site of the new church, where the stone was laid in accordance with the ancient ceremonies of the Craft. The function being completed, and Bro. R. A. Lamberton, Past G.M., President of Lehigh University, having been introduced to the G.M., and delivered a brief address, Bro. Bishop Whitehead pronounced an eloquent oration, suitable to the occasion, after which the ceremonies prescribed by the Episcopal Church were carried out, and the proceedings concluded. The visiting brethren and Grand Officers were entertained by the brethren of Bethlehem and the authorities of the University, the Grand Officers returning to Philadelphia before the close of the day.

The forty-fifth anniversary of the birth of the Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, was celebrated with the accustomed formalities in London and Windsor on Saturday last.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. Hanson (Colonel), and Colonel Commandant Dundas were among the officers present at the annual dinner at the Finsbury barracks on Friday, the 20th inst., of the 4th battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Militia).

Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts arrived at Bombay on Tuesday, and will at once take up his duties as Commander-in-Chief of India, it being announced that his predecessor, Sir Donald Stewart, was to embark for England to-day (Friday).

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their sons, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, arrived at Charing Cross Station on Saturday last, from Eastwell Park, Kent, where they had been visiting the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. In the evening of the same day they arrived at Windsor on a visit to the Queen.

The Norfolk Fat Cattle Show opened on Thursday, the 19th inst., and on the work of judging being completed, it was found that her Majesty the Queen had been awarded first prizes for Northern steers and Shorthorn heifers respectively, while the Prince of Wales secured the first and second prizes for steers and first for a cow bred in Norfolk, and in the sheep classes the principal award for Southdowns.

The Russian government have adopted a sensible plan for coping successfully with the evils of drunkenness. Under the new liquor law all taverns in which drink alone is sold will be done away with, the sale of spirituous liquors being permitted henceforth only in hotels, restaurants, and eating-houses. This will lead to the closing on 1st January next of no less than 80,000 drinking shops, the one exception to the new law being in favour of itinerant vendors who attend the large fairs and festivals. Further, as regards places so remote from the seat of government that it is difficult to exercise a proper control over them, power has been granted to the local authorities to raise the price of a licence, to refuse licences, and to punish with severity all infractions of such licences. This, we repeat, is a sensible plan, and if carried out steadfastly should have the effect of diminishing drunkenness and its attendant evils.

The returns that have been made public thus far as to the General Election give us reason to believe that in the new Parliament, as in the old, there will be a very considerable muster of members who are connected with our Society. So far as we have had time to examine the results we find the following brethren had secured seats, namely:—Bros. D. R. Plunkett (Dublin University), G. O. Trevelyan (Hawick Burghs), Col. Stanley (Blackpool Division of Lancashire), Sir J. Mowbray (Oxford University), Sir J. E. Gorst (Chatham), J. T. Agg-Gardner (Cheltenham), H. W. Eaton (Coventry), J. H. Puleston (Devonport), the Hon. H. S. Northcote (Exeter), Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart. (Hythe), E. Clarke, Q.C. (Plymouth), J. Dods (Stockton-on-Tees), G. A. F. Cavendish-Bentinck (Whitehaven), Col. Richardson-Gardner (Windsor), Sir Charles Dilke, Bart. (Chelsea), Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart. (City of London), Lord R. Churchill (Paddington, South), T. E. Gibb (St. Pancras, East), W. T. Marriott, Q.C. (Brighton), D. Smith (Brighton), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Bristol, West), W. L. Jackson (Leeds), Baron H. De Worms (East Toxteth Division of Liverpool), and Lord C. Hamilton (West Derby Division of Liverpool).

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, VENTNOR.—On Monday, the 16th inst., a party of friends of this institution, under the presidency of Mr. Herbert C. Saunders, Q.C., Chairman of the Board of Management, visited Ventnor for the purpose of inaugurating the new block for 18 more patients, which has been built to meet the great pressure of applicants. The principal feature of this hospital is the fact that in it every patient is provided with a separate bedroom, facing the sea and looking south, and they are distributed in small parties in separate houses, thus keeping the associations as home-like as possible. The heating is by fires in the sitting rooms, supplemented by a system of Gill boxes heated by steam, over and through which fresh air is admitted. On the recommendation of Professor de Chaumont, F.R.S., 5000 cubic feet of fresh air per head per hour has been adopted as the standard requirement for ventilation, heated in the coldest weather to 60° Fahr., and the arrangements showed this to be amply provided for. The cost of this new block has been partly met by special gifts, but the general funds of the institution have borne the principal charges, and voluntary gifts are now much needed. It is anticipated that the results of treatment in this new block will be even more encouraging than in the older buildings.

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To Correspondents.

PAST GRAND OFFICER (MARK).—We would suggest that the most suitable time and place for first drawing attention to your proposals will be the Special Grand Mark Lodge which will be held on Monday next, the 30th inst., for the express purpose of considering and finally arranging the new Book of Constitutions of the Degree.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times" (New York), "Canadian Craftsman," "New York Dispatch," "Hull Packet," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Citizen," "Bulletin Masonico," "Jewish Chronicle," "National Church," "The Globe" (Toronto), "Semi-Weekly Citizen," "Et Teller," "Night and Day," "Notes on West Australia," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Keystone," "Sunday Times" (London), "The Turkish Bath in Diseases of the Heart, Obesity, and Atrophy," "The Star," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "Court Circular," "Masonic Record of Western India," "Society," "Allen's Indian Mail," "English Illustrated Magazine," and "Life Boat Journal."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

ATHOL LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In continuation of my former letter in the Freemason of the 24th ult., I now submit for publication the following copy of minutes extracted by me from Vol. 1 of the Register of the Athol Grand Lodge:—

"General Register Grand Lodge.

"Sep. 14, 1752. N. Stile. Geo. Hebden,

"Mastr. No. 4, in the Chair.

"Whereas it is expedient for the Universal Benefit of the Ancient Craft that a Grand Master and Grand Lodge should govern and direct the proceedings of the several Ancient Lodges held in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, And as the present Low Condition of the Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons renders the hope of obtaining the honor of a Noble Personage to preside over us at this time very precarious, In order to preserve the present remains of the true Ancient Craft, &c., We, the undernamed Masters and Wardens of the several Masonical Meetings called Lodges of true Ancient Masonry aforesaid, do agree (pursuant to the powers vested in us by our Respective Brethren of the several lodges) to form a Grand Committee (we mean such a Committee) as may supply the deficiency of a Grand Master until an opportunity offers for the choice of a Noble Personage to govern our Ancient Fraternity. And that We will therein (by the authority aforesaid) make Statutes or laws for the better government and well ordering the said Fraternity, Receive Petitions, hear Appeals, and transact Business (that is to say such Business as ought to be peculiar to a Grand Lodge) with Equity and Impartiality. Dated in our Grand Committee Room on Thursday, the fourteenth day of September, New Stile, 1752, and in the year of Masonry 5752. In the presence of"—

[Here follow the names of M., S.W., and J.W. of Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12, two Past Masters of No. 4, one P.M. of No. 6, and Lau, Dermott, G.S.]

"And Whereas several of the Lodges have congregated and made Masons without any Warrant (not with a desire of acting wrong, but thro' the Necessity above mention'd), In order to Rectify such irregular proceedings (so far as in our power), It is hereby Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall write Warrants (on Parchment) for the Unwarranted Lodges, viz.: The lodges known by the Title of No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and that all the said Warrants shall bare date July the seventeenth, One thousand seven hundred fifty and one, being the day on which the said Lodges met (at the Turk's head Tavern in Greek-street, Soho) to revive the Ancient Craft.

"That the Secretary shall leave proper spaces for the Grand Mastr., Deputy G.M., and Grand Wardens to sign all the said Warrants according to Ancient custom.

"That as soon as we shall arrive at the Great happiness of installing proper Grand Officers, the possessors of the Unsigned Warrants shall present them to the Grand Master for his Worship's signature or Renewal, Until which time the said Warrants, as well as those which have or may be (thro' necessity) granted in the like manner, shall be deem'd good and lawful.

"Lastly, this our Regulation, shall be Recorded in our Registry, to shew Posterity how much we desire to revive the Ancient Craft upon true Masonical principles.

"Sign'd by Order,

"LAU: DERMOTT, G.S."

The above passages I have indicated by italics will doubtless be deemed conclusive evidence as to the exact date on which the Athol Grand Lodge commenced its existence. They are their own records, and the volume from which I have extracted the above commences with an entry of 17th July, 1751, signed by John Morgan, the first Grand Secretary of the Athol Grand Lodge.

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts what is also shown very clearly by the Lists of 1751-1755 in the same volume, that No. 1 had no existence at that period. The earliest notification hitherto published in reference to No. 1 is that the Grand Master's Lodge was proclaimed on 5th September, 1759, and took the first seat accordingly as No. 1.—(Vide Grand Lodge minute of that date.) But I recently noticed in the Athol Minute Book, Vol. I., that members of No. 1 attended the Grand Lodge, or Grand Committee, as early as 13th March, 1757, at a general meeting of Master Masons to regulate certain disputed points in the ceremonies, and Bro. H. Sadler has since kindly supplied me with the names of the members of No. 1 then present, viz., James Nisbett, Senr. G.W. (who was in the chair); John Abercromby, Junr. G.W.; Lau, Dermott, G.S.; and Robert Turner, G.M. [This latter must mean Past G.M., as the Earl of Blessington was Grand Master from Dec., 1756.]

Having now clearly ascertained that No. 1 existed as early as March, 1757, from a careful comparison of dates and events, Bro. Hughan and I are of opinion that the Grand Master's Lodge was constituted after the Earl of Blessington was elected Grand Master—December, 1756, and prior to 13th March, 1757. The number—1—had evidently been kept vacant until such time as a "Noble Personage" could be obtained to preside over the Athol Grand Lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE, P.M., 1402, Torquay.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I shall esteem it a great favour if any brother having lists of Athol lodges, or the proceedings of Athol Grand Lodge prior to 1792, will kindly let me know. I will borrow or purchase. I feel confident there are some to be obtained, if brethren would diligently search.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE, P.M., 1402, Torquay.

POLITICS IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

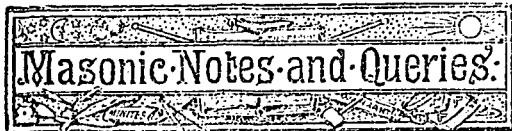
Dear Sir and Brother,
Recently partaking of the hospitalities of an old lodge, whose locale need not be mentioned, since I only desire to comment on an objectionable practice, not to attack persons, I confess I was more than a little surprised to hear a brother holding high position in the Craft, in responding for "Provincial Grand Lodge," make any reference whatever to the fact that the P.G.M. was a candidate for Parliamentary honours, following his occupation of a seat for many years in Parliament. The (as I hold it) bad example thus set, the W.M., a young man, and presumably not an old Mason, followed (and, I suppose, could not well have been checked) by allowing special reference to be made at a subsequent period of the proceedings to the Mayor and ex-Mayor and some other corporate officials of the town who happened to be present, and in respect to the first of whom, as a P.M., the Master of, I am told, a centenary lodge, actually gave way that his brother might first respond!

As a Mason of twenty years' standing, I should like to ask whether this is at all a general practice, and if so whether it would not be most desirable to consider the advisability of discontinuing it. The brethren referred to were doubtless good men and citizens; they may, indeed, even have deserved more than was said of them. But there surely is a time for all things, and I, for one, hold that a Masonic banquet is not the place for introducing any of these subjects, since, if we may praise for matters exterior to lodge business or the work of the Craft, why not condemn? and if we may approve a brother for his politics, or religion, or his municipal work—which may sometimes depend a good deal upon his political associations—why not utter our disapproval?

I should not trouble you with this note, as a guest who might be supposed to abuse the hearty hospitality I experienced, but that, expressing to a local brother on the spot my surprise at the proceedings, he explained to me, in a well-understood sentence or two, how difficult it would be for a local brother to dissent without having his motives misunderstood, and being probably interpreted as directed to the person spoken of, instead of to the principle.

