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We are in a position to state that the vacancy caused by the resignation of R.W. Bro. E. TYRRELL LEITH, as District Grand Master of Bombay, will be filled by H.R.H. the Grand Master of Bombay, will be filled by H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, P.S.G.W. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, who in the course of last autumn was appointed to the post of Commander-in-Chief in the Bombay Presidency. His ROYAL HIGHNESS's attachment to the Craft and the great interest he manifests on all occasions in its proceedings are well-known to our readers, and fully justify his selection by the GRAND MASTER for so responsible a position. We congratulate the Bombay lodges and brethren on their good fortune, and doubt not they will retain in an enhanced degree the prosperity of which they have enjoyed so ample a measure under Bro. E. TYRRELL LEITH and his predecessors.

ONE or two facts have come to our knowledge during the current week which encourage us to hope that our expectations as to a favourable result of the approaching Benevolent Festival will be to a certain extent realised. We are, of course, a long way as yet from the £20,000 and upwards which we trust it will be our privilege to announce on the 26th inst., but that we are progressing in the direction of a substantial product may be surmised from the increase in the Board of Stewards which has taken place since we wrote last week. We are pleased to find that our remarks on behalf of this Festival have not been without their effect, and that the Board of Stewards was 323 strong on Wednesday, and has doubtless become somewhat stronger still since then. It is also a source of satisfaction to us to note that the Prov. G. Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight, at its special meeting at Southampton on Monday, voted a contribution from its funds of 250 guineas—instead of 100 guineas as contemplated in the first instance—which will be placed on the list of Bro. LE FEUVRE, G.J.D., D.P.G.M., as one of the Stewards of the Province, and that the Prov. G. Chapter followed this admirable example by voting 50 guineas. These votes augur well for the measure of support which Bro. BEACH, M.P., the Chairman of the day, will receive from his province.

WE have more than once heard it suggested that the marked increase during the last few years in the number of candidates for admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is in a measure attributable to the increase in the number and value of the annuities granted. There is, perhaps, a certain modicum of truth in this contention. When a number of benefits are created in order to meet a certain pressure, and it is known there is very little likelihood of those benefits being permitted to lapse so long as there are candidates desirous of receiving them, there is ordinarily, perhaps, not much chance of their going a-begging. But in the case of the Benevolent Institution we question if this increase in the number of annuities has had an appreciable effect in enlarging the number of applicants. In the first place, the conditions of candidature have not been made less stringent, and in the next, the supervision of the Committee of Management, which alone has the right of dealing with petitions, is exercised as vigorously as ever. If, indeed, there has been any change at all in these respects, it has been in the direction of increased stringency as to the qualifications of candidates, which not a few people are of opinion should be made still more severe, and increased care in the examination of petitions. The fact is, we must go elsewhere, though we need not go very far afield, in search of the true explanation of the continued glut of candidates for reception into this Institution. Thus the chief reason is that there is no maximum limit of age for the determination of an annuity, which ceases only with the death of the tenant. A brother must be 60 years and a brother's widow 55 years of age in order to become a candidate, but once elected, he or she enjoys the annuity—during good behaviour—for life, which may last only a few weeks or months, or for many years, the chances being considerably in favour of the longer term. The effect of this is that at some elections, though not more than an average number of petitions may have been accepted during the year, there are only

a very few vacancies to be filled owing to the paucity of deaths that have taken place, and in this way we are brought face to face with our second grave difficulty—the number of unsuccessful candidates remaining over till the following year. For instance, as regards the Female Fund, on which the pressure has been greatest, there were 76 candidates in 1885, of whom, owing to the great success of that year's Festival, it was found possible to elect 26, including the three deferred, as annuitants. Of the 50 unsuccessful, 46 appeared on the list at the election last year, together with 25 fresh candidates, making a total of 71 in all, of whom there were elected only 11 annuitants (including the usual three deferred). This left 60 towards the ensuing election in May next, the total list, including candidates since approved, being 78. At present the outlook for these unfortunate ladies is most unpromising; but even if we assume that the present number of vacancies will be increased through death by half a dozen, and that the Festival will be so productive as to justify an increase of 20 or 25 annuitants on this Fund alone, there will still be left out in the cold to endure the ills of poverty for a further term of twelve months certain—and it may be even longer—some 40 aged and worthy ladies, for whom the Executive of the Institution can make no provision whatever. Thus the 1888 list will be heavily weighted at starting with the unsuccessful remaining from 1887, and there is every probability we shall again be driven to the necessity of urging upon the Craft generally to make further and still more superhuman efforts in order to cope successfully with this annually recurring glut of candidates. These remarks apply, but in a lesser degree, to the Male Fund, the number of candidates for which is 52, of whom close on 30 remain over from last year. Here, then, we have the explanation of this glut—the annuities, of course, are granted for life, and though the death rate among our annuitants is not lower than it is among other similar bodies, it is inevitable that, when once there has been a large excess of candidates over vacancies, the distressing effects of that excess must be felt for many years following, even though the number of fresh candidates accepted year by year is only an average one. The question arises—How shall we deal with this difficulty so as to prevent its being perpetuated? and if it only related to the wearing of a collar or a jewel, we should not despair of its being answered speedily and satisfactorily.

IT is to be regretted that so representative a body as the Lodge No. 1118 and the Pro G. University Lodge, No. 1118, should, after mature consideration, have adopted a resolution disapproving of the suggestion contained in the PRO GRAND MASTER'S circular to assist in the establishment of the Imperial Institute as the National Memorial of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. The idea of this Memorial has been commended by the QUEEN herself, and is being largely and influentially supported throughout the country. There is little doubt that, if the idea is well carried out, the Institute will be a benefit to the Empire generally; and as the brethren have been invited to take part in it, less as the Fraternity of English Masons, than as a Society of loyal Englishmen, we cannot help regretting that one of our most conspicuous London lodges should have resolved on holding itself aloof from the proposal. We do not, of course, call in question the right of the lodge to decide as it has decided. It was invited to approve or disapprove of the scheme, and it has declared in favour of disapproval. Moreover, we have ourselves stated that, had the PRO GRAND MASTER'S suggestion stood alone, we should have opposed it. But the suggestion is a mere supplement to the plan already set down for a Masonic celebration of the Jubilee, and we repeat what we said in a former article on the circular, that, even in the case of brethren who do not like the idea of such an Institute as is proposed for the National Memorial, it would be a graceful act towards the Prince of WALES, who originated it, and the QUEEN, who has accepted it, to sink their predilections for something else in its favour.

OUR readers—and especially those of the Scottish Constitution—will be grieved to hear of the accident which befel Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Depute Grand Master of Scotland, on Tuesday. His lordship was out hunting with the Berwickshire Hounds, when his horse fell and rolled over on him, the result being a bad scalp wound, severe injuries to his back, and several ribs broken. Immediate assistance was rendered, and the injuries were promptly attended to; but, according to the latest intelligence, his lordship was in a precarious state and suffering intense pain. We sincerely wish the noble Earl a speedy recovery.

THE members of the Lodge of True Love and Unity, No. 248, Brixham, are to be congratulated on the inauguration of their new Hall, of the proceedings at which we gave a brief account in our issue of last week. There are not many lodges in England which can boast of having occupied quarters of their own for a period of 85 years. However, from 1801 till quite recently, our Brixham

New Masonic
Hall at
Brixham.

friends met in leasehold premises, but the lease having fallen in and the Hall being in a somewhat dilapidated condition, the brethren resolved on building a new one, and for this purpose purchased a freehold site and then set vigorously about having a commodious structure of goodly dimensions erected. This is the Hall which was opened with so much ceremony recently, and we hope that the lodge will enjoy as prosperous a career in their new quarters as they did in the old. For a time, of course, they will be somewhat heavily weighted with the monetary responsibilities which this bold venture has entailed upon them. But so old and respectable a lodge as True Love and Unity must have a host of friends and well-wishers, who will help them on their way with something more than words of good cheer, and we may be sure that Bro. CHAS. ATKINS, formerly a well-known figure in Metropolitan Masonic circles, who has taken a very active part and rendered valuable aid in the building operations, will exert himself loyally to place the lodge in a state of financial equilibrium.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. Robert Grey presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, as H.; and Comp. James Glaisher, as J. Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; the Earl of Limerick, S.N.; the Rev. Mortimer Heath, P.S.; Major John Sampson Peirce, as 1st A.S.; the Baron de Ferrieres, 2nd A.S.; John E. Le Feuvre, Swd. Br.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; H. Trueman Wood, Butler Wilkins, Edgar Bowyer, Col. Somerville Burney, Rev. Thos. Robinson, Col. Charles Harding, Magnus Ohren, Joseph Parkinson, Henry Maudslay, J. H. Matthews, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Major Arthur B. Cook, Rudolph Glover, and the following companions were also present:

D. G. Macleod, P.Z. 542; T. F. Peacock, Z. 21; E. Mallett, J. 1623; A. Penfold, Z. 1472; Albert Escott, P.Z. 140; V. S. Vickers, Z. 199; Chas. Fred. Hogard, Z. 205; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, Z. 1928; Robert Berridge, P.Z. 21; John L. Mather, P.Z. 1471; F. A. White, P.Z. 907 and 1716; Geo. Spinks, H. 13; Wm. Bywater, P.Z. 19; Robert James Warren, H. 1472; Joseph F. Lavies, Z. 1706; H. S. Goodall, P.Z. 874, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; D. Deeves, J. 13; W. H. Perryman, Z. 1348; W. Sergeant Lee, M.E.Z. 1446; H. W. Roberts, J. 140; T. W. Ockenden, J. 1312; Ed. West, P.Z. 13; William Manston, H. 907; Geo. Brown, P.Z. and H. 140; T. Browne, J. 140; and M. Gemble, P.Z. 13.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE announced that the Earl of Limerick, who was appointed Grand Scribe N. in May last, but was then unable to be present for investiture, was now in attendance.

The Earl of Limerick was then invested as Scribe N. His lordship took his seat in that capacity.

The minutes having been read and adopted, the following business was transacted:—

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October, 1886, to the 18th January, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£138 10 3	By Disbursements during the	
", Unappropriated		Quarter...	£232 10 8
Account...	194 8 4	", Balance	320 9 0
", Subsequent Receipts	425 1 2	", Unappropriated	205 0 1
	£757 19 9	Account...	£757 19 9

Which balances are in the Bank of England (Western Branch).

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

1st. From Comps. Edward MacFarlane, as Z.; Frederick William Mackey, as H.; William Helton Daniell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Central Australia Lodge, No. 1898, Bourke, New South Wales, to be called the Chapter of Central Australia, and to meet at Bourke, in the district of New South Wales.

2nd. From Comps. John Edward Atkinson, as Z.; William Thomas Newitt, as H.; Hector Marshall Upshon, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Pitt Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, to be called the Pitt Macdonald Chapter, and to meet at Madras, in the East Indies.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the St. George's Chapter, No. 140, Greenwich, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for charters of confirmation, the originals being lost.

From the Principals and members of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, London.

From the Principals and Members of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, London.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation for the above named chapters be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the undermentioned chapters.

From the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, London, for permission to remove from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

From the Constitutional Chapter, No. 294, Beverley, for permission to remove from the Assembly Rooms, to the New Masonic Hall, Register Square, Beverley.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th January, 1887.

The recommendations in the above report having been duly moved by Comp. ROBERT GREY, and seconded, were adopted unanimously, and Grand Chapter was then closed in the usual form.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARROGATE AND CLARO CHAPTER, No. 1001, HARROGATE.

In Freemasonry, as well as in many other useful, benevolent, and philanthropic institutions, this rapidly increasing health resort, has made great strides during the last three years, notably in the purchase by the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, of the premises known as the Old Cottage Hospital. These, by a judicious expenditure, have been re-modelled and converted into a Masonic Hall, 31 feet long, 21 wide, and 18 feet high, and a dining hall of similar dimensions, both well ventilated and beautifully enriched and decorated within. The building includes smoke and cloak rooms and residence for caretaker, being heated throughout with a perfect system of hot water apparatus. There are residing in Harrogate a considerable number of Freemasons who are not members of the Lodge No. 1001, and for many years it was felt by the Craft in Harrogate the welfare of the Order materially suffered by reason of the insufficiency of lodge accommodation here. This difficulty is now surmounted, and already the lodge has improved its status.

As our readers are aware a Charter for a Royal Arch Chapter was obtained in September last to enable the companions in Harrogate to work this beautiful Degree, and by its foundation at this period, to celebrate the Jubilee year (A.L. 5887) of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign. Accordingly on Saturday afternoon last, at 3 o'clock, a Royal Arch Chapter was attached to the lodge No. 1001, and solemnly constituted and dedicated in ancient form by E. Comp. Charles Letch Mason, P.Z. 304, 306, 380, P. Prov. G.H., the consecrating officer appointed by the G. Supt., M.E. Comp. Thos. W. Tew, J.P., Past G. Prin. Soj. Eng., assisted by Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., P.Z. 837, Prov. G.H.; Rev. Thomas C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.Z. 304, Z. 1042, Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495, Prov. G.S.E.

There were also present Comps. John W. Fourness, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Treas.; Charles Lowrey, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.S.N.; J. H. Gration, P.Z. 1513, P.P.G. Treas.; W. J. Beck, P.Z. 289, P.P.A.G.S.; Robt. Craig, P.Z. 304, P.P.A.G.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P.P.A.G.S.; R. E. Collinson, P.Z. 837, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Turner, P.Z. 290, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Stwd.; Arthur A. Stott, P.Z. 258, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Edmund Lord, P.Z. 495, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Herbert G. E. Green, 154, Z. 1019, Prov. A.G.S.E.; George Normanton, P.Z. 448, P.P.A.G.S.; Wm. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D.C.; Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor; W. R. Massie, P.Z. 1513; Tudor Trevor, P.Z. 72, 757; Thomas Riley, P.Z. 600, the M.E.H. designate; Henry C. Pickersgill, P.H. 837; Samuel Evans, H. 837; A. Tupman, P.S. 837; H. C. Bickersteth, 2nd A.S. 837; W. Bingham, P.S. 1042; Geo. A. Battinson, 61; Henry Allison, 174; John Richardson, 204, the M.E.J. designate; Alfred J. Bodman, S.N. 289; Thos. A. Marsh, 306; Thomas Lawrence, 304; Chas. Middleton, 304; Jas. Worsnop, P.Z. 731, Prov. G. Org. Derbyshire; Richard Carter, J.P., H. 1513, the M.E.Z. designate; Samuel Barrand, 304, Janitor; W. R. F. Lukis, 837; and W. T. Wilkinson, 107 (I.C.).

There were, therefore, present at the ceremony of inauguration of the new Chapter, No. 1001, no less than 39 companions of this Supreme Order, 26 of whom are acting or past Principals of chapters, 19 are present or past Provincial Grand Officers. The Prov. G.D. of C. having marshalled the procession, the companions entered the Masonic Temple, a voluntary being played on the harmonium, presided at by Comp. T. A. Marsh, and the chapter was opened by the Prov. Grand Officers.

The installation of the three Principals was next proceeded with as follows: Comps. Richard Carter, H. 1513, as Z.; Thomas Riley, P.Z. 600, as H.; and John Richardson, 204, as J.; who were invested and inducted to the chairs, when they appointed and invested Comps. W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, as Treasurer; Alfred J. Bodman, 289, as P.S.; Thomas A. Marsh, 506, as Organist; and T. Lawrence, 304, as S.N., for the ensuing year.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several eminent Masons throughout England.

Five honorary members, one joining companion, and two exaltees were proposed, and all duly seconded.

The impressive ceremonies of consecration and installation of principals and investiture of officers were never more admirably carried out, than by the officer appointed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Charles Letch Mason, whose interpretation of every ceremony, has been invariably rendered with such correctness of detail, taste, and earnestness, as to have placed him in the forefront of Yorkshire Masonic Ritualists, while the oration of Comp. Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, approached perfection. He also pronounced the patriarchal benediction at the close of the ceremony.

The companions repaired to the Prospect Hotel, where the banquet awaited them, served in Mr. Bertram's noted style, and profusion of viands.

The M.E.Z., Comp. R. Carter, presided, ably supported by the M.E.H. and M.E.J. After dinner the usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in harmony, and the company dispersed shortly before ten, to enable the visiting companions to leave by the last trains north and south of the province.