Perhaps some brother will kindly intimate whether the suggestion I have laid down as seeming to me to underlie the principle and practice of Masonry is the correct one.—Fraternally yours,

SURPRISED.



635] EARLY FREEMASONRY.

The second series of "Early Newspaper Accounts of Freemasonry" has appeared in the *Keystone*, and very interesting the extracts are. The first refers to a lodge in our chief city, which the Editor has "been unable to identify in any early published list of lodges." The extract is as follows:—

[From *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 237, June 7 to June 14, 1733.]

"London, December 14.—On Tuesday last a lodge of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was constituted at Dale's Coffee House, in Warwick Street, Golden Square, by command of the Right Hon. Anthony Lord Montacute, Grand Master, Thomas Batson, Deputy Grand Master, being present, and also Sir William Keith, Bart., Dr. Desaguliers, and several other Persons of Distinction."

This lodge is given in Pine's List of Lodges for the year 1734, which I had reprinted in 1876, and which is owned by Bro. James Newton, of Bolton (the only one known). Its number then was 107, and it is described as held at "Dale's Coffee House, Warwick Street," constituted on the "12 Dec., 1732." Probably this date refers to the day when the warrant was signed, and not to the inauguration of the lodge, for as December 14th, 1732, was on a Sunday, the preceding Tuesday must have been the 9th December. Anyway, it is No. 107 that is thus noted, which subsequently was held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho, as given in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," and became 95 in 1740. On June 24th, 1742, the lodge united with No. 38, held at the King's Arms, Strand, London, so that its warrant was returned, its fortunes thereafter being bound up with its senior. This lodge is still in existence, and takes its name from its place of meeting at the time of its union with No. 95, viz., Old Kings' Arms Lodge, chartered May 25th, 1725; its numbers having been 43 from 1729; 38, 1740; 25, 1756; 24, 1770; 22, 1780; 21, 1792; 34 at the "Union" (1814); 30 in 1832; and 28 from 1863. I should like much to be favoured with an exact copy of the warrant of this old lodge, No. 28; but fear the original charter is not preserved. Will some member oblige me?

W. J. HUGHAN.

Bros. the Earl of Egmont and Sheriff Clarke were among the guests at the Court and Livery dinner on Thursday, the 19th inst., of the Tallow Chandlers' Company.

The Freemason Exchange.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

- Freemasons' Calendar, 1800.
Freemasons' Quarterly Review, 1834 to 1840.
Freemasons' Magazine, July to December, 1796.
History Silentia Lodge, No. 198.
GEORGE TAYLOR, Kidderminster.
- A Photograph of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., 11 by 8, in black and gold frame. 10s. J.C.
- Grand Lodge Arms, printed in Heraldic colours. Oxford frame (14 by 12). 6s. J.C.
- Bust of H.R.H. Prince of Wales, Grand Master, with Insignia of Office. £2 6s. H.C.
- Electro-plated Grog Kettle, with Masonic device, £2 10s. W.B.
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- Interior of the Masonic Hall, Brisbane. Photograph 10in. by 8in., mounted in Oxford frame 18in by 16in. £1 15s. K.T.
- Papier Mache Lodge Snuff Box, with Square and Compasses encircled with wreath. Size 5in. across. 5s. S.B.
- Coloured Photograph in Proper Colours, Three Principals Royal Arch, showing Robes, Sceptres, Crowns, Collars, and Jewels, 14in. by 12in. Mounted in Oxford frame, 23in by 21in. £5 5s. R.A.
- G. Oliver's, D.D., Pythagorean Triangle, or the Science of Numbers, 1875.
- Macy's Book of the Lodge. Coloured plates. New York, 1855.
- J. H. Loth's Ancient Scottish Rite. Plates. Cloth. 1876. Illustrative of the Degrees from the 1st to the 33rd inclusive.
- Lawrence's Masonic Lectures, 1874.
- Heckethorn's Secret Societies of all Countries. Vols. I. and II. London, 1875.
- Cross's Masonic Chart. New York, 1836. T.C.N.

WANTED.

- Constitutions, 1746.
Ahiman Rezon, 1787.
Preston's Illustrations, 1772.
Freemasons' Magazine, 1798.
Grand Lodge Report, December, 1871.
Royal Arch Regulations, 1778, 1796, 1807, 1817.
Engraved Lists of Lodges.
Calendars, various years. Offers of engravings and prints.
GEORGE TAYLOR, Kidderminster.
- Reports of Grand Lodge Proceedings for December, 1871. C. F. H.
- "The Freemason," vol. IV. W. L.
- The Masonic Magazine and Mirror (4th edition), vol. II., 1862; vols. I. and II., 1863. C. F. M.
- Wax Impressions of Lodge and Chapter Seals.
Craft and Arch Certificates before 1800.
Communications before 1798—Convocations before 1837—Conclaves before 1813.
Grand Epochs of Freemasonry—Newmarch.
Masonic Miscellanies—Jones.
J. RAMSDEN RILEY, Bradford.

Athol Reports or Lists of Athol Lodges prior to 1800.
Proceedings or Reports of Grand Mark Lodge, May, 1870, June and December, 1871. JNO. LANE, Torquay.



Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. H. W. Davie, W.M.; J. Millier, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; Capt. J. Finch, Treas.; Walter Holcombe, Sec.; New, S.D.; Boulting, D.C.; Stanham, I.G.; Speight, Tyler; Guterbock, I.P.M.; Foxley, P.M.; Blyth, P.M.; Allen, P.M.; Vine, P.M.; Pearce, Coningham, Reddle, Stevens, Fairchild, Moore, Hubert, Gregory, Hart, Kearley, Broad, Hopkins, Houghton, Gilbert, Rawlins, Hurter, and Rogers. There were 12 visitors.

The bye-laws having been read by the Secretary, Mr. Walter Henry Jones was balloted for, and, being duly elected, was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Coningham was passed to the Second Degree. A motion by the W.M. as to establishing a benevolent fund was discussed, and the matter was referred to a Committee to propound a scheme and report to the lodge. Bro. Hubert presented the lodge with a very handsome set of Deacons' wands, and the gift was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by the new caterer.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Friday, the 20th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Williams, was supported by Bros. J. Brown, S.W.; W.M. elect; G. Bugler, J.W.; J. Garnar, P.M., Treas.; J. Noble, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Campbell, S.D.; J. Plowman, J.D.; S. S. Fogden, I.G.; W. H. Willcox, Stwd.; H. G. Buss, P.G.A. Sec.; E. Ayling, P.M.; W. R. Phillips, P.M.; G. H. Wrigglesworth, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Prov. G.A. Sec. Middlesex; H. O. Hinton, P.M.; E. W. Clarke, P.M.; and a large number of brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. W. C. Page, W.M. 1269; A. Moore, W.M. 173; W. Walker, W.M. elect 65; J. Featherston, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1656; J. Syer, P.M. 1017; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; C. J. Rich, P.M. 65; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; R. Eales, S.D. 1512; E. Coleman, S.D. 11; W. Smith, 72; J. Cutbill, 902; E. Dare, 2032; G. J. Wainwright, G. Edwards, G. H. Hester, 2032; T. Meeres, 2032; J. Brill, 780; C. Sims, 861; H. G. Danby, W. W. Westley, 186; Egbert Roberts, 1623; J. Knight, 1656; L. Hollingsworth, 1507; W. H. Jones, 1544; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing the finances of the lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Thomas Sims, who had been already approved, was then initiated into Freemasonry in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. J. Brown, the W.M. elect, having been presented for installation, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Brown was installed with all the impressive rites into the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-elected Master was greeted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. G. Bugler, S.W.; C. M. Campbell, J.W.; J. Garnar, P.M., Treas.; J. Noble, P.M., Sec.; J. Plowman, S.D.; S. S. Fogden, J.D.; W. H. Willcox, I.G.; N. Courlander, D.C.; W. E. Scantlebury and J. H. Custance, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and officers were given by Bro. Williams, I.P.M., in excellent style, eliciting hearty approval from the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Hinton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Phillips, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and placed on the list of Bro. Garnar, P.M., who intends acting as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Garnar briefly thanked the brethren, and said that he knew he could rely on them for their substantial support. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet catered for by Bro. Mourlet.

After the cloth had been removed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Queen and the Craft," observed that her Majesty took a great interest in Freemasonry, and that the throne had never been occupied by one who was so deservedly popular with the nation, and especially with Freemasons.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Master remarked that it was quite unnecessary for him to remind the brethren of the great interest the Prince took in everything connected with the Craft, and he felt sure the brethren would join him in wishing that the day might be very far distant when his Royal Highness would cease to hold the prominent position he now held in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master next gave "R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In so doing, he said the brethren were all aware of the excellent way in which the work of Grand Lodge was carried on. It was the knowledge that the Grand Officers were always using their best endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry that made this toast so popular in all Masonic gatherings.

Bro. H. G. Buss, Past Asst. G. Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, said that it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to reply for the Grand Officers, which had been so ably proposed by the W.M., and so warmly received by the brethren. It was very gratifying to him to see this toast meet with such a hearty reception, as it proved that the efforts of the officers of Grand Lodge were recognised and approved. He (Bro. Buss) was proud to say that he christened the Rose of Denmark Lodge, and was glad to see it progressing so favourably and in such a flourishing position. In conclusion, he sincerely thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the health of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Williams, I.P.M., in giving the next toast, "The Worshipful Master," remarked that they had that evening installed a Master who, he felt sure, would prove himself equal to the W.Ms. that had gone before. Bro. Brown had been anxious to reach the chair for some years, and had zealously performed the duties of every office he had been appointed to, and he (Bro. Williams) congratulated him on the attainment of his wishes in at last holding the proud position of Master of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. The lodge would rise, and continue to rise, under the Mastership of Bro. Brown, whom he wished a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Brown, W.M., in reply, after thanking the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, observed that he would, to the best of his ability, follow in the steps of those who had gone before, and he strongly advised the brethren to steadily persevere until they reached the position which he now held.

"The Initiate" was then given by the W.M., who welcomed Bro. Sims into Freemasonry, and said he hoped that he would prove a good Mason, and would emulate those who had been initiated before him, and who were now esteemed and respected in the Craft.

Bro. Sims replied, and, after thanking the W.M. and brethren, remarked that he hoped, by following the advice of the W.M., to be a credit to the lodge and to Freemasonry.

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. observed that Bro. Williams had carried out the duties of Master during the past year in a highly satisfactory manner, and it was a very great pleasure to follow a brother who had performed his onerous duties to the complete satisfaction of all the brethren. He also felt it an honour to present to Bro. Williams the Past Master's jewel that had

been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, and he hoped that when he wore it he would always look upon it as a mark of esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge, and also as an acknowledgment of the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of Master during his year of office.

Bro. Williams, in reply, 1.P.M., said he found it difficult to find words to adequately express his thanks for the hearty way in which the toast had been drunk, and also for the very handsome jewel that had been presented to him by the lodge. He assured the brethren that he should always wear it with feelings of pride, and was very grateful to the W.M. for the flattering remarks he had made. He had performed the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and hoped he might be spared for many years to wear the jewel, and render any assistance he could to further the interests of the lodge and the Craft in general.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that he was pleased to see such a large number of visitors present, and especially such a good array of Masters and Past Masters. He believed that many of the brethren present that evening had visited the lodge on previous occasions, and he heartily welcomed them, and trusted that the number of visitors would always be large in the future as it had been in the past.

Bros. Brill, Hamlyn, Page, and Rich responded, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality, and expressed their admiration at the working of the lodge.

In replying for "The Past Masters," Bro. Hinton, P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren, and expressed his pleasure at responding to this toast for the fifteenth year in succession. The P.M.'s always endeavoured to do their duty and used their best interests to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Masonic Charities," and said that the support of the different Charitable Institutions should be regarded by the brethren as a labour of love, and expressed the hope that Bro. Garnar would be successful in obtaining a long list of subscriptions from the brethren when he represented the lodge at the next festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. Wrigglesworth, P.M., in reply, remarked that the Charitable Institutions in connection with Freemasonry were amongst the noblest in the land, and, as one of the principal duties of a Mason was to exercise Charity, he hoped the brethren would always do their utmost to support them. Brethren should give liberally in their affluence, as none could tell when adversity might overtake them. He (Bro. Wrigglesworth) was happy to say that during his term of office as Guardian of the poor for a very large district, he had never known a Mason apply for relief. He hoped the day might be far distant when any member of the Rose of Denmark Lodge would feel the pangs of necessity, but he earnestly hoped they would contribute handsomely to those Charitable Institutions in which every Mason took such a pride.

Bros. Garnar, P.M., Treas., and Noble, P.M., Sec., having returned thanks for the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Bugler, S.W., and Campbell, J.W., duly responded in suitable terms.

The proceedings were then brought to a conclusion by the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, assisted by Miss Louise France, Miss Susetta Fenn, and Bro. Sinclair Dunn.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

The second regular meeting of this lodge for the present session was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. John Jacobs, W.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M., acting as S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; Bower Solomon, S.D.; C. Ralph, acting as J.D.; W. F. Thorpe, D.C.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Howard, A.W.S.; G. Potter, Tyler; Geo. Coleman, P.M.; James Hewitt, G. H. Foam, A. Jacobs, L. Goldsmid, S. Cohen, W. Unwin, J. Potter, L. Isaacs, E. W. Carter, G. W. Mills, J. Woodward, W. E. Cousins, S. Isaacs, W. A. Dowling, Frank Gulliford, J. Alexander, G. Hand, C. J. Shannon, W. Belsham, A. Vockam, and G. H. Reynolds. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Jobbins, W.M. 49; P. G. Cutler, P.M. 212; H. Price, S.W. 177; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; and P. H. Rabbitts, P.M. 1695.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Stewart Lodge to be a member of the lodge, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was informed of the same. Bros. Lewis Cohen and John Potter having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner leading to the Second Degree, the lodge was opened in that Degree, and the two brethren were passed to the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Messrs. Alfred Richard Temple and Charles Stewart Lodge were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the whole work being done well by the W.M. On the third time of rising a letter was read by Bro. W. Bourne, Secretary, from Bro. Harry Kedgley, S.W., saying he was unable to attend to his duties that evening on account of a severe attack of bronchitis, at which the brethren expressed their sympathy and regret.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where the banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to,

Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said the brethren knew the reason why he had the gavel in his hand. Those who were present saw his working, and it was not only a credit to their W.M., who was young, but would be to many old Masons. The brethren would agree with him that he had persevered in his work, and had given every satisfaction, and he felt sure the W.M. had the best wishes of the lodge, both for health and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been responded to. He assured the brethren he had done his best; and trusted that the brother who succeeded him would endeavour to do the same.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said he felt sure, from their serious manner, they had been duly impressed with the ceremony, and would make it their earnest endeavour to become good and useful Masons.

The Initiates, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on their part that would enable them to become good members of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said he hoped that toast would always be well received. They were very pleased to see them, and liked to make them happy.

Bro. Jobbins, W.M. 49, in replying for the visitors, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which their healths had been drunk. The banquet was all that one could wish for, and very enjoyable. The working that evening of the W.M. was seldom surpassed. The initiates had been impressed with the ceremony, and felt sure they would become worthy members of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," paid a high compliment to the interest they took in the lodge, and the willingness with which they assisted the brethren.

Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M., in responding, said the P.M.'s were always willing to assist in every possible way, and when the absence of an officer occurred, the P.M.'s were there to take the duties of the office, as had been proved that evening in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Kedgley, their worthy S.W., through severe illness. He knew that all the brethren wished him a speedy recovery, and that at their next meeting he would occupy his chair.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Senior Officers of the Lodge," in a kind manner.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, J.W., in responding, thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received, which was most gratifying. The W.M. had set them a good example, and he trusted that when the time came for him to occupy the chair, he would be able to show the same efficiency.

Bro. B. Solomons, S.D., reiterated the same wishes.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of his Junior Officers," reminded the brethren that, though last, they were not least, for their comfort depended upon one, and the security of the lodge upon the other.

Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S., thanked the brethren, and said he could assure them that the duties of W.S. at times caused a little anxiety; but he trusted he had given every satisfaction, and that at the end of the year there would be a balance available for Charity.

Bro. G. Reynolds, I.G., said he felt the honour the W.M. had conferred upon him in proposing his health, and the hearty manner in which the brethren had drunk the same. Since he had been amongst them he had made many friends, and, whatever office he was placed in, it should be his endeavour to give not only satisfaction to the W.M., but also to the brethren of the lodge. He trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would give him strength when the time came to fulfil the duties of the chair in the same admirable manner their worthy W.M. did.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, to which Bros. C. Ralph, W. Bourne, P.M., W. Unwin, R. Cohen, C. S. Lodge, J. Temple, and S. Jacobs, P.M., contributed by their songs and recitations.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. A. Rhagg, presided, and was supported by Bros. John Moutt, P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, W.M. 481; Wm. M. Pybus, S.W.; John Wood, P.M., as J.W.; W. Dalrymple, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; A. Simpson, as I.G.; W. Richardson, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; G. H. Cawthorn, Geo. Craighill, J. T. Corking, T. L. Hall, T. Shepherd, Robt. Swanson, C. G. Nichols, J. T. Harrison, S.W. 481; M. R. Wright, E. Carr, J. W. Gibson, W.M. 1427; G. C. Coates, S.W. 1427; J. Braithwaite, P.M. 1427; S. Brown, 1427; H. Geipel, 1427; F. G. Fitzgerald, 1427; T. Spedding, S.S. 1643; R. Stewart, 424; Thos. Dinning, I.P.M. 481; T. Wright, 1342; C. D. Dewar, 3 (S.C.); M. J. Wheatley, W.M. 1970; J. Heppell, S.W. 1970; and others.

After the preliminary business was disposed of, and the ballot box sent round, Mr. Joseph Rutter was duly initiated by the W.W., and the working tools were explained by the acting J.W. The lodge was afterwards raised, when Bro. Robert Swanson took his Third Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.W. in a satisfactory manner.

The lodge was closed at 9.15 p.m., after the W.M. had received the hearty congratulations of the visitors. An adjournment was made to the refreshment rooms, where the remainder of the evening was spent in the usual harmonious way.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square. Present: Bros. Peter Bradburn, W.M.; Chas. Crompton, S.W.; Jas. Walker, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, G. Std. B., Treas.; J. W. Draycott, Sec.; John Thompson, as S.D.; Wm. Siddorn, J.D.; R. Cuerden, I.G.; Wm. Forrest, Stwd.; W. Higson, Tyler; Hy. Critchley, Jackson, Morrginson, Crompton, W. H. Brown, T. S. Henshaw, and J. R. Haslam. Bro. Blain, P.M. St. George's Lodge, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the business of the last meeting, a petition was signed in favour of admission of a son of the late Bro. Thomas Mitchell, into the Boys' School. Bro. Blain then delivered a lecture on the tracing board of the First Degree in a very impressive manner, and at its close a very cordial and hearty vote of thanks was awarded to him, after which a portion of the ancient charges was read, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony.

HALESWORTH.—Prudence Lodge (No. 388).

A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. G. J. Goodwyn, W.M.; C. H. White, S.W.; P. M. Canova, J.W.; R. Tittow, Treas.; A. E. Smith, P.M. 1983, P.P. G. J. D. Suffolk, Sec.; J. O. Green, S.D.; W. P. Gale, J.D.; J. E. Margetson, I.G.; J. Miller, Tyler; C. S. Pedgriff, P.M., P.P.G.R. Suffolk; R. Barker, P.M.; J. M. Canova, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk; R. B. Stanford, P.M.; E. W. Moore, and M. Wadhams. Visitor: Bro. N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.G. Sec. Suffolk.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wadhams was raised to the Third Degree, after which a motion of the W.M.'s—that this lodge subscribe the sum of £2 2s. annually towards the "Martyn Memorial Fund"—was seconded, and carried unanimously. After the lodge was closed, supper was provided in the ante-room, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

In responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Tracy expressed his gratification, both as regards the working of the lodge and the decision they had come to, with reference to the "Martyn Memorial Fund." The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant evening, interspersed with songs by Bros. Tittow, Wadhams, Moore, and others.

READING.—Lodge of Union (No. 414).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Michael John Withers, Prov. G. J. Deacon, the W.M., on which occasion Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., attended on the invite of the lodge for the purpose of delivering his popular lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree. The attendance was unfortunately not nearly so large as had been anticipated, an important political meeting having been appointed for the same evening, and regrets and apologies for absence were very numerous. The Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry, desired special mention of his disappointment in not being able to occupy his position. Among those present were Bros. D. H. Witherington, S.W.; F. Blackwell, J.W.; Chas. Stephens, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. Berks and Bucks; Robert Bradley, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; Charles Oades, P.M.; Albert W. Parry, Sec.; John W. Martin, S.D.; C. G. Hawkes, J.D.; J. R. Hayward, Org.; C. J. R. Steward, acting I.G.; H. P. Knill, Bernard Ruddock, F. J. Wellman, G. S. Galt, W. G. Millar, Henry Higgs, W. J. Maurice, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Alexander Sellar, P.M. 414; T. P. Stevens, 1101; C. Slaughter, 1101; W. G. Flanagan, P.M. 1101; H. G. Sherwin, 1024; Walter Blackwell, 1024; R. H. Reilly, 2043; F. J. Lawes, 2043; the Rev. J. D. Dunlap, Cambridge University Lodge; John Miller, 723, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the previous minutes having been read, and a report from the Permanent Committee received, the W.M. formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting for the delivery of his lecture. After a few introductory remarks on the nature and object of his address, the lecturer proceeded to explain his views in relation to the form of ritual and ceremonial which had been adopted for the general observance of the Craft at the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1813, and in regular order, through the ceremonies of opening and initiation, pointed out the many divergencies from such original form which had arisen, more particularly during the past quarter of a century.

For nearly two hours, without intermission, Bro. Stevens rivetted the attention of his audience whilst giving most lucid explanations of, and reasons for, the numerous points in working, in respect of which a perfect understanding is necessary for a full appreciation of the "connection of the whole system of Freemasonry and the relative dependency of its several parts." Most instructive in every respect, the lecturer could not fail to leave many important points for future consideration by his hearers, although it may be said that perfect agreement on all may not follow. Being purely such an address as can be only given when "close tyled," it should be heard by Freemasons wherever opportunity for its delivery may arise, and, judging from its reception on this occasion, and, as we are informed, on many former occasions, it should be the desire of every good working lodge to learn from Bro. Stevens "the reason why" for much that they do and say in Masonic ceremonial.

At the close of the lecture, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Charles Stephens, P.M. and Prov. G. Treas., a cordial vote of thanks, with complimentary remarks on the address he had given, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the same in suitable terms.

Propositions for initiation having been made, and greetings exchanged, the lodge was closed in due form, with harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where supper had been prepared. A pleasant hour or two were passed in social converse, enlivened by song and recitation, before the brethren separated, well pleased with the Masonic work of the evening.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Lodge of Honours

(No. 526).—On Friday afternoon, the 13th inst., Bro. H. C. Owen was installed W.M. of this lodge in the lodge room at the Star and Garter Hotel. The ceremony was very effectively and ably performed by Bro. G. W. Walker, the retiring W.M. The W.M. having been formally raised to the chair of K.S., he, in accordance with ancient custom, invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. Walker, I.P.M.; George Baker, S.W.; S. W. Page, J.W.; the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, P.G.C., Chap.; C. A. Newnham, Treas.; W. E. Marsh, Sec.; J. Dunbar Steen, A. Sec.; F. G. Lyddington, S.D.; A. McBean, J.D.; T. J. Barnett, D.C.; J. F. Chapman, Org.; B. Beebee, I.G.; J. Hyde, S.S.; and T. H. Bayley, J.S.