Most of the furniture was presented by companions and brethren kindly disposed to the promotion of the chapter, and tributes of praise fell from all sides on the Committee who undertook the selection and arrangements, who have evidently spared no pains in carrying out the wish of the ten founders of the Chapter. Its artistic beauty is beyond question. The regular meeting night of this newly-formed Royal Arch Chapter is on the last Friday, monthly, whilst the lodge meets on the second Friday at 7 p.m., to which a cordial welcome is at all times given to the fraternity who frequent Harrogate in the season.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A new edition of the "Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" was published towards the end of the last year (1886), and in many respects is the superior of all previous issues, even to that of 1881, which was a considerable improvement on its predecessors. The first *separate* edition of the Laws, in print, was of the date 1836, but prior to that year, *viz.*, in 1804, Bro. Lawrie's "History of Freemasonry" contained the then Constitutions of the Grand Lodge. At least, there does not appear to be any earlier publications known to Masonic Bibliographers.

All the Regulations in the new edition are numbered consecutively, as with the *Revised* of the Grand Lodge of England, and hence are easily referred to, and the index which accompanies the handsome little volume is a most accurate and exhaustive compilation.

Several of the Rules vary considerably from the English usage, and some are, beyond question, of great utility and perspicuity. There is an officer, peculiar I believe to Scotland, termed the Substitute Master, who comes immediately after the "*Depute Master*," who follows the Master, in order of precedence, so that there are, so to speak, a Master and two Deputy Masters for each lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge, the jewels being respectively—1. The compasses and square, segment of circle, and sun. 2. The compasses and square; and 3. The *Square*. The P.M. has for his jewel the compasses, square, and segment. In precedence, Prov. G. Masters and *Proxy* Prov. G. Masters come immediately after the Past Substitute Grand Masters, and are followed by representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Deacons. After whom come the Grand Architect, Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Bard, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Director of Music, Grand Stewards of the year (*no past rank*), Grand Organist, Grand Marshal, Grand Inner Guard (*past rank*), and Grand Tyler.

"*Past rank*" is given to Past Grand Officers, and Past Prov. G. Masters, *who are qualified members of Grand Lodge*. These consist of Past G. Masters (*as such*), and the *present* Grand Officers, &c., from Grand Master Depute to the Grand Cashier, with the Master and Wardens, or in their absence the *proxy* Master and *proxy* Wardens of each subordinate lodge. So that Past Masters (*as such*) of lodges have no vote in Grand Lodge, neither have the Present nor Past Grand Officers below the rank of Grand Cashier, *unless otherwise qualified* by being Masters or Wardens or proxies in either capacity. To the "*General Fund*," the fees payable for such are as follows: Commission to *Proxy* Master, 2s. 6d., and 1s. on nomination (*by such*) of each *proxy* Warden. Five shillings also are payable by each Master and Warden (*and proxy*) as a test of membership *annually*, and so by every other member of the Grand Lodge save Past Grand Masters and Prov. Grand Masters or their proxies. The fees of honour by the Grand Officers are payable *annually*, varying from ten guineas by the Grand Master down to three half-crowns by each Grand Steward; each Master (*and proxy*) also having to pay another crown, and each Warden (*and proxy*) half-a-crown *annually*, these sums all going to the "*Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence*."

The Grand Officers are *elected* annually by Grand Lodge (save the Grand Secretary and Grand Cashier), with the exception of the Grand Master depute, and Substitute Grand Master, who are *appointed* annually by the Grand Master.

Prov. Grand Masters (*or District Grand Masters*) are also *elected* by the Grand Lodge, such commissions being subject to renewal (*or being cancelled*), "*at the expiry of five years from date of issue*." The members of a Provincial Grand Lodge consist of the Prov. Grand Master, the Office Bearers (*excepting* the Prov. Grand Tyler), all Past Masters, and the Masters and Wardens of the several lodges in the province, but not the *Past Prov. Grand Officers*. Proxies for the Masters and Wardens are permissible in *District Grand Lodges*. The officers of each Provincial Grand Lodge are *elected* by the members thereof, save the Depute, Substitute, two Wardens, Secretary, and two Chaplains, who are appointed by the Prov. Grand Master by commission.

The annual festival of Grand Lodge is held on St. Andrew's Day, and is celebrated in "*open lodge*." No elective Grand Officers (*excepting* the G.M. and paid officers) can hold office longer than two years *consecutively*. The G.M. has to be "*assumed and recorded as a member of every lodge*," but is not liable for the payment of any contributions thereby, and is styled "*M.W.*," the prefix "*R.W.*," being accorded to *Past G.M.'s* and other Grand Officers down to the Grand Secretary and Grand Cashier. "*V.W.*" is to distinguish the Grand Chaplains down to the Grand Bible Bearer, and "*W.*" those from the G.D. of C. to the Grand I.G. Masters, however, are styled "*Right W.*," as they formerly were in England.

The G.D. of C. has sole charge of the arrangements *within*, and the Grand Marshal of all which have to be made *outside* any buildings.

"*Not more than fifty brethren*" are annually elected by the Grand Lodge as Grand Stewards.

Tickets are issued annually by the Grand Secretary to all members of G.L. on payment of their fees, and none but such brethren are admitted to the body of the hall. The tickets are not transferable "*under pain of forfeiture*."

Confirmation of Minutes of G.L. "*implies that the res gestae* of a previous meeting have been correctly recorded, and not that the question discussed and disposed of at such former meeting can be opened up at the succeeding one when the minutes are read."

This is the reverse of the usage of the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Lodge (Scotland) may, on cause shown, suspend its standing orders by a majority of two-thirds.

When a vote is to be taken, the door of the hall is locked, and the key laid upon the G. Sec.'s table, as a precautionary measure.

The senior member out of office of the lodge "*Journeymen*," No. 8 (formed about 1709) is entitled to carry the mallet in all processions in the

Edinburgh district, and the Apprentices of the same lodge are allowed to carry the working tools. On all other occasions, when the G.L. officiates, the senior lodge of the Province is competent for such duties. No brother can be enrolled as a member of Grand Lodge for more than one lodge at one time, so that the roll is an exact register of the voting strength of the Grand Lodge, and is made up annually on the first Monday in April; a copy of which list, with an appendix of unqualified and unrepresented lodges, is sent to every member of the Grand Lodge by the able Grand Secretary. Of course, he may belong to more than one lodge.

The compliment of Honorary Membership of the Grand Lodge of Scotland may be voted, and conferred "upon Sovereigns or other distinguished Brethren known to be famed in the Masonic Craft," the nomination of such being exclusively vested in the Grand Master, but subject to confirmation by Grand Lodge. There is a special medal for Honorary Members. At the present time there are but two, *viz.*, H.R.H. Duke of Connaught and H.M. the Emperor of Germany; the Grand Master of England being the Patron of the Scottish Craft and an affiliated member of No. 1.

Grand Representatives to sister Grand Lodges have an apron, cordon, and ribbon, with badge, provided for their use by the Grand Lodge, which have to be handed to their successors in due course.

The Grand Committee (our Board of General Purposes) consists of the G.M., *Past G.M.*, the G.M.D., the S.G.M., and 36 *elective members*, who to be eligible must be qualified members of Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary is *ex-officio* Secretary to all Committees, and publishes exceedingly able reports of the transactions of the Grand Committee with those of the Grand Lodge. Those who are familiar with the remarkable talents of the present Grand Secretary will not be surprised to hear that the quarterly proceedings are models of condensed abridgements of the business transacted by the various assemblies of those Bodies. All heritable property belonging to Grand Lodge is held by Trustees, appointed by the members thereof, and all by-laws of lodges are revised by a Committee of five previous to their being submitted to the Grand Committee. "With each petition or answers, appeal or other pleadings, there shall be paid a fee of five shillings." This Body does an immense deal of Masonic work, and (as with our Board of General Purposes) is a great relief to the Grand Lodge quarterly meetings in respect to the dispatch of business.

In provinces a fee, not exceeding half-a-guinea, may be charged by Provincial Grand Secretaries for commissions or certificates of office, and the same office *cannot* be held by any brother (*if elective*) for more than two consecutive years. Provincial Grand Masters, or their Deputies or Substitutes, "*shall visit annually every lodge under their charge*." This is a most wholesome regulation, and would doubtless work well in England also, for the visit of any authorised Provincial Grand Officer is simply unknown to many lodges in this country, whose members pay their fees to their Provincial Grand Lodge, but know nothing literally of their officers, personally or otherwise, unless able to attend the annual meetings. This ought not so to be, for those who accept the honourable positions of Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master should either visit each of their lodges from time to time, or depute some competent brother to do so on their behalf.