After the lodge was closed the installation banquet was served, and the usual Masonic toasts followed.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).

Bro. A. Sweeting, W.M. of the above prosperous lodge, commenced his year of office on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was supported by a goodly array of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, among those present being Bros. C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M.; J. H. Roberts, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; J. Sanderson, S.W.; R. Naylor, J.W.; J. Swanson, S.D.; J. Miller, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; E. West, P.M. 1076, P.P.G. J. D. Herts; W. Rees, P.M. 913; G. Spinks, P.M. 915, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of Kent; W. Moulds, W.M. 1536; W. Akers, W.M. 13; W. Maule, S.W. 1536; C. Canning, J.D. 1472; C. Wood, W.S. 1472; A. Knight, D.C. 1472; W. Turvey, 1472; H. King, 615; M. Kaul, 1472; T. J. Day, 1227; W. Harrison, 730; T. White, 723; W. Barnes, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes passed, Bro. Smith was passed, and Bros. Adams, Bidgood, and Carter were raised, the working being in every way worthy

of the lodge and its excellent and esteemed Master. On the motion of Bro. Butt, a Benevolent Fund was formed in connection with the lodge, and it was further resolved to hold the winter banquet in January next.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, and, on reassembling round the social board, passed an hour or two in harmony and social converse, the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and lodge toasts being duly honoured.

GUILDFORD.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 777).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Angel Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. C. Collier, W.M.; W. E. White, S.W.; J. H. Thomson, J.W.; H. F. Day, P.M., Treas.; J. W. M. Piggott, P.M., Sec.; H. L. de Montmorency, S.D.; W. R. Pulman, J.D.; Edwards, I.G.; P.M.'s Charles Belton, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; E. Drevett, W. Wells, and T. White. Visitors: Bros. F. Davison, P.G.D.; Edwin Lott, G. Org.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, P.G. Stwd. Scotland, and Tremere.

The lodge having been opened according to ancient custom by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Charles Belton, P.P.G.D., the I.P.M., passed Bro. Tucker to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, and afterwards initiated Mr. Arthur J. Newman, both ceremonies being performed to the great satisfaction of the members and visitors.

The lodge being then closed by the W.M. in ancient form, the brethren proceeded to the banquet, after which Bro. Edwin Lott, G. Org., and Bro. Tremere greatly added to the harmony of the evening by their musical talent.

CANTERBURY.—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 972).

—On Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Bro. William Plant was installed W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. S. F. Pringuer, P.M., performed the ceremony, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Price, I.P.M.; S. Newman, S.W.; R. Westwood, J.W.; G. Pilcher, P.M., Treasurer; S. Pringuer, P.M., Sec.; H. Pringuer, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; J. Welsh, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Pilcher, I.G.; W. Ladd and T. Easton, Stwds.; R. Blake, M.P., Tyler; T. Crump, P.M.; J. Welsh, P.M.; George Cox, P.M.; Joseph Plant, P.M.; John Allen, P.M.; Robert Ewell, Ed. Mills, Geo. E. Tourney, C. Richardson, F. R. Young, E. A. C. Larkin, E. Plume, P.M.; H. Claris, J. S. White, and Ed. Ayre. The visitors on this occasion, who were numerous, included Bros. T. M. Bentom, P.M. 521; E. Cockersell, S.W. 1449; A. Develin, J.W. 1449; T. Hearn, W.M. 199; C. F. Wacher, W.M. 2099, P.G.S.D.; E. G. Walthew, Sec. 1915; G. Barton, I.P.M. 1915; H. T. Naylor, P.M. 1449, P.G.S.B.; J. T. T. Reeves, P.P.G.A.D.C., 1915; W. H. Dibbin, 622; W. H. Longhurst, P.M. 31; A. W. Anderson, 1449; W. Ashenden, 31; W. D. Young, W.M. 31; Montague, P.M. 743; Tomblings, J.D. 1449; Martin, 1449; Hire, W.M. 125; Syree, P.M. 709; H. Ward, P.M. 31, P.G.J.W.; B. Anderson, 1449; and V. S. Vickers, P.G.C., 199.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was partaken of.

LEVENSHULME.—Alexandra Lodge (No. 993).

—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Midway Hotel. After minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. T. P. Nelson, I.P.M., assumed the chair, and initiated into Freemasonry Mr. Samuel Lord. Bro. Joseph C. Rhodes was next passed to the Second Degree by Bro. George Howe, W.M.; and Bro. A. O. Leeson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Capt. Allison, P.M. Bro. C. D. Cheatham, junr., the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., amid the hearty applause of all the brethren. The next business was to appoint Treasurer; and this office was unanimously voted to Bro. W. T. Allitt, Secretary. A Charity Representative was then elected, the choice falling upon the W.M. elect, who had held this office for some years. Bro. Capt. Nicholl, P.M., P.Z., was re-elected Tyler, and the brethren then retired to their well-earned repast, the remainder of the evening being spent in harmony.

READING.—Grey Friars Lodge (No. 1101).

—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and other brethren. The newly-elected W.M. was Bro. R. L. Pickett, a brother who occupies an important position in the engineering department of the Great Western Railway, at Paddington. Bro. Pickett was duly installed by Bro. Margrett, P.M., and the ceremony has never been performed in Reading with greater care or fullness, or with more well-placed emphasis. After the installation the W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. Ravenscroft, S.W.; Creed, J.W.; Stransom, Treas.; Greenaway, Sec.; Pulley, P.M., D.C.; Hickie, S.D.; Vowles, J.D.; Sands, Sparrow, and F. Brown, Stewards. Bro. W. W. Ridley, P.M., asked the lodge to accept a portrait of Bro. Ivey, who was the first W.M., and for many years Secretary to the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ridley.

After the business of the lodge had concluded the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Flanagan. The W.M. presided, and amongst the Past Masters present were Bros. J. H. Hawkes, I.P.M.; R. Bradley, F. Binckes, W. Morgan, J. E. Danks, Kirk, Williams, Dowsett, Arthur Welch, W. Ferguson, W. W. Ridley, E. Margrett, F. J. Ferguson, J. Weightman, and T. J. Pulley. Bro. the Right Hon. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., was present, and had a most cordial reception.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Health of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers."

For the Provincial Grand Officers Bro. R. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec., returned thanks.

Bro. J. H. Hawkes proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," remarking that, at whatever inconvenience, Bro. Prickett had for a great many years almost invariably attended the meetings of the lodge. The toast was very warmly received.

Bro. A. Welch proposed "The Visitors," and Bros. Williams, Kirk, and F. R. Spender responded.

"The Masonic Institutions" was proposed by Bro. Danks, P.M., who referred to the considerable sums sent from time to time by the Province of Berks and Bucks to the great Masonic Charities.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, returned thanks in an excellent speech.

Bro. E. Blackwell, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master." He paid a warm tribute to the memory of Bro. Moxhay, who had for many years been the Installing Master, and whose geniality and kindness had endeared him to every member of the lodge. Bro. Blackwell spoke also of the very admirable way in which Bro. Margrett had performed the ceremony that day.

Bro. Margrett returned thanks in a suitable speech. "The Immediate Past Master" was proposed by the W.M., who presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Hawkes returned thanks, and spoke of the great kindness and assistance he had received during his term of office.

The next toast related to the two other Reading lodges, and Bro. Withers, W.M., responded for the Lodge of Union, and Bro. Flanagan, I.P.M., responded for the Kendrick Lodge.

Some other toasts were also proposed. A good programme of music (in which professional singers took part) was carried out, under the direction of Bro. Hickie. The gathering was altogether a very pleasant one.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap., presided. There were also present Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., I.P.M.; Major Robertson, S.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; C. Martin, acting S.D.; R. T. Davison, M.D., acting J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; W. C. Till, D. White, J. W. Pepper, and others. Visitor: Bro. R. H. Turner, 853.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and communications read, a successful ballot was then taken for Mr. Edward Davis, after which he was duly initiated, the whole ceremony being most ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Currie. Three gentlemen were then proposed, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

CONGRESBURY.—Lodge of Agriculture (No. 1199).

—On the 16th inst. there was a large assemblage of brethren, including several distinguished visiting brothers from Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, who witnessed a most interesting presentation to Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and P.G. Treasurer Somerset. The presentation was made by Bro. A. Barber, W.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, who, in doing so, remarked that they had in their midst that evening a very worthy and distinguished brother, who had done a great deal for Freemasonry, not only in that lodge, but in the province, and when he mentioned the name of Bro. Edwards, P.M., as the person to whom these remarks referred, he felt quite sure that one and all would agree with him that that lodge in particular had received much benefit and marked attention at his hands. He did not think he was going too far, or that he should depreciate the valuable services rendered from time to time by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren present, when he said that they looked upon Bro. Edwards as the mainstay of the lodge; whilst those who had the good fortune of being present at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Frome, could not but feel impressed with the enthusiasm that prevailed in favour of their brother on his receiving the Provincial Grand Treasurer's collar. Bro. Edwards was about to take a partner in life, and they were much pleased to know that the lady of his choice is no great stranger to the neighbourhood. On hearing such gratifying news the members of the lodge most heartily fell in with the proposal of selecting a wedding present. Bro. Barber then handed to Bro. Edwards a handsome silver inkstand, weighing 50 ozs., which was very rich and chaste in its design. The centre figure, of silver, holding a scroll, had the following suitable inscription, underneath the crest of the Order: "Presented to Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.M., on the occasion of his marriage, by the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, December, 1885." In doing so, Bro. Barber said: "When the happy day shall arrive, and you are both made one, may you and yours be pleased to appreciate our mark of our esteem. You have the lodge's best wishes for your future happiness, and may God, who has so abundantly enriched you with temporal blessings, grant you a long life of peace and felicity, and equally bless you in spiritual gifts, so that when this earthly course is run, you may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore. Bro. Edwards, in a few well-chosen remarks, heartily thanked the brethren for their very beautiful and unexpected present, and also for their very kind expressions and good wishes.

SEVENOAKS.—Knole Lodge (No. 1414).

—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., this lodge held their installation meeting in St. Nicholas Parish Room, London-road, this being the first gathering of the kind at these premises. Bro. S. L. Green was duly installed by Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Holcroft, S.W.; the Rev. G. B. Lewis, J.W.; G. F. Carnell, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Sutton, Sec.; C. W. Smith, Org.; J. W. Jull, S.D.; Moon, J.D.; E. Martin, I.G.; W. Wicking and Burn-Callender, Stewards; and H. Hills, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due and ancient form, the brethren, to the number of nearly forty, adjourned to the banquet room, Royal Crown Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, catered by Miss Morphew and Mr. E. Pawley.

During the evening Bros. Rhodes, Plant, Moulding, and W. Whitehead considerably enlivened the enjoyment of the brethren by their contributions of vocal music.

The visiting brethren were Bros. S. W. Shaw, W.M. 709; G. D. Warner, W.M. 1078; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.O.; J. C. Craig, W.M. 1223; J. Plant, P.M. 31; W. Wiltshire, 1507; T. H. Knight, 1223; D. D. Mercer, P.M. 1647, I.G. 1329; G. Graham, 894; and J. E. Shrubsole, 503.

WEST GORTON.—Ashbury Lodge (No. 1459).

—The installation meeting was held at St. John's Festival celebrated at the Justice Birch Hotel, on Thursday, November 19th. Present: Bros. E. Roberts, W.M.; Wm. Bee, S.W.; J. W. Newton, P.M., J.W.; R. Righton, Sec.; S. C. Richardson, S.D.; C. Wallworth, J.D.; Jas. W. Abbott, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. J. Cumings, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; P. Hopkinson, Org.; C. Beswicke, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; W. Beaton, I.P.M.; J. Wright, P.M.; J. Reynolds, P.M.; Thos. Aspinall, P.M.; W. H. Oglesby; W. Drabble; J. W. Kidd and J. Needham. Visitors: Bros. J. Thompson, W.M. 1077; Geo. Pugh, W.M. 210; Jas. Cooper, W.M. 1458; W. Chadwick, W.M. 1147; John Bell, W.M. 104; E. J. Lingard, W.M. 1030; Rev. E. J. Reeve, 1030, Prov. Grand Chap.; Peter Heaton, S.W. 1730; W. H. Vaughan, F.M., Sec. 1030; Nath. Dumville, P.M. 152; Marks Doniger, W.M. 1283; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; W. T. Norton, P.M. 1161; P. Swift, P.M. 581; Henry Smith, 1055; and R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 1.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Thos. L. Woolfenden was balloted for and elected a member of the lodge. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The S.W., Bro. Bee, delivered the E.A. charge to the initiate. The ceremony of installation, was next proceeded with, the duties of Installing Master being most ably fulfilled by Bro. E. J. Cumings, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., who had performed the ceremony for five consecutive years.

After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect (Bro. Bee) was presented by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.G. Dep. D.C., to the Installing Master, and by him inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony.

After the customary proclamations and salutes the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested by Bro. Cumings down to the Sec., the remaining officers being invested by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Roberts: S. Richardson, S.W.; R. Righton, J.W.; Thos. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; J. Burgess, Sec.; Clement Wallworth, S.D.; W. Oglesby, J.D.; E. J. Cumings, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Budge Hopkinson, I.G.; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were delivered by Bro. Cumings; and that to the Wardens, by Bro. J. W. Abbott. The balance-sheet was reported upon by Bro. Oglesby, one of the Auditors, and adopted. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet that really reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. Pitt, who seemed never weary of doing his utmost to promote the comfort and enjoyment of all present. A high meed of praise, too, is deservedly due to Bro. P.M. Newton, who descended from his high estate to that of Steward for the time being, and worked very hard indeed waiting on his brethren during dinner.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bros. Cumings and Abbot responding for the Prov. G. Officers. The "Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Roberts, who, in the course of a capital speech, said that it would be useless to argue against a success—and Bro. Bee's success as a W.M. was a foregone conclusion. His (Bro. Bee's) Freemasonry was of that robust and manly character which was always most justly admired and appreciated. Everything he ever undertook since his connection with the lodge had been done most satisfactorily, and, therefore, it was with feelings of the greatest confidence that the members of the lodge looked forward to a successful year under Bro. Bee's Mastership. In conclusion, he would ask the brethren to rise and drink heartily to the toast.

The invitation was promptly acceded to, after which Bro. W. Dumville sang—"Here's to his Health," and the W.M. replied.

"The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Roberts, was proposed by the W.M., who presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a P.M.'s 18carat gold jewel for his zealous, efficient, and highly-valued services during the past year; after which Bro. Roberts returned thanks.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).

—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel on the 19th inst. Among the numerous attendance were Bros. H. Jones, W.M.; Spearing, S.W.; H. Wheatley, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Secretary; Eales, J.D.; Ransford, I.G.; Culverwell, Ballard, Scholding, Bushell, J. Smith, J. Clarke, Compton, and others. Bro. Moorman, J. W. 1638, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Rushell, J. Smith, and J. Clarke were raised, and Bro. Compton passed, by Bro. T. C. Walls. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. H. Robinson and E. Trotter, and it proving to be unanimous, the former, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. W. Spearing, S.W.; Bro. Jessett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. The by-laws were then read. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., and several propositions for initiation at the next meeting handed in, communications, pleading inability to attend, were received from Bros. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; Martin, Davies, Plummer, and Mr. Trotter.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual routine of toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

SURBITON.—St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1872).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at St. Mark's Schools. Present: Bros. Sebastian Hart, P.G.D., W.M.; Edward W. Stillwell, P.G.S., S.W.; W. H. Pearce, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Dawes, Chaplain; Dr. Gibbs, Treasurer; G. Clayton, Secretary; R. Piper, S.D.; W. M. Hogg, J.D.; T. S. Borradaile, D.C.; J. Crofts, I.G.; G. F. Budden, Tyler; J. M. Case, P.M., P.G.D.; Young, Wolf, and Giles. The visitors were Bros. Drevett, A. Southall, Lane, Jennings, Easterbrook, Aitkens, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last

meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wolf was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of the installation of Bro. Edward W. Stillwell into the chair of K.S., was admirably performed by W. Bro. Hart, I.P.M., P.G.S.D. The W.M. invested his officers, giving the investment address to each. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most recherché banquet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, served by Bro. Sadler.

The formal toasts have been given, Bro. Case, P.G.S.D., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke in high terms of the good work he was doing in the Craft, not only in Sutherland but in London.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Hart," and presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services for the past year, and as a mark of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the banquet was as usual provided in the excellent style for which the Mitre is so justly celebrated. Some excellent and amusing songs were sung by Bros. Gibbes, Drewett, Clayton, Wolf, and others.

DOUGLAS (I. of M.)—Ellan Vannin Lodge (No. 2049).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which was established only last year, was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a large gathering of the brethren from all parts of the Island to witness the installation of Bro. G. H. Smith (who had ably filled the office of S.W. during the previous year) into the chair of K.S. Although this was the first installation meeting of the lodge after its consecration, there were fully 40 Masons present, of whom over a dozen were Past Masters of the Order. Amongst those who signed the Tyler's book were the following members of the lodge:—Bros. J. A. Brown, P.M., W.M.; G. H. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; N. Munster, S.W.; Jas. Hodgson, J.W.; A. Bruce, Treas.; J. E. Hunt, Sec.; J. Reynolds, S.D.; R. Whiteside, J.D.; J. A. Dearden, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Mylrea, Org.; Rev. B. Browne, Chap.; J. Cowen, Tyler; H. C. Lockhart, Rev. E. Ferrier, P.M.; W. P. J. Pittar, P. A. Killey, A. J. Steele, G. H. Quayle, P.M.; F. W. Friend, T. A. Woods, F. Browne, W. J. Brown, C. C. Tait, and C. T. C. Callow. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Jas. Mylchreest, P.M. 212; Dr. A. Haviland, A. J. Spittal, F. C. Poulter, C. Kennaugh, P.M.; J. F. Terry, W.M. 1242; J. S. Morrison, F. Sanderson, W.M. 1075; P. M. C. Kermod, R. Watterson, P.M. 212; E. J. Bowman, P.M.; R. Swinnerton, P.M.; and G. J. Nattan, S.W. and W.M. elect 2050. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. A. Brown, ably assisted by Bro. Dr. Dearden, as D.C., and a vote of thanks was tendered to him for his services.

After his installation the W.M. invested his officers, and subsequently evinced his Masonic ability by at once proceeding to initiate a candidate into the Order. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Brown, P.M., I.P.M.; James Hodgson, S.W.; J. E. Hunt, J.W.; Rev. Blundell Browne, Chap.; A. Bruce, Treas.; K. Whiteside, Sec.; F. W. Friend, S.D.; P. A. Killey, J.D.; J. A. Dearden, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Mylrea, Org.; W. P. J. Pittar, I.G.; and John Cowen, Tyler.

After concluding the business at the lodge, the brethren celebrated the occasion by dining together at the Peveril Hotel.

After dinner the following toasts were given and responded to: "The Queen," by the W.M., "National Anthem" (one verse), solo by Bro. J. E. Hunt; "The Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge," by the W.M., "God Bless the Prince of Wales," solo by Bro. R. Swinnerton; "The W.M.," by the I.P.M.; "The I.P.M.," by the W.M.; "The Visitors," by the S.W., "The Initiates of Ellan Vannin," by the D.C., song, "The Ellan Vannin Lodge," by Bro. E. J. Bowman, P.M.; "The Officers of the Lodge," by Bro. G. H. Quayle, P.M.; and the Tyler's toast by the I.P.M.

After proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. J. A. Brown, the W.M. presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a gold P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription: "To Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., from the brethren of Ellan Vannin Lodge, No. 2049, as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of his efficiency as first W.M. of the Lodge, November, 1885." A silver jewel, bearing a similar inscription, was presented to Bro. J. E. Hunt, for his services as Secretary. Both jewels are peculiarly unique in design, the leading idea being to thoroughly identify them with Manxland. With this idea in view, the ornamentation has been copied from the runic crosses of the Island, and the Manx arms and the Manx motto, "Ellan Vannin Veg Veen," are harmoniously entwined with runic crosses and borders. In making the presentation the W.M. alluded in warm terms to the manner in which Bro. Brown had conducted the business of the lodge during the year; and he also eulogized Bro. Hunt's able and indefatigable services as Secretary. The speechifying partook mostly of a social and complimentary character, the principal exception being the address of Bro. the Rev. E. Ferrier, P.M., who, in responding on behalf of the Lodge of Mona, Castletown, (I.C.), said that he had witnessed during the day so much that was instructive and pleasing that he felt somewhat perplexed as to what he should speak about. However, as one of the oldest Masons present, having joined Masonry when it had many fewer followers than it had now, and when it certainly had not that respect shown to it which its principles so thoroughly deserved, he most heartily congratulated the brethren on the immense progress that Masonry had made amongst them, the great efficiency displayed in the working of the lodge, and in the good feeling which seemed to animate them all. He expressed a trust and a hope that those present would always and on all occasions act as true and faithful Craftsmen, and that they would never let the finger of scorn or the sneer of contempt be levelled against them on account of misconduct. The principles of Masonry, if followed, must make men better, and are such that, if carried into practice, must gain the goodwill of all whose good opinion is worth having. He then thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. The brethren separated shortly after 11 o'clock, after spending a thoroughly pleasant evening.

DOUGLAS (I. of M.)—St. Trinian's Lodge (No. 2050).—The members of this lodge met on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of celebrating the first installation after its consecration last year. There were about forty brethren in attendance, amongst

those present being Bros. G. C. Heron, P.M., W.M.; G. J. Nattan, S.W.; W. A. McKown, J.W.; C. M. Challenger, Secretary; L. G. Hannay, P.M.; W. Broughton, S.D.; T. H. Nesbitt, D.C.; F. C. Poulter, I.G.; J. P. Callow, W. Colquhoun, T. Goodwin, J. Lanaghan, D. G. Macdonald, J. F. Terry, W.M. Tynwald; J. S. Morrison, S.W. Tynwald; W. Kissack, J.W. Tynwald; G. H. Smith, P.M., W.M. Ellan Vannin; J. A. Brown, P.M.; E. J. Bowman, P.M.; W. Foulkes, P.M.; G. H. Quayle, P.M.; H. Brearley, P.M.; W. L. Wild, P.M.; C. F. Johnson, P.M.; F. Sanderson, W.M. St. Maughold; Dr. J. Wood, P.M.; J. J. Corlett, Dr. Dearden, P.M.; Dr. T. O. Wood, H. C. Lockhart, W. P. J. Pittar, R. Lightfoot, A. J. Spittal, J. Harack, R. A. Cain, T. Moore, R. E. Cain, A. E. Rothwell, P. T. Screech, and W. J. Kelly.

After the retiring W.M., Bro. G. C. Heron, had initiated a candidate, the chair was assumed by Bro. L. G. Hannay, and he, assisted by Bro. G. C. Heron, at once proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Nattan, who, having filled the office of S.W. for the year, had been unanimously elected to the chief chair. The difficult ceremony of installation was very ably performed, and Bros. Hannay and Heron were fully entitled to the special vote of thanks which the brethren unanimously tendered to them for their services in that direction. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. C. Heron, P.M., P.Z., I.P.M.; W. A. McKown, S.W.; C. M. Challenger, J.W.; L. G. Hannay, P.M., Treas.; W. Broughton, Sec.; R. A. Cain, S.D.; J. P. Callow, J.D.; T. Goodwin, I.G.; W. Colquhoun, S.S.; T. Moore, J.S.; and J. Lanaghan, Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they celebrated the auspicious occasion by dining together.