Scottish Prov. G. Lodges are empowered to levy the sum of 5s. on lodges for each candidate *to be initiated*, as also an annual payment by lodges; but no annual fee or subscription from the members of the lodges, as in England, is provided for, and, for that matter, neither is there an annual subscription paid by the members of lodges to the Grand Lodge. Doubtless the absence of annual subscriptions payable by the members of lodges to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges is due to the fact that a great number of lodges in Scotland, so it is understood, do not require annual subscriptions from their members. None are provided for by the laws unless the funds of the lodge prove insufficient for the Charitable purposes thereof, when under stringent regulations an annual contribution may be levied "*not exceeding twenty shillings*." This is rightly looked upon as a great misfortune, for not only does the absence of annual contributions do away with a *financial test of membership*, but it tends to make Scottish Masonry so "cheap," as to be even less costly than Friendly Societies. There are not a few of the latter held under the protecting wings of lodges, and exclusively for the Craft, in which, of course, annual dues have to be paid.

Candidates may be initiated at eighteen (rather juvenile surely), and for not less than £1 12s. 6d., including fees for registration and diploma (11s. 6d.). This is an exceedingly low sum, and I feel assured should be raised to *two guineas* as the minimum, exclusive of the foregoing fees, better even to be inclusive than as now. There are, of course, reasons, good and sufficient, why the *minimum* should be less than that of England (five guineas), but none to my mind are strong enough to prove the wisdom of so insignificant a sum as £1 11s. 6d., which as it includes the fees payable to Grand Lodge, simply leaves the lodge with *one guinea*, and, as a rule, no annual subscriptions to be levied. Be it remembered also that the fee includes the *Mark Degree*!

One cannot but be pleased to witness the number of intelligent operative Masons who join the Scottish Craft, as their predecessors before them did centuries back, but those who cannot afford the fee of two guineas are not likely to be any strength ultimately to the Institution, and might well make a more judicious use of their money.

Every Master Mason in good standing is eligible for election as Master of a lodge. Candidates may be advanced to a higher Degree, after an interval of *two weeks*, save in cases of emergency duly and carefully provided for. No one can be initiated *freely*, even as a serving brother. A copy of the latest Book of Constitutions must be laid on the table in open lodge, and duly minuted accordingly at every meeting. The books of the lodges are periodically examined by authority, a uniform set of books being compulsory.

The clauses (numbered consecutively) are exceedingly well arranged. The drawings of the jewels are most artistic, and to one fond of such matters, as the writer, their examination is bound to confer much pleasure, because of their beautiful and appropriate designs. Office Bearers of Grand Lodge wear cordons and sashes of thistle green, and office bearers of lodges are also permitted to wear cordons, according to the colour adopted by the lodges for the aprons, each lodge being free to select the colour or tartan for the trimmings, not, as in England, the uniform blue. The ceremonials provided for—consecrations, dedications, installations, investments (each officer takes the oath *de-fidei*), foundation-stones, and funeral services and lodges—are exceedingly good, and are quite a feature of the volume. I congratulate my old friend, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec., on the opportune appearance of such a handsome volume.

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It is fraternally hoped that, upon this occasion, owing to
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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL
of the Lodge will take place

AT FREEMASONS' HALL,

On FRIDAY EVENING, 25th FEBRUARY, 1887,
on which occasion

The Right Hon. The EARL OF MILLTOWN,
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Has kindly consented to Preside.

The Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock p.m. precisely.

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To Correspondents.

COSMOPOLITAN.—It has often been asserted that Pope Pius IX. was a Freemason, but no proof was ever forthcoming of the truth of the assertion.

NEMO.—The Grand Treasurer is elected at the March Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, which for the current year will be held on Wednesday, the 2nd of that month. In the event of there having been two or more candidates nominated for the office at the previous (or December) Communication, a poll takes place, and the brother receiving a majority of the votes of the members present, is declared to be elected.

The following communications unavoidably stand over—
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Transactions of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America," "Procedimientos de la Gran Logia de la Republica del Peru," "Masonic News," "English Illustrated Magazine," "El Libre Aceptado Mason," "Court Circular," "Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury," "Sunday Times" (London), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India," "Guernsey Advertiser," "National Baptist," "Masonic Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (New York), "La Fraternidad," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hampshire Independent," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "Western Daily Mercury," "The Independent" (New York), "La Chaine d'Union de Paris," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Masonic Token," "Masonic Era and Anelectic," "Citizen," "Effective Advertiser," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "China's Millions," and "Liberal Freemason."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1887.

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.]

THE JUBILEE PROPOSALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In due course I received the circular of the Pro Grand Master, and noted with regret that the Grand Master had been advised to solicit the brethren, as Freemasons, to contribute to the fund for promoting the Imperial Institute, and thereby divert, in a great measure, their support from our noble Institutions, which are now in such want of it. More especially do I regret this appeal, as we shall all (as citizens of the greatest empire of the world) doubtless be called upon by our local authorities to subscribe to the said Institute, and as Freemasons I think our strongest efforts should be exerted in behalf of our Charities.

In furtherance thereof, I a short time ago submitted to the Grand Secretary a rough draft of a memorial to H.R.H. the Grand Master, containing a scheme for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and benefiting our Institutions.

The following is an outline of the said scheme (partly adopted):

1st. A grand meeting of Masons at the Albert Hall, with a charge for admission of one guinea, when her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen should be respectfully invited to attend, and receive the congratulations of the brethren.

2nd. That the tickets for admission should be first offered

to the members of Grand Lodge, and the remainder to the various lodges in proportion to the number of their subscribing members.

3rd. That all lodges under the English Constitution should be invited to elect the W.M. or (or if he declined) a Warden or Past Master, as Steward to collect as large an amount as possible for the benefit of our Masonic Institutions.

And I venture to surmise that the result of the adoption in full of these suggestions would have been the realizing of an amount little short of £100,000, which might have been devoted (as you suggest) to founding Victoria Jubilee presentations to those noble Institutions, the said presentations to be vested in the reigning Sovereign or Grand Master.

The average sum to be described by each lodge to realize the above amount, in addition to the admission fees, would be about £40. I may state that in my lodge we have declined to subscribe, as Masons, to the Imperial Institute Fund, and I trust H.R.H. the Grand Master will see fit to withdraw that suggestion.—Yours fraternally,

ALBERT H. HALE, W.M. 1209.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me a space in your valuable columns to suggest what appears to me would be a suitable and standing memorial of the auspicious occasion of the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty, which I have named to some of the brethren, who at once fell in with my views.

What I would recommend is the erection at Blackheath of a magnificent Jubilee Imperial Victoria Palace, devoted to Religion, Art, Science, and Literature, forming a grand Technical University, which, if judiciously taken up and carried out, may be made not only to pay handsomely, but help our excellent Charities.

The immense space on the heath will justify no doubt the gift of the ground for such an object; the elevated position will render it conspicuous from all parts, and present an opportunity to display the skill of the British architect and the taste of the sculptor to advantage.

Amongst other decorations, as a matter of course, I suggest a statue of her Imperial Majesty, with arms erect, and the motto beneath "All Glory to the Most High," or any other that may be deemed more suitable.

I shall be delighted if my views have the concurrence of the Craft, and shall be happy to receive communications from architects and brethren interested in doing honour to the best of monarchs that has ever swayed the British sceptre.—I have the honour to be, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

W. DARLEY, P.M. 158, Sheerness.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The very heavy inroads which have been made within the last three years upon the accumulated funds of the Board of Benevolence, must undoubtedly have become a matter of anxious consideration.

With a view, therefore, of reinstating this fund to its former figure as promptly as possible, I would suggest that a most appropriate and desirable means of effecting this object, would be that of holding a Jubilee Board of Benevolence Festival, and I venture to hope that this proposal will meet the earnest and hearty support of my brother Past Masters.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

A LONDON P.M.

PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read with interest the short article in to-day's *Freemason* on the above subject, but I am certainly at a loss to understand the why and the wherefore of this heartburning question.

In the first place, one would suppose that the decoration afforded by the three levels would amply satisfy the wishes of those brethren who have passed the chair; seeing also that most of them are additionally adorned with the jewel presented to them on their retirement. To institute a collar indicative simply of rank would entail some alteration in the existing sky-blue, either by substitution of another colour, or by incorporation therewith of other shade or shades.

Aesthetically, this would in either case be a mistake, as the collar would not then harmonize with the apron, and on such occasions as the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge it would seriously interfere with, if not totally destroy, the well defined and unbroken masses of colour which are there and then apparent.

As it is at present, we have at one end a mass of purple and gold, softened and shaded down by the rivulet of cherry colour (?) worn by the Grand Stewards, while surrounding it come the rising tiers of sky-blue. This effect is good, but how would it be if, dotted here and there amongst the sky-blue, we had green?

One of your correspondents casts ridicule on a proposal (also I believe made in jest) that P.M.'s should be permitted to wear this colour, but as a matter of fact the available colours outside this are none too many. Dark blue is appropriated by the Grand Officers, in their undress and dress both; and the Grand Stewards put any shade of crimson or red out of the question. Yellow, therefore, in its various shades, or green are the only colours left. Shut the eyes, then, and conjure up the spectacle of a yellow collar and a sky-blue apron!

Nor do I find that an objection raised in one of your later numbers has yet been answered. I mean the objection, "That the wearing of the present collar of a Past Master in a strange lodge will entail confusion." Granted "that each and every officer of a lodge has his separate and appointed station, and that thus no confusion need nor can arise" (these are not the exact words, but they express the argument). This is above all an argument which begs the question, but does not meet it.

No one would dream of confusing the I.G. with one of our newly-decked P.M.'s, but it may be pointed out that the P.M.'s of a lodge do not always huddle themselves together in their appointed places. May be they have visitors present next to whom they prefer to sit themselves, or may be the accommodation is not sufficient for them all. How will it be, then, if amongst this wandering band you drop a choice selection of visiting P.M.'s arrayed in all the glory of their collars? Will there be no confusion then to the chance onlooker?—Yours fraternally,

1728.

Blackheath, S.E., January 29th.

MUSIC IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to the correspondence on the important subject of suitable music in our lodges during the ceremonies of our Order, as well as at our banquets and festivals, I beg to enclose you particulars of the proceedings at my installation in December last, and also of the subsequent banquet and festival of St. John, when I think you will agree with me that the music, both instrumental and vocal, was such as would be acceptable to all advocates of really good and suitable music being introduced into our beautiful ceremonies.

You will notice that the selection is mainly from Bro. Dr. Spark's "Liber Musicus," which has been to us a great boon, and I do hope that Dr. Spark's efforts on behalf of the Craft in this matter will meet with the encouragement and reward they so richly deserve.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED SCARTH.

Leeds, January 24th.

W.M. 289.

[The programme enclosed contains no less than six selections from the "Liber Musicus," which appear to be very suitable for the installation ceremony.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Freemasons as a body owe a debt of gratitude to Bro. E. F. Whitley for bringing before our notice the need which exists for a musical service, which, while it will emphasise our ritual, yet is within the compass of the attainments of lodges which are unfortunately not rich in musical talent, or are so situated that the brethren cannot meet frequently for rehearsal.

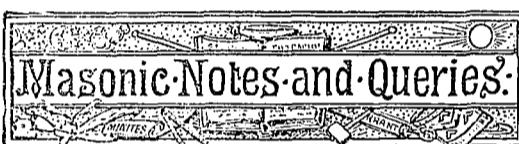
In London, or indeed in any town of fair dimensions, one can understand that our Masonic brethren find no difficulty in arranging and carrying out a harmonised service; but in the country the case is frequently very different, and, though not an admirer of unison music as a rule, I would rather hear that than the discords which may perchance result from want of a good combined practice.

If a light and attractive service, such as that hinted at by Bro. Whitley, should be the outcome of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, we shall have occasion for thankfulness that that lodge was consecrated.

Just one word of warning to those musical brethren who may be tempted by this correspondence to compose such a service as that now asked for—we want something far different to the Gregorian chants, which too often lead to shouting instead of singing.—Yours fraternally,

CHAS. KENT.

Truro, January 31st.



711] AN IMPORTANT QUERY.

In answer to Bro. Hughan, if my not very retentive memory serves me right, I searched the British Museum Catalogue for the "Complete Magazine" some five years back in vain. I am almost sure that this is the case, and that I came to the conclusion that the said Magazine never existed, but what led me to look for it I forget. I have seen the work entitled "Schottische Maurerei"; I had it lent to me and in my possession for a couple of years, but I never read it through, because a very slight glance at its contents convinced me of its uselessness for the purpose of ascertaining the truths of Masonic history. But if Bro. Hughan desires to know more of it than I can tell him, "Masonic Student" is the source whence to obtain the required information.

G. W. SPETH.



Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Corbet, presided, supported by his officers and a good number of members and visitors. The minutes of the last regular lodge and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. L. V. Walker, J.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most effective manner. The brethren having saluted the new Master, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W.; R. W. Brooks, J.W.; H. Povey, P.M., Treas. (in succession to the late Bro. Storr); T. P. Collings, P.M., Sec.; H. Savidge, S.D.; W. J. Charles, J.D.; Harrington Baily, I.G.; W. Cook, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Knill, Org.; Coulsher, P.M., and J. W. Standerwick, Stewards; and Parkinson, Tyler.

Bro. Povey, P.M. (an old friend of the Master, and by whom he was introduced to the lodge), then in a most impressive manner gave the address to the chair; the addresses to the Wardens and brethren being given by the Installing Master. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., who suitably replied.

Several communications having been read, including the circular respecting the Jubilee propositions, and which it was decided should be considered at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's well-known style.

Grace having been sung, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed,

Bro. Corbett, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very feeling terms, and wished him a happy and successful year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Corbett for the very kind expressions he had used in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which it had been received. He hoped that time next year, when he vacated the chair, that they would have reason to greet him no less cordially than they had done that night.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364, J.W. 2161; T. E. Gibb, S.W. 2168; Rev. E. C. Britton, P.M. 797; and E. Walker, P.M. 1766 (father of the W.M.), suitably replied.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was responded to by Bro. Corbett.

Bro. G. Waterall responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Povey and Collings acknowledged the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary."

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities," and made a strong appeal to the brethren to support him in his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied in his usual eloquent and forcible manner.

The toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Bro. Jolliffe, S.W., and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

The lodge may congratulate itself on having one of the most successful of its many installation meetings. During the evening an excellent programme of music, consisting of songs, part songs, &c., was performed by Miss Lavinia Walker, Madame Florence Winn, Bros. L. Fryer and R. De Lacy, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Knill. Bro. Savidge, S.D., also performed a violin solo in a masterly manner.

Among the visitors were the following: Bros. J. E. Green, W.M. 715; J. P. Hamilton, 1708; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677, Sec. 2168; F. R. Vine, 173; J. S. Cousens, P.M. 227; H. Knill, 414; G. P. Cook, P.M. 1580, P.P.A.D.C. Herts; W. McDougall, P.M. 1962; E. H. Cousens, 4; and others.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—This old red apron lodge held its annual installation meeting on the 20th ult. at Freemasons' Hall, with Bro. T. W. Chard Leutz, I.P.M., and P.G. Stwd., in the chair, the W.M., Bro. E. C. Mather, having unfortunately died during his year of office. There was a good muster of brethren to witness the ceremonies of the day, which consisted of a passing and the installation. The brethren present were Bros. Richard Clouser, S.W.; George Simonds, J.D.; G. S. Brandon, P.M., P.G.S., Treasurer; Frederick Pinches, D.C.; R. Beit, Stwd.; H. Venn, P.M.; Harry W. Mills, P.M.; Charles Martin, P.M.; Jermyn Boyd, P.M.; and Edward C. Davies, P.M. The visitors were Bros. T. H. Waterworth, P.M. 49; J. Wetherell, W.M. 531; R. H. Barrett, 1844; W. Belk, 531; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. Sergison, Org. 10; R. W. Henry, 1609; G. T. Carter, 382; E. J. Bell, 1319; A. Berry, 917; W. Sexton, 1321; and D. M. Corbett, 917.