After the cloth was removed, the following programme of toasts was gone through: "The Queen and the Craft," by Bro. Nattan, W.M., "National Anthem," solo by Bro. Poulter; "The Prince of Wales and Officers of Grand Lodge," by the W.M., solo and chorus; "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. R. A. Cain; "Our W.M.," by the I.P.M.; "Our I.P.M.," by the W.M., song, Bro. J. J. Corlett; "The Officers of St. Trinian's," by the I.P.M.; "The Sister Lodges," by Bro. McKown, S.W.; "The Visitors," by Bro. L. G. Hannay, P.M., song, Bro. Callow; "The Initiate," by Bro. L. G. Hannay, P.M.; "The Ladies," by Bro. C. M. Challenger, J.W., song, Bro. Poulter; "The Host and Hostess," by Bro. Broughton, Sec., song, "Auld Lang Syne," by Bro. R. A. Cain; and the Tyler's Toast, by Bro. L. G. Hannay, P.M.

Special interest was attached to the toast of the I.P.M., inasmuch as the brethren took advantage of it to tender their warmest thanks to Bro. G. C. Heron for his valuable services, not only to St. Trinian's as its first W.M., but to the cause of Freemasonry generally. These thanks were not merely formal, but were embodied in two ways, firstly, in a handsomely illuminated and framed address; and secondly, in a magnificent silver tea urn, bearing a suitable inscription and beautifully embellished. A highly suitable portion of the ornamentation on the side of the urn was a well engraved view of St. Trinian's, Kirk Marown, from which the lodge takes its name. The address, which had previously been adopted at the lodge, was as follows:—

"Saint Trinian's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2050, Douglas, Isle of Man.—To Bro. George Chilwell Heron, P.M. 1004; I.P.Z. H.R.A.; P.M.M. 323; P.M. 2050.

"Dear Sir and Brother,
"We, the brethren of the above lodge, feel that we cannot allow the occasion of your vacating the chair of K.S. as first Worshipful Master of this lodge to occur without tendering to you our full and hearty appreciation of your untiring energy in promoting the establishment of the lodge, and so successfully furthering its progress since it was consecrated. As is well known throughout the Insular Masonic body, St. Trinian's Lodge could not have attained the position which it now proudly occupies were it not for your great Masonic zeal, genial disposition, and indomitable perseverance. We congratulate you on the eminent success of your efforts, and in maintaining among the brethren those noble tenets of our Order—'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,' and, in doing so, beg your acceptance of this tea urn, not for its intrinsic value, but as a memento of the regard and esteem in which you are, and we trust always will be, held by us, and the Masonic brethren generally, praying that the Great Architect of the Universe may shower His blessing upon yourself and your family.

"We are, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours, signed for, and in behalf of, the members of St. Trinian's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2050, at a lodge meeting held this 5th day of November, 1885,

"G. J. NATTAN, S.W.;
"W. A. MCKOWN, J.W."

Bro. G. C. Heron, in fitting terms, expressed his appreciation of the handsome way in which his services had been recognised by the brethren, and assured them that he would never cease to take an interest not only in St. Trinian's Lodge, but in Masonry generally throughout the Island.

The brethren separated about 11 o'clock, having spent together an evening characterised by true Masonic feeling.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Note, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. Cruttenden, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; J. A. Allman, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, D.C.; F. Chandler, I.G.; Capt. Andrews, W. Thomas, E. C. Mulvey, W. A. Vadhani, J. M. Chapman, W. A. Chappell, J. W. Belsham, H. Taylor, and E. J. Brown, Visitor: Bro. M. S. Delacour, 281, Charlestown of Aboyné.

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, Bros. Mulvey and Chapman being the candidates, respectively. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the 30th inst., and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Delacour was elected a member. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Capt. Andrews, in appreciation of the kind feelings expressed to him by Bro. Dehane, on behalf of the brethren, in the letter of sympathy he wrote to him on the occasion of his severe accident, and the warmth of his reception on his return to his Masonic duties among them, presented the lodge with a handsome and massive silver snuff box, which had the following inscription engraved upon it: "Presented to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, by Bro. Captain H. S. Andrews, 24th Highlanders, 23rd November, 1885." Bro. Note, the W.M., in accepting the gift, in the name of the lodge, hoped that Bro. Andrews would live long to take a pinch out of the box, and was

sure it was accepted in the same Masonic spirit as it was presented. A vote of thanks was unanimously adopted, to be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. Andrews in reply, said he thanked the brethren for their kind words; the only thing he regretted was that they were not all snuff-takers; however, he hoped they might become so, to a certain extent, that when they did take a pinch they would remember him with the same fraternal feelings as he felt for them, and he was sure that as long as Bro. Dehane was Secretary there would always be the proper sort kept in it to take, and he could assure them that he thanked the G.A.O.T.U. that he was alive and able to be among them that evening to make his present in person. The lodge was then closed.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present: Bros. Crawley, W.M.; McMillen, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Osborn, Treas., acting Preceptor; Dearing, J.D.; Kearney, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cave being the candidate. Bro. Cave answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cave being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Kearney, J.W. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, and Bro. Cutbill, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. McMillen was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; F. Kedg, S.W.; A. Gaminell, J.W.; J. W. Ford, S.D.; Wilkie Jones, J.D.; R. J. Hamel, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Rowe, G. Coleman, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, J. Skinner, P.M.; and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Fowles and F. Kedg, S.W., worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Rowe having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put leading to that Degree, and being well answered, he retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. F. Kedg, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., read a letter from Bro. W. C. Smith, stating he regretted the state of his health would not permit of him fulfilling his duties as Preceptor, and thanking the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction for past kindness towards him; whereupon Bro. W. Fowles proposed that a letter of condolence be sent by Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, to Bro. W. C. Smith, saying also that the brethren prayed that the G.A.O.T.U. would restore him to health, and that he would yet be enabled to come amongst them and take his old place—seconded by the S.W., carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Stroud, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; George Gardner, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; H. Furze, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Wing, Craggs, Brown, Gaminell, and W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The questions leading to the Third Degree were put, and answered by Bro. Furze, who was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The Third ceremony was worked, Bro. Furze as candidate. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Stroud, S.W., was elected to take the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Chapter (No. 70).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple on the 19th inst., to install the Principals elect for the year ensuing, viz., Comps. J. Kinton Bond, Z.; E. Tout, H.; and F. B. Westlake, J. The ceremony was conducted by Comps. J. R. Lord, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; J. Gidley, P.Z. 70 and 1205; L. D. Westcott, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Comps. T. W. Lemon, P.Z. 189, P.P.G.P. Soj.; J. B. Gower, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj.; E. A. Lean, P.Z.; R. Pengelly, P.Z., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Griffin, P.Z.; S. Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; T. Goodall, P.Z. 954, P.P.G.O.; E. A. Davies, P.Z. 159; W. Alford, P.Z. 202; Roseveare, P.Z. 970, P.P.G.S.W.; and W. Crimp, J. 1255. This Board of Installed Principals being closed, the other officers were invested as follows: Comps. J. Griffin, I.P.Z.; J. R. Lord, P.Z., S.E.; G. Sellick, S.N.; J. Maton, P. Soj.; A. J. Rider, 1st A. Soj.; Thomas King, 2nd A. Soj.; L. D. Westcott, Treas.; G. Sercombe, D.C.; W. Hocking, A.D.C.; C. W. Bovey, Org.; W. Symons and J. Hicks, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

The companions retired to an adjoining room, where an excellent supper was partaken of. The usual Masonic and other toasts were duly honoured. A pleasant evening was spent.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, the Principals present being Comps. G. R. Godson, M.E.Z.; J. R. Smith, H.; Jno. Marchant, J.; O. Shellard, P.Z.; T. Lane, P.Z.; J. Stower Hewitt, P.Z.; Thos. Smith, P.Z.; and others.

After the routine business had been disposed of, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. J. R. Smith, M.E.Z.; Jno. Marchant, H.; W. Rowe, J.; A. S. Townsend, P.S.; T. Lane, P.Z., S.E.; Charles Rootes, S.N.; O. Shellard, P.Z., Treas.; and C. W. Stephens, Janitor.

DEVONPORT.—Friendship Chapter (No. 340).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the chapter rooms, Granby-street, on the 12th inst., to install Ex-Comps. W. Alford as Z.; J. Viggers, H.; and A. H. W. Ladden as J.; the Principals-elect for the year ensuing. This ceremony of installation was performed by Ex-Comps. R. Lavers, P.Z. 203; J. Gidley, P.Z. 70 and 1205; T. W. Lemon, P.Z. 189, P.P.G.P.S.; and the following Board of Installed Principals: Ex-Comps. A. B. Hutching, Z. 189; E. Knight, P.Z. 202, P.P.G.A.S.; S. Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.Z. 159, P.P.G. Reg.; S. R. H. Harris, P.Z. 230; T. Hammond, P.Z. 1206; R. Grylls, P.Z. 202; J. Cobbedick, J. 159; W. Crimp, J.

1255; F. Goodyear, J. 225; T. Goodall, P.Z. 954; H. Welch, P.Z. 202; and W. Coath, P.Z. 230. The officers invested were: Ex-Comps. R. Lavers, I.P.Z.; J. D. Sandy, S.E.; J. Leonards, S.N.; H. Holman, P.S.; T. Lavers, S.A. Soj.; J. D. McGivern, J.A. Soj.; H. Welch, P.Z., Treas.; and Thomas Shears, Janitor. A candidate was exalted to the degrees.

Among the visitors were Comps. F. Couch, S.N. 1205; G. Silvestere, E. Littleton, 230. The companions retired to an excellent supper laid out in the refreshment room of the building. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent songs were rendered by Comp. G. Silvestere, of the United Service Chapters, Portsmouth, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

WELLS.—Avalon Chapter (No. 446).—The tenth annual convocation of the above chapter was held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. Thrale Perkins, P.Z.; T. J. Scoones, H.; J. H. Holloway, J.; H. W. Livett, P.Z.; J. A. Bright, P.Z.; J. G. Hornfray, P.G.H. Mon.; J. Palmer, P.Z.; J. M. Atkins, S.E.; A. Law Wade, P.S.; S. J. Laver, Cox, and Holroyd.

The chapter having been opened in due form and order, apologies for non-attendance were read from several companions. After the preliminary business of the chapter had been disposed of, a vote of £10 10s. was made to the Masonic School for Boys, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. L. E. Newnham, for his services in the chair during the past year, which was accompanied with the best wishes of the chapter for his welfare and prosperity in the new sphere to which he was about to remove. Comp. Perkins, who officiated as Z. in the absence of Comp. L. E. Newnham, then resigned the post of honour to Comp. Hornfray, the installing Z., and the Principals elect were presented according to ancient custom, and the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Comp. Hornfray, and the following Principals were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Comps. T. J. Scoones, Z.; J. H. Holloway, H.; J. M. Atkins, J. Subsequently Comps. Perkins was appointed Treas.; Whitfield Perkins, S.E.; A. Law Wade, S.N.; and G. Horn, Janitor.

The banquet was held at the Mitre Hotel, where a splendid repast was served in excellent style by Mrs. Hill, and gave great satisfaction.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Chapter (No. 458).—A meeting was held on the 23rd inst. Present: Comps. E. Clark, Z.; H. Gardener, H.; E. Gooderidge, J.; E. J. Foster, Scribe E.; W. Everatt, S.J.; G. P. Martin, S.N.; and R. Dayson, Org. The business consisted of exalting Bros. J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 630 and 910; G. England, W.M. 458; and C. Chappell, W.M. 458.

Mark Masonry.

MALLET AND CHISEL LODGE (No. 5).—This old lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Steadman, W.M.; Dr. Elsom, P.G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey, S.W.; Farren, P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; Holdgate, M.O.; Bennett, S.O.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., acting J.O.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.O., acting S.D.; Jepps, P.M., acting J.D.; Dr. Harrison, P.M., acting I.G.; Hoare, G. Org., I.P.M.; and E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., P.M., Sec. The visitors were Bros. T. C. Walls and H. J. Lardner, Grand Masters Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. the Rev. Owen Davis, A. J. Hudson, and C. Pearce, and it being unanimous they were all advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the I.P.M. They were subsequently appointed and invested respectively as Chaplain, J.O., and S.D., by the W.M. It was resolved unanimously "That for services rendered to the lodge on several occasions, Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., and H. J. Lardner, P.G.S., be elected honorary members." The following resolution was then passed "nem. con.": "That the members of this lodge particularly desire on this occasion to record their thanks to Bro. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., Secretary, for the energy, zeal, and ability he has displayed in bringing the lodge to its present prosperity and efficiency."

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bro. Walls responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Dr. Elsom and Lardner for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. Steadman having replied, then gave "The Advancements," which was replied to by Bros. the Rev. O. Davies, Hudson, and Dr. Pearce.

"The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Hoare; "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bro. Lott; and "The Officers" by Bros. Dr. Elsom, Holdgate, and Bennett.

During the evening a good programme of music was carried out by Bro. Steadman's well and deservedly known choir of boys, assisted by Mr. Smith and others.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Farrington, W.M.; W. E. Farrington, S.W.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, Treas., acting J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wrks., &c., Sec.; T. O. Harding, M.O.; Trower, acting S.O.; J. Harris, acting J.O.; W. H. Saunders, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; E. A. Harris, acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. H. Harris, 201, and it proving to be unanimous, he was advanced as a M.M.M. by Bro. Walls, P.M. It was resolved that in future the June meeting be discontinued, and that the month of January be substituted for it. The vote of two guineas to Bro. Alfred Tisley's list as Steward to the last Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was confirmed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

GUILDFORD.—Percy Lodge (No. 114).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Angel Hotel. Present: Bros. D. P. Cama, W.M.; J. C. Collier, S.W., and Treas.; Hugh F. Day, J.W.; J. W. T. Piggott, P.M., Sec.; J. Hugh Thomson, M.O.; Thomas White, I.G.; W. E. White, S.O.; H. L. de Montmorency, J.O.; Thomas White, as Tyler; Charles Belton, I.P.M., P.P.S. of Wrks. Middx. and Surrey; Edgar Drewett, P.M.; and William Wells, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Frederic Davison, P.G.W., P.M. 7; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; and Edwin M. Lott, P. G. Org.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Wm. R. Pullman and G. Vernon Knight, who had been regularly proposed, seconded, and balloted for, were advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., in a most able and impressive manner. Business being ended, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 18th inst., when there were present among others Bros. Fisher, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., &c., Sec., acting S.W.; J. T. Briggs, J.W.; H. Higgins, M.O.; Köhler, S.O.; Bailey, J.O.; Porter, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Woodruff and Kent, and it proving to be unanimous, the first-named being in attendance, was duly advanced by the W.M. in a most able manner. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Briggs. Bro. W. C. Taylor, P.M., &c., having been seriously unwell for some time past, and having sent in his resignation as Treasurer, Bro. Fisher was unanimously elected Treasurer in his place. Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler. It was resolved that this lodge desire to record their sympathy with Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., &c., in his illness, and to express a hope that his health will speedily be restored. They further regret the causes that have led to his resignation of the Treasurership, the duties of which he has discharged so ably and efficiently; that the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Bro. W. Taylor immediately. Bro. J. T. Briggs was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to Bro. Fisher, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

KENDAL.—Kent Dale Lodge (No. 195).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., when the minutes were read and confirmed, and 11 candidates balloted for and accepted. Seven were in attendance, and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G. Sec., presided, there being also present Bros. A. J. Nelson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., J.W.; Chas. Gowan, 216, M.O.; Thornber, S.O.; T. Brakenridge, S.D. 213, S.D.; and others. Bro. Jas. Hogg was by a unanimous vote, elected W.M., and Bro. Braithwaite, Treasurer. After the general routine business was disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" given, the lodge was closed in form.

Rosicrucian Society.

LEEDS.—York College.—A meeting of this active college was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., by the kind permission of the Hall Committee of the Philanthropic Lodge, 304; but, owing to various unlooked-for circumstances, the attendance was small. The following were the fratres present: Fras. Tudor Trevor, III^o, Celebrant; C. L. Mason, V^o, as Deputy; W. Brown, I^o, as Sec.; Colonel Moore, III^o, as P.A.; Craig, I^o, as S.A.; Tomlinson, I^o, as 1st A.; Major McGachen, I^o, as 2nd A.; J. W. Monckman, I^o, as G.T.; Wilkinson, VI^o; Patchett, Atkinson, and Smith.

After the usual business had been transacted, two most excellent and interesting papers were given by Fra. Wilkinson, VI^o, and Fra. C. L. Mason, V^o, respectively. The fratres afterwards spent a pleasant social evening together, many regrets being expressed at the absence of the V.W. Chief Adept, Bro. T. B. Whythead, IX^o, who had at the last moment telegraphed his inability to be present.

The next meeting of this college is the annual obligating one, and will be held in York on the third Saturday in February.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CONCLAVE (No. 3).—This old conclave met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, W., on the 13th inst. Among those present were Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A.; Tayleur, H.P.; Graveley, acting 1st General; Kidder, acting 2nd General; Ill. Bro. W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M. W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. Capt. Anderson, G.M.; Ex. Bro. H. J. Lardner, D.C.; Ill. Bros. Capt. Stohwasser, Herald; E. M. Lott, Org.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Recorder gave notice of motion that the bye-laws be revised. Letters pleading inability to attend, through indisposition and other causes, were read from Ill. Bros. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S.; A. Williams, P.M.W.S.; Major Gardiner, 1st General; Capt. Williamson, J.P.; Charles Belton, Barkley, Lamb-Smith, J. L. Mather, and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Royal and other toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

"The Health of the M.W." was proposed by the Recorder.

Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver having replied, then gave "The Past Sovereigns," which pledge he coupled with the name of Ill. Bro. Nicols, who acknowledged the same.

"The Treasurer and Recorder" was responded to by Bros. Paas and Walls, and "The Officers" by Bro. Tayleur, H.P.

Ill. Bro. Lott and others having instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, the proceedings terminated.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Chapter (No. 15).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. N. Merridew, M.W.S.; Herbert Spencer, P.M.W.S.; Thorne, 1st Gen.; Brown, Grand Marshal; Chase, Raphael; Hon. R. Lyttelton, Capt. of Guards; Alston Smith, Organist; Mann, Equerry; S. W. Cooke, 30^o, P.M.W.S.; and M. Campbell, 30^o. Bro. W. H. Browne was advanced. Bro. Thorne was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year; and Bro. M. Campbell, Treasurer.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

FOUR KINGS COUNCIL.—A meeting of this council took place at 2a, Red Lion-square, on Saturday last. Present: Bros. James Moon, G. Treas., W.M.; John Ramsey, S.W.; S. B. Wilson, J.W.; C. F. Matier, Treasurer and Secretary; F. W. Driver, D.C.; E. F. Hoare, Organist; B. R. Bryant, Steward; C. H. Driver, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, W. A. Scurrah, R. P. Spice, A. Millar, F. Bennett, W. Lake, E. J. Mills, and H. Faija.

The council was duly opened, and Bro. J. L. Mather, D.G.M., was admitted and received the customary honors. The W.M. then gave place to Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., and Grand Sec., and a ballot was taken for Bros. Hayes, A. Tisley, E. M. Lott, and E. M. Money, who were admitted to the orders of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon; and with Bro. Faija, of the Rose and Lily Council, Bros. C. E. Ferry and B. R. Bryant, were afterwards duly received as Grand High Priest. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Ramsay, was then introduced and duly installed in the chair, and appointed his officers.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Obituary.

BRO. W. B. FERGUSON.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. W. B. Ferguson, which took place at his residence, Roker-terrace, Sunderland, shortly before nine o'clock on Monday morning, the 23rd inst. During the last fortnight Bro. Ferguson suffered from congestion of the lungs, but his sudden demise has caused considerable surprise and regret. He was 67 years of age. It is about 42 years since he came from Guy's Hospital, London, and settled in Monkwearmouth. He was immediately appointed colliery doctor, and had many opportunities of displaying his skill in surgery. He was one of the first in the town, and the first in colliery practice, to initiate the system of water-dressings. His urbanity of manner and general kindness to patients were such as to win golden opinions from all classes, and he gained the confidence of all who consulted him. In the spring of 1866 he retired from medical practice, and became a member of the firm of Bramwell, Scurfield, and Co., wine and spirit merchants. Bro. Ferguson was at one time a popular member of the Town Council. For about 40 years he took a considerable interest in politics, and as a Conservative worked hard in connection with the various borough and county elections. He also took an active interest in the various philanthropic institutions of the town, more particularly in the Infirmary. He was one of the Trustees of the George Hudson Charity, and a Principal of the Orphan Asylum. By the Masonic Order he was held in high esteem. He was a member of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, with which he had been connected for over 30 years, and was also an officer of the Lambton Lodge, Chester-le-Street. At the last meeting of the Palatine Lodge Bro. Ferguson, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. His loss is deeply lamented in Sunderland.

BRO. J. JOHNSTONE, 158 (S.C.)

On the 15th inst., Bro. J. Johnstone, an old and valued member of Lodge Thistle Operative, 158, was buried with Masonic honours in the Eastern Cemetery, Dundee. About 40 brethren attended. The procession started from the residence of the deceased in Blackcroft, and marched to the cemetery, where the interment was made. The ceremony, which was very impressive, was conducted by Bro. Robertson, R.W.M. A deputation of ironworkers from Messrs. Gourlay Brothers' Foundry, where deceased was employed, attended the funeral.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

KITSON.—On the 20th inst., at Lisburn, Torquay, the wife of C. W. Kitson, of a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 23rd inst., at Westbourne-place, Eaton-square, the wife of Major W. W. M. Smith, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

STOKES.—On the 19th inst., at Highbury-crescent, Mrs. H. Fraser Stokes, of a son.

TAYLER.—On the 20th inst., at Trinity Vicarage, Carlisle, the wife of the Rev. G. W. H. Tayler, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

FRITH—WHITESIDE.—On the 21st inst., at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, E. P. P. Frith, son of W. P. Frith, R.A., to Edith Margaret Isabelle (Daisy), daughter of Mr. W. S. Whiteside, second member of the Board of Revenue, Madras.

DEATHS.

CHIVERS.—On the 4th inst., at his residence, 33, Sturry-street, Poplar, Bro. Samuel Frederick Chivers, P.M. Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, in his 84th year.

HOY.—On the 21st inst., at Abbeygate-street, Bury St. Edmunds, J. Hoy, aged 65.

MARFLEET.—On the 22nd inst., at Ewell, Surrey, S. Marfleet, aged 85.

REEVE.—On the 15th inst., at Myrtle House, Grove-road, Victoria-park, F. Reeve, aged 67.

EVANS.—On the 10th inst., at Tirphil House, Tirphil, E. C. Evans, M.R.C.S., son of the late E. Evans, jun., surgeon, Cardiff, aged 41.



We have much pleasure in announcing that R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, has kindly consented to take the chair at the next Festival of the Girls' School, which has been fixed for Wednesday, the 19th May, 1886.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, K.T. (Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, E.P.), will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Monday, the 7th of December.

An emergency meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at the Railway Station, Harrow, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their two children, arrived at Windsor on Thursday, the 19th inst., on a visit to the Queen.

Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.S.W., and P.G. M.M.M. of England and Wales, kissed hands on Thursday, the 19th inst., on being appointed Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Cleveland, in Ohio, now has three commanderies of Knights Templar, a dispensation for a new one having been granted during the past year by the G. Conclave of Ohio.

Bro. W. W. Snelling stated on Friday, the 13th inst., at the annual audit meeting of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, that £1642 had been paid over to the Masonic Charities.

According to the *Morning Post*, a marriage has been arranged between Bro. Major the Earl of Airlie, 10th Hussars, and the Lady Mabel Gore, eldest daughter of Bro. the Earl of Arran.

Lady Brooke, wife of R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, gave birth to a son on Sunday last at Easton Lodge, Dunmow. Both her ladyship and the infant are progressing favourably.