The work of the evening was divided between Bro. H. Venn and Bro. Chard Leutz, the latter brother having a severe cold. Bro. Venn passed Bro. Henry John Hunter, and Bro. Chard Leutz installed Bro. Edward Nixey, who having been nominated by the brethren to fill the Grand Stewardship of the year, rendered vacant by Bro. Mather's demise, was unanimously elected a Master of the lodge. Bro. Nixey had travelled from Hartlepool that day for the purpose of being installed. The brethren chosen to fill the offices of the lodge for the year were Bros. Clouser, S.W.; Blackman, J.W.; G. Brandon, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Martin, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Simonds, S.D.; Pinches, Willoughby, P.M., I.G.; Collins, D.C.; and Beit, Stwd. Bro. Chard Leutz then delivered the addresses, and finished off the work in excellent style. Bro. Herbert Dicketts, P.M., P.G.S., the late Secretary of the lodge, who was not present owing to ill health, from the same cause sent a letter desiring to be placed on the list of country members, whereupon several brethren, while agreeing that the request should be complied with, thought that some greater recognition of Bro. Dicketts's long, valuable, and valued services to the lodge should be given, and it was resolved that he be placed on the list of country members, and that a testimonial should be presented.

The remainder of the business having been transacted, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a beautiful banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. G. S. Brandon, Treasurer, proposed "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. being Grand Steward, and said that if there was a brother more worthy than another to represent the Globe Lodge it was Bro. Nixey. They knew what Grand Lodge did for them, and for Masonry in general, and although there might be sceptics about certain matters, there was no dissatisfaction with the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M. as to the way they performed their functions. It was usual in that lodge to class the Grand Stewards as Grand Officers, and on this particular occasion it was very gratifying to the members of the lodge personally that they had in the chair an actual Grand Steward for the year, and on that account he hoped the brethren would drink the toast with extra warmth.

The Worshipful Master said that he was a very humble member of the body to which reference had been made by so old and distinguished a Past Grand Steward and member of the Globe Lodge as Bro. Brandon, and he felt very keenly the honour which had been conferred on him by the lodge in its nomination as Grand Steward, which the M.W. G.M. had been pleased to confirm. He took that office upon him with great diffidence, though with great pleasure, and it would be his study thoroughly to represent the lodge and maintain its prestige. As Master of the lodge he would also respond. It was 14 years since Bro. Dicketts, P.M., initiated him, and after that long period he found himself in the position of Master, although many others had arrived at that important position before him. The interest of the lodge would be his constant aim, and he should always try to be in his place. It was not always pleasant to travel as he had that day 280 miles to be present; but his reception had always been such that it thoroughly rewarded him for any discomforts he had been subjected to by journeying. It had given him extreme pleasure to be installed in the chair, and he did trust that at the end of his year of office it would not be said that he had been found wanting.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," remarked that those brethren were always most cordially received, and mentioned as a proof that this was the feeling of visitors, that Bro. James Moon, who was one of the guests on that occasion, came so constantly that the brethren of the lodge looked upon him as one of themselves.

Bro. Waterworth, 49, as one of the visitors, had been at its meetings often enough to remember that it carried out the Masonic lessons of hospitality to the very letter, as well as the ritual of Masonry. Bro. Venn, an old P.M.

of No. 49, had performed the passing, and was always to the fore in Masonic work, and had done the work remarkably well. Then there was the installation, and he did not know that he had ever seen the work more perfectly performed.

Bro. Barrett, 1894, said that as perhaps the only brother in the room who was a native of the same place as Bro. Nixey, it gave him very great pleasure to see him installed in the high and honourable position of W.M. of the Globe Lodge. It was delightful to see how revered and respected he was as a man and a Mason. It might perhaps be said that there was no Solomon left in these days; but there were evidences in the family of Nixey that they must have been very closely allied to the family of Solomon from the ability they had universally displayed in whatever vocations in life they had filled. He was sure that Bro. Edward Nixey would do his utmost to maintain the honourable character of Master of the Globe Lodge, and the brethren would not regret placing him there.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Chard Leutz." The brethren knew the unfortunate circumstance which had necessitated Bro. Leutz performing the Master's duties during the second year. It was a very sad subject for them to dwell upon, but at the same time their hearty thanks were due to Bro. Leutz for having again undertaken the arduous duties of W.M. He had certainly had his heart thoroughly in the work, and anything he was able to do for the benefit of the Globe Lodge had been done with right good will. The future success of Bro. Leutz would be coupled with his health as Installing Master.

Bro. Chard Leutz, in response, said that the thoroughness of the prosperity of the Globe Lodge had not only been his object during his year of office, and during the last year when he was called upon again to act as W.M., but always would be his object. He was only too pleased to have given his services in the emergency which arose, and if he retired with the good feelings and affection of the brethren of the Globe Lodge, and his performance, though imperfect, of the duties of the chair, he felt amply recompensed, for the honour of the Globe Lodge was maintained.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s" said these brethren were now becoming so numerous that they would soon swamp the nest. It was a matter of great satisfaction to the younger members of the lodge that there were so many P.M.'s. Some of them had been members of the lodge very, very many years, and the longer they were, the more they were respected. He was anxiously looking forward to the time when he would be one of them. The lodge had reason to be congratulated on having such an able body of counsellors to go to on all occasions for advice and direction, and he was very pleased indeed to express the opinion that the P.M.'s of the Globe Lodge were very different to the P.M.'s of several other lodges.

Bro. H. Venn, P.M. and P.G.S., said he was exceedingly obliged to the W.M. for doing him the great honour of coupling his name with the toast, not simply because he was a P.M., but because he felt at all times, and he wished all younger members to feel, that the P.M.'s in their toast received a great compliment. There was great consideration shown to them for what they had done previously, and he would say to the younger members "be as industrious as you possibly can, and when you arrive at the position of W.M. we feel you will be gratified with all your labour, and the more anxiously you look after your various offices the greater will be your satisfaction that you have been able to render some assistance to your lodge." That was his position that night. As the Treasurer and Secretary would be called upon to reply to another toast, he begged to respond for all the P.M.'s to the toast which had been so cordially proposed and received.

The W.M., who proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he felt particularly gratified that Bro. Brandon had consented to take the office of Treasurer for another year. As for the Secretary, he knew the duties of his office and would perform them. All the brethren of the lodge were pleased at having such officers.

Bro. Brandon, Treasurer, said he had been a member of the lodge 32 years. How long he had been Treasurer he hardly knew, for it seemed to him that by the kindness of the brethren he had held the office from time immemorial. Although he was sorry they had lost the services of the late Secretary, Bro. Dicketts, he was conscious that in the choice the W.M. had made in appointing Bro. Martin as Secretary, his choice had fallen upon one who was in the highest degree capable of filling all the duties of the position, and it would be a labour of love to him. It was, therefore, with feelings of great satisfaction he responded for himself and the Secretary, hoping they might long be spared, and that the lodge would flourish under their care.

Bro. Martin, Secretary, felt doubly diffident when called upon to respond, because he was sensible of the great loss of the lodge by the resignation of his office of Secretary by Bro. Dicketts. Following such a good man and good Secretary any one had a very difficult and not altogether a pleasant task to perform, because Bro. Dicketts had performed the duties of Secretary so well that it would require a clever man to equal him. He should not have been prevailed upon to accept the post if it had not been that he was serving his old friend the W.M.; but anything he could do to serve him and his own mother lodge, while he was privileged to belong to it, he should be most happy and anxious to do. He hoped that what he did would be satisfactory to the brethren.

Bro. Simonds, S.D., responded to the toast of "The Officers," the hour being so late that his senior officers had been compelled to leave. He said there had been so little work in the lodge for some years that the officers had not had a hard time of it. Fortunately, in the last year this had changed, and he hoped that the brethren who were holding the minor offices would profit by the change, and would be found to do their duties.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

An excellent selection of music was performed by Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, P.M.; E. J. Bell, and R. W. Henry, under the direction of Bro. W. Sexton.

UNIVERSAL LODGE (No. 181).—The installation meeting of this old lodge took place on the 20th Jan. at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a large attendance of Brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. E. J. S. Layton, supported by Bros. Rev. W. T. Jones, M.A., P.M., Chap.; A. T. Layton; P.M., Treas.; H. A.

The Freemason.

Reed, P.M., Sec.; T. Adams, S.W.; P. N. Harrower, J.W.; W. R. Davidson, S.D.; C. J. Webb, J.D.; C. M. Mitchell, I.G.; H. D. Wood, P.M., and J. A. Cameron, Stwd.; A. Walkley, Tyler; P.M.'s, and members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Galer, W.M. 1366; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; J. Robins, P.M. 25; A. G. Brownrigg, P.M. 33; W. Crawford, P.M. 127; A. Stewart, P.M. 1158; C. Fenton, P.M. 1178; F. Bray, P.M. 1287; J. C. Nicholson, 12; H. M. Sharp, 108; A. Westrop, 180; H. Gundry, late 181; B. G. Perry, 1382; J. L. Kennaly, 1420; F. Pallack, 1423; W. J. Jennings, 1580; Phillips, 1608; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614; A. Replien, late 1818; S. H. M. Laughton, 1920; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Schartau was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Bryant was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. T. Adams was presented as W. Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.M., P.G.D. England, P.D.P.G.M. Middlesex. Bro. T. Adams, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. J. S. Layton, I.P.M.; P. N. Harrower, S.W.; W. R. Davidson, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Jones, M.A., P.M., Chap.; A. T. Layton, Treas.; H. Schartau, Org.; C. J. Webb, S.D.; C. M. Mitchell, J.D.; J. A. Cameron, I.G.; H. D. Wood, P.M., W.S.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. The investing of the officers was performed by the W.M. in a clear and distinct manner. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the Instilling Master, performed the ceremony throughout in a masterly manner, and delivered the usual addresses in a style that was greatly admired by all the brethren present.

The lodge was called off from labour to refreshment, and retired to the banqueting room, where a choice repast was served, under the personal superintendance of Bro. Madell, of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and whose kind attention to the brethren was greatly appreciated. The banquet and all its arrangements did Bro. Madell great credit.

After grace had been sung,

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," said it was his pleasure for the first time to do so. He could hardly find words to express his feelings. It was a toast that everyone received heartily, and was one of the most important in the dominion. The Queen had nearly completed the 50th year of her reign, and to him he felt it was a great honour to be in the chair in the Jubilee year. With what pleasant feelings the Queen could look back to the time when early one morning the late Lord Melbourne told her she was Queen of England. She had done everything for the good of her people, and had borne her many trials with great fortitude. Not only in Freemasonry, where she is the Patroness of all the Charities, but also in every good object was always ready to set a good example by her sympathy, consolation, and help, whether it be to a sad lifeboat disaster, colliery accident, or other sad calamity. She was without a rival—a good wife, good mother, and grandmother. As Empress of India she had been the means of extending Masonry in that part of her dominions, and he trusted that the circular which had been read that evening would be received in a hearty and substantial manner by them all. He asked the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper, and that Her Most Gracious Majesty would be spared for many years to come.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," and in doing so said: All the brethren knew what a thorough Mason he was, and entered into all the business connected with the Craft with a great deal of zeal. He was a true English gentleman, and he wished him long life, with great prosperity as their Grand Master.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

"The Health of the M.V.P.G.M. (the Earl of Carnarvon), and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past," was proposed by the W.M., and received most heartily, to which

Bro. R. Glover, P.M., P.G.S., replied, acknowledging the great honour he felt in having to do so. He need hardly tell the brethren that all the Grand Officers had a great love in the work they had to do at Grand Lodge. The Universal was his mother lodge, and it was twenty-six years ago since he was initiated in it. He might say that he was the oldest member of the lodge, and must thank H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., for his position at Grand Lodge, which was not only a great honour to himself, but to this lodge. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and also in associating his name with it.

The I.P.M., in taking the gavel in his hand to propose "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a toast which he felt would be received with acclamation. The W.M. had been placed in the chair with the unanimous vote of the lodge. If there is one thing more than another to regret it was to leave the chair, but it was pleasant to know that in their W.M. he was succeeded by a very old friend, a worthy man and a good Mason, and he could assure the brethren there was no ceremony but what the W.M. could do with credit to the lodge and to himself. The traditions of the lodge will be held well in his hands, and handed down pure and unsullied.

The W.M., in replying, said that the words of their I.P.M. had almost taken his breath away. He at one time had great diffidence in taking the chair, and felt quite inadequate to the responsibilities. There had always been a great friendship between their I.P.M. and himself. He being amongst them was due to the late father of the I.P.M., and at one time he never thought he could occupy the proud position the lodge had placed him in that evening; he might say he never intended to do so. Since the initiation of the I.P.M. and himself they had been rubbing along together, and he felt he must follow him, and he could assure the brethren he would do all he could for the good and the welfare of the Universal Lodge, and he thanked them all sincerely for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. The past year had been one of social meetings, and in the coming year whatever work he had to do he would endeavour to do to their satisfaction. He would attend to the comfort of the brethren of the lodge, and make the hours of meeting, if possible, suitable to all. The brethren of the lodge had conferred a great honour upon him, and he would endeavour to justify that honour.

The W.M. said he was sorry the Instilling Master, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., had been compelled to leave them before the banquet, but he felt that all the brethren

had much admired the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said the toast claimed great enthusiasm and support on the part of them all. The past year had not been one of much work, but whatever work he had to do was done well. He was great as a Mason, a gentleman, and a thorough good fellow, and had created a good and true Masonic feeling throughout the lodge. Last November a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to him, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in attaching the same to his breast, especially remembering their long friendship, and he hoped he would be spared many years to wear the same, and that he (the W.M.) would always be beside him.

The I.P.M., in replying, said he felt quite at a loss to express all his feelings. The handsome jewel which he had just received at the hands of the W.M., was a never-to-be-forgotten memento of a pleasant and happy year of office. It was a bond of friendship and brotherly love from every member of the lodge, and he would always consider and wear it as such.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and said it was a toast always well received at every lodge. The P.M.'s do good work and have the interest of the lodge at heart. He himself felt deeply grateful for the kind assistance they had rendered to him, and when the time came for him to vacate the chair he hoped to retain their friendship. He would call upon Bro. Roberts, P.M., to respond, a brother well-known amongst them who had fulfilled all his duties well, and he felt sure that all the P.M.'s had the good wishes of the brethren.

Bro. Roberts, P.M., in responding for the P.M.'s, said it was not the first time by many that his name had been associated with the last toast: he could assure the W.M.'s that nothing on the part of the P.M.'s should be wanting to render him any service he might require. They had the interest of the lodge at heart. He thanked them all most heartily for the kind manner in which their healths had been drank.

The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was a red letter toast, and could assure Bro. Visitors the Universal Lodge was always glad and pleased to see them. There was an important company of good Masons with them that evening, and some of them belonged to very old lodges. He hoped they had all enjoyed themselves and spent a pleasant evening. He would call upon Bros. Woolley, Batty, and Crawford to reply.

Bro. Woolley, P.M. 15, said he thanked them all on the part of the visitors for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He certainly was connected with a very old lodge, but he was none the more qualified to respond. His connection with their worthy W.M. had been one of long duration, and he felt sure in appointing him W.M. the brethren of the Universal Lodge had made a happy selection. The I.P.M. had said so much about the W.M. that he had taken all the wind out of his sails, but he wished him health and prosperity, and a happy year of office. He could see by the smiling faces of the visitors that all had enjoyed themselves.

Bro. Batty, P.M. 22, said that he felt it was an especial favour to have his name mentioned to be selected to respond for the visitors. Unfortunately for him this had been his first visit to the Universal Lodge. It was his misfortune and not his fault. He wished the W.M. a brilliant future, in which he felt sure all the visitors agreed. He had known the W.M. some time, and he could say this there was no man so proud of the Queen as he was, and it had pleased him much to hear the W.M.'s proposal of the first toast. He hoped to be with them on some future occasion, and he wished the W.M. every success.

Bro. Crawford, P.M. 127, said after the eloquent speeches they had just heard, he had not much to say; but he would follow in their footsteps, and could assure the brethren of the Universal Lodge all had spent a pleasant time, which was shown by the faces in looking around the table. The working of the lodge was good, and would continue to be so. With the visitors he wished the W.M. all the good wishes one could desire, and he thanked them all.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said it was a very important one. He felt particularly proud in being supported by such good workers, and he was sure he should have their cordial support in his year of office. Much depended upon the officers in making the lodge popular. In their worthy Chaplain they had a very kind and gentle brother, and that evening he had generously presented the lodge with a very handsome collar and appendage of his office, with which he was re-invested. He would ask to be excused for coupling the Chaplain's name with the toast.