Bro. T. R. Palton, Grand Treasurer of Pennsylvania, has returned from his visit to the old country, and was present at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Schiller Monument, Philadelphia, on the 10th inst.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Carnarvon, who arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and Bro. Sir E. Malet, had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party that day.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Organist, gave his annual evening concert in the Dome, Brighton, on Monday evening. Madame Albani, Miss Griswold, the American soprano, Madame Antoinette Sterling, and Bro. Maybrick were among the vocalists. The audience was numerous and enthusiastic.

Bro. Toole commenced an engagement at the Brighton Theatre on Monday, "Paul Pry" and "Stage Dora" being included in the bill. The house was filled in every part, and the greeting extended to the popular actor was a highly gratifying one. The engagement terminates to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lisburne and Bro. General Viscount and Viscountess Wolsley were among the guests at the marriage on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, of the Earl of Dysart with Miss Florence Newton, daughter of Mr. G. O. Newton, of Croxton Park, Cambridgeshire.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., presided at the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works on Friday, the 20th inst., when a memorial from Greenwich praying that measures should be taken for the formation of a tunnel or subway under the Thames between Greenwich and Poplar was presented. Bro. T. W. Boord spoke in favour of the memorial, which was afterwards referred for consideration to the proper Committee.

According to the Philadelphia *Keystone*, a family residing near Camden, South Carolina, has in its possession a solid silver Masonic trowel, which was made for Bro. the Marquis La Fayette to lay the corner-stone of the De Kalb monument with in 1825, and has been used for a like purpose since in laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, Charleston; the Confederate Monument, Columbia; the Jasper Monument, Charleston; the Confederate Monument in Camden, and the new Opera House, Camden. It still has a piece of ribbon attached to it which was put on in 1825.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, the 28th inst.:—Monday—Banquet to Count Münster; Old King's Arms Lodge; De Grey and Ripon Lodge; Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge; Lodge of Prudent Brethren; St. James's Union Chapter; Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity; Evening Star Lodge; Bedford Chapter. Thursday—London Master Bakers' Pension and Almshouse Society Ball; Grenadiers' Lodge; Mount Moriah Lodge; St. George's Chapter; Van Chapter; Girls' School Club. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge; Duke of Cornwall Chapter; Royal York Lodge. Saturday—City Albion Cricket Club.

The Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain, formally handed over the new English church, dedicated to our patron saint, St. George, and erected for the benefit of the English community at Berlin, to the authorities of our Church, on Saturday last, being the anniversary of her birthday. The church was consecrated by Bishop Titcomb, and there were present many clergymen attached to the English churches in Germany. Several members of the Imperial Family were present, and Bro. the Emperor of Germany would likewise have attended but for his indisposition. However, his Majesty had already shown his interest in the church by defraying the cost of one of the larger windows, and the Empress gave a set of costly altar ornaments, the Crown Princess an altar-cloth, embroidered by her own hands, the English Royal Family a window in memory of the late Prince Consort, and the Duke of Bedford an Albany West window in memory of the late Lord Amphilil.

The Grand Masters Council of Royal and Select Masters will meet at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, to-day (Friday).

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Dalhousie have left England on a visit to New Zealand.

Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone, of Westerhall, has granted to the tenants on his Dumfries estates an abatement in their rents of 20 per cent. for the year.

The Prince of Wales was to leave for Birmingham to-day (Friday), and on returning to-morrow, would leave Marlborough House the same day, in order to rejoin the Princess at Sandringham.

Bro. Sims Reeves held his second concert of the season at the Connaught Hall, on Saturday evening last, when there was a numerous and enthusiastic audience.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has been appointed a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, vice Bro. Alderman Staples, the newly-installed Lord Mayor.

Bro. A. Staveley-Hill, Q.C., Recorder of Banbury and Counsel to the Admiralty, has been elected Treasurer of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple for the ensuing year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their younger son, Prince George, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday after a brief visit to the Queen at Windsor. Prince Albert Victor left the Castle the same day for Aldershot to resume his duties with his regiment.

M.W. Bro. the Hon. Richard Vane, P.G.M. Pennsylvania, was present in La Fayette Lodge, No. 19, Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the visit of M.W. Bro. Mysoon M. Parker, G.M. District of Columbia, and, by the special invitation of that brother, delivered a most eloquent address on Masonry.

At the meeting of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, held at the White Hart, Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 19th inst., Dr. Holland, of Chelmsford, was elected a member and passed to the Second Degree. Bro. A. C. Durrant, S.W., was elected to be Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The usual oyster supper was afterwards served to the brethren.

We learn that a portrait of the late Sir Knight Andrew Robins, jun., has been executed under the special instructions of his widow, Mrs. Helen A. Robins, and was to be presented to the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, Philadelphia, on Friday, the 13th inst. The deceased had rendered most signal services to that body, and the Sir Knights will appreciate highly the thoughtful gift of his widow.

Our contemporary *Knowledge* has taken a new departure, and from being a weekly is now a magazine issued monthly, at the modest price of sixpence. But though changed as to the period of its issue, it retains all its old merits, and at the same time very appreciably increased their range. It has several illustrations, and the articles are worthy contributions to our knowledge on all matters of a scientific, literary, and artistic character.

The scheme for establishing an "Albany Institute" and Hall at Slough, seems well on its way towards realisation, a Committee meeting having been held at the Crown Hotel, Slough, on the 18th instant, when a large amount of subscriptions promised, including one of £500 and the site from Bro. Chadsley, and another of £500 from Bro. Elleman, were announced. We congratulate our Slough friends on the success which is attending their efforts.

We have much pleasure in announcing that at the last meeting of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, East Grinstead, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. G. D. Woolgar, J.W., seconded by Bro. W. Rudge, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and unanimously carried—"That the hearty congratulations of the lodge be offered to Bro. J. Farncombe, on his being elected Mayor of the county town, and that the same be entered and recorded on the minutes of the lodge meeting." Many similar congratulatory messages have, we believe, been received by our worthy Bro. Farncombe, who, as a Mason of good standing, and a man who has done good service in his sphere of business, undoubtedly deserves them all.

Our Masonic friends are again preparing for their amateur dramatic campaign. They gave their first entertainment, this season, on Thursday, when they offered the "Captain of the Watch" and "Uncle." To-day (Friday) there will be given "Shipmates" and a musical arrangement of Henry Fielding's "Mock Doctor" (Moliere's "Le Medecin Malgre Lui"). The demand for tickets this season is as brisk as ever. And then there is the annual outing to Baslow Hydro, when it occurs simultaneously to so many good people that they want a change—quiet walks in the woods, early to bed and early to rise, and all the charms of rural life without the racket and toil of town "pleasures." To sleep at ten, and up at seven! That is as it ought to be, you know. And don't they do it, too!—*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*.

A new Royal Arch chapter of improvement is about to be formed under the sanction of the Hornsey Chapter, No. 809, of which Comp. Churchward, M.D., is the M.E.Z. The petition is signed by upwards of seventy Royal Arch Masons, including very many well known and distinguished workers. The preliminary meeting will be held at the Porchester Hotel, Porchester-terrace, Cleveland-square, W., on Saturday, 5th December, for the purpose of sketching the bye-laws and arranging the executive. The license having been granted the chapter of improvement will meet regularly every Saturday at the above address, at 8 p.m. All companions are invited to attend on Saturday, the 12th December, on which evening the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed, and the clauses worked.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged and control excessive action. —[ADVT.]

Bro. Major Charles Harding, G.A.D.C. England, has been gazetted Hon. Colonel of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, with Lady Adelaide Tylour and Miss Wilson Patten, have left Headfort House, Kells, for Weston Park, Shifnal.

Bro. Sir Edward Malet, our Ambassador at Berlin, who is on a visit to this country, arrived at Windsor Castle on Monday and had an audience of her Majesty.

According to the *New Zealand Freemason*, the brethren of Nelson have commenced the erection of a new Masonic Hall, which, it is expected, will be ready for their reception next month.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has been re-elected a director, and Bro. P. de Lande Long one of the auditors of the *Briton Life Association, Limited*.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the annual distribution of prizes to the 3rd London Rifles, the ceremony being fixed for Saturday, the 12th prox., at the Guildhall.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Past G. Treas., will preside to-day (Friday), at the Cannon Street Hotel, at the 31st annual meeting of the Subscribers of the British Hospital for Incurables.

A gold medal has been awarded to Kendal and Dent, watchmakers, 106, Cheapside, London, by the Paris International Exhibition, 1885, for various improvements and general excellence in watches, among which are patent watches for the blind, &c.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Reading, Bro. Stephen Knight, S.W., P.P.D.C., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bro. Head was elected Treasurer.

The sixth half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held in the Masonic Temple, Maritzburg, South Africa, on the 24th of September last, when the proceedings passed off with that harmony and success which always mark the periodical fraternisings of the members of this influential Order.

Bro. Charles Du Val, having completed his flying tour to South Africa with a visit to Durban, has left for the Mauritius, en route for India. Bro. Du Val's trip has been most successful, owing greatly, no doubt, to the popularity he obtained on the occasion of his first visit. The return home to England, *via* Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, is fixed for next summer.

A silver toilet set was, on Tuesday, presented to the Hon. Mrs. Northcote, wife of Bro. the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P. for Exeter, and daughter-in-law of the Earl of Iddesleigh, by the conservative ladies of Exeter, as a memento of the friendships made during the election. The subscription was limited to one shilling each, the number of ladies who joined in raising the gift being 700.

The North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1886, it being the third consecutive year in which this pleasant gathering has taken place. The profits will be given to the Masonic Charities, and, considering what an indefatigable body of brethren have consented to act as Stewards, we may look for the receipt of a good round sum by our Institutions as the result. Bro. R. P. Forge, P.M., will be the M.C., and Bros. J. Cooper, J. Baker, R. Baker, N. L. Western, C. Dearing, H. B. Harding, are among the Stewards. The services of the band of the Honourable Artillery Company have been secured, and a dispensation granted to wear Masonic clothing. Tickets (lady or gentleman), 5s.; supper tickets, 3s. Full particulars to be had of Bro. E. Woodman, W.M. 1950, and Honorary Secretary of the Committee, at 76, Marquess-road, Canonbury, N.

The funeral of the late Bro. Viscount Ranelagh, K.C.B., took place in Fulham Churchyard, on Saturday, nearly all the officers and men of the South Middlesex Rifle Corps being present, besides representatives from the other Metropolitan Volunteer Corps. The ceremony was conducted with military pomp and circumstance, the body of the deceased being borne on a gun carriage, which had been lent for the occasion by the War Office authorities, and the usual volleys being fired at the grave. The deceased, who was born on the 9th January, 1812, and died on the 13th instant, and was in his 74th year, had had considerable experience of active military life in the war between Holland and Belgium, and the Carlist war in Spain, and played a leading part in the movement which led to the establishment of our Volunteer army. He had been in command of the South Middlesex Corps from its formation, and some years since Her Majesty, in recognition of his valuable services in behalf of the Volunteers, conferred on him the distinction of a Knight Commander of the Bath. As a mark of respect to their deceased Commandant the officers of the South Middlesex Volunteer Regiment will wear mourning for the space of three months.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 5, 1885.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Lodge 1679, Henry Mugeridge, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
 ,, 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 1901, Shadwell Clerke, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 Chap. 176, Caveat, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 Chiswick, Old Tabard Inn, Bedford-park, Chiswick. 7.30.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Grand Stewards, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
Red Cross Premier Conclave, 16A, Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1591, Studholme, 23, Golden-sq.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
Mark 315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
" 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stars, Kennington-rd., at 8.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.
The Invicta Club, Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-sq.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 571, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 27, Eyyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Tav., Basinghall-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, Palsgrave, 225, Strand.
" 1361, United Service, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1428, Hyde Park, the Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd.
" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Mount Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. 5.30.
Creaton, Wheatseaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kennington, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tav.
K.T. 134, Blondel, Freemasons' Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

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