The S.W. said he wished to be allowed to thank the W.M. and the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which the toast of the officers had been proposed and responded to. He was pleased to say all the officers were competent workers, and would do all in their power to assist the W.M. during his year of office, and make it a successful one.

Bro. Rev. W. T. Jones, M.A., P.M., said it was rather an unusual compliment for a Chaplain to reply. He might call it especial. There had been at one time a collar for the Chaplain; but it had been lost. He felt the honour of presenting it to the lodge. A song had been sung very beautifully called "Time gone by," and the time had gone by when he was an initiate; but he hoped the Universal Lodge would continue to flourish with the British Empire.

The Tyler's toast brought refreshment to a close, which all the brethren had heartily enjoyed, and the lodge was called on and closed.

During the evening there was a high class programme of music most ably rendered by Bros. Edward Dalzell and Albert Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, Organist.

MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., this lodge held its installation meeting, Bro. D. M. Davies, W.M., in the chair. Mr. J. N. Joseph having been initiated, Bro. D. M. Davies installed Bro. John Manger into the chair of K.S., as W.M. for the year. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Myers, S.W.; Honey, J.W.; L. Jacobs, Treasurer; Matthias Levy, Secretary; Vandyk, S.D.; I. Grunbaum, J.D.; A. D. Cohen, I.G.; Salmons, P.M., D.C.; Marians, Chetham, Tarbet, and Rossdale, Stwd.; and Lindsay Sloper, Org. Bro. N. P. Valentine presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Davies, I.P.M., subscribed for by members of the lodge in recognition of his services. The lodge unanimously assented

to the circular of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, relating to the Jubilee.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served under the superintendance of Mr. Silver. Among the visitors were Bro. Cama, Grand Treasurer, and Simpson, P.G.C.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. Richard C. F. La Feuillade as W.M. for the ensuing year. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Plowman, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. La Feuillade, S.W.; R. Lingley, J.W.; W. Stuart, Sec.; H. F. Foale, S.D.; G. F. Grove, Org.; J. La Feuillade, Stwd.; W. Westley, I.G.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; H. G. Stranger, P.M.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; G. W. Ruffle, D.C.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and many other members.

Visitors: Bros. H. T. T. Ross, P.M. 87; B. Ingham, 812; E. Buckland, 73; J. H. Stunt, W.M. 1641; W. F. Kemshead, 1901; R. Harvey, W.M. 2012; A. Wormull, 19; E. A. Young, 19; R. T. Bowman, 134; H. Tuson, P.M. 205; W. F. Grummell, S.D. 15; J. Milstead Spencer, 1922; C. F. Luckhurst, 1604; J. R. Johnson, P.M. 1320; E. Blacknell, 140; W. A. Patteson, 27; G. Horton, 72; G. T. Rice, 1558; C. Donaldson, Treas. 1963; J. Gould, 1360; T. Dalby, 1475; R. J. Pitt, Org. 1728; Russell Grover, 97; H. Taylor, W.S. 1688; J. Pope, P.M. 1305; C. Taylor, P.M. 1310; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Ballot was then successfully taken for Bro. F. Kemshead, 1901, as a joining member. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. Richard C. F. La Feuillade was impressively installed into the chair as W.M. Bro. La Feuillade, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Lingley, S.W.; H. F. Foale, J.W.; Wm. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; G. W. Ruffle, J.D.; J. J. La Feuillade, I.G.; G. F. Grover, Org.; J. Dennis, D.C.; S. J. Haynes, W.S.; A. Lundie, A.W.S.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. Bro. George Everett, P.M., being unavoidably absent through illness, his investment as Treasurer was postponed. The addresses were then ably delivered by Bro. Webb, P.M., the Installing Master.

The W.M. initiated Messrs. W. Mecham, J. N. Hearn, and L. J. Lundie into Freemasonry in a manner that gave great satisfaction to the brethren present. The circular from the Earl of Carnarvon respecting the Jubilee festivals having been read and the contents approved by the lodge, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequent honoured in the customary hearty manner,

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" we proposed by the W.M. in suitable terms, and cordial received.

Bro. John Plowman, I.P.M., said he was permitted to introduce one toast to the notice of the brethren present, which they were aware was "The Worshipful Master." He thought that after the proof of the W.M. had given them of his quality, it augured well for the lodge, and he was certain they had the right man in the right place. Such being the case, he was sure they would receive the toast with the heartiness it deserved.

Bro. R. La Feuillade, W.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. As they were aware, it was the first time he had presided at the banquet table, and he therefore hoped they would overlook any shortcomings, but he hoped in a short time to become proficient in all his duties. Reference had been made to his working, but he could only assure them that he had done his best, and was pleased if he had given satisfaction. Since he had been in the lodge he had always endeavoured to perform his duties in a creditable manner, and he hoped that during the forthcoming year he should receive the sympathy and support of all the members. Whatever he had done had been in the interests of the lodge, and he again thanked them for the hearty reception given the toast.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who said they were that evening fortunate in having three initiates. Bro. Mecham he had known for a considerable time, and throughout his acquaintance he had found him to be a Mason at heart, and when the members became to know him they would respect and esteem him.

Bros. Mecham, Hearn, and Lundie having responded, Bro. La Feuillade, W.M., gave the toast of "The Instilling Master," and said the brethren would see by the programme that Bro. G. Everett, their esteemed Treasurer, was to have installed him into the chair, but, being unfortunately on a bed of sickness, was unable to be present. Bro. W. P. Webb, P.M., had, however, undertaken to perform that ceremony at a moment's notice, and they would all agree that he had rendered it in an admirable manner. He was pleased to see the duty fall upon Bro. Webb, for he passed and raised him (the W.M.), and he was therefore anxious that he should undertake the task when he found Bro. Everett could not attend. Bro. Webb, P.M., was worthy of a good reception at their hands, and he therefore asked them to receive the toast with hearty enthusiasm.

Bro. W. P. Webb, P.M., in reply, said that when Bro. Everett offered to perform the installation ceremony, they were all looking forward with anticipation to witness it, for they were fully aware of the excellent manner in which that brother carried out the duties he undertook. He being unable to be present, the duty had suddenly devolved upon him (Bro. Webb), and he had to thank them for the kind forbearance they had shown. He regretted Bro. Everett was absent, but that brother had desired him to express his kind regards to them all, and assure them that, although he was prevented from attending, he would be with them in spirit. He again thanked them for the cordial reception accorded him.

The Worshipful Master then announced his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the first place he wished to qualify himself as a Life Governor, and in the second, noticing the large number of applicants on the list, he thought that in this Jubilee year the brethren

might feel a little more benevolent than usual, and enable him to take up a substantial sum for that Institution. He thought something should be done to relieve the large number of applicants, and to lessen the number of those who went away empty handed. This was a most deserving cause, and he hoped they would contribute a sum that would redound to the credit of the lodge.

Bro. La Feuillade, W.M., subsequently announced that the contributions received that evening had enabled him to raise the total of his list to 50 guineas.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and said that among the large number present that evening there were some eminent Masons. There were no Grand Officers in attendance, but there were several distinguished W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers, to all of whom he extended a warm welcome. Several of the visiting brethren were his own friends of many years' standing. He would call upon Bro. Tuson, whom he had known for 20 years, and Bros. Stunt and Johnson. He was indebted to the latter brother for the benefit of his experiences.

Bro. H. Tuson, P.M. 205, in returning thanks, said he wished the duty could have fallen into better hands. He thanked the W.M. for the honour conferred upon him by mentioning his name, and, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the lodge sincerely for the hospitality they had received. He desired to express his appreciation of the manner in which the work had been performed, but assured the brethren that it was only characteristic of the W.M., for whatever he undertook, he carried out in a highly satisfactory and creditable style. Bro. La Feuillade would prove a credit to the lodge, and the members would not regret their choice.

Bro. W. Stunt, W.M. 1641, added his testimony to the good working, and said he was aware of the great interest taken by the W.M. in Masonry, and therefore congratulated the lodge on having such a Master.

"The Past Masters" was then introduced by the W.M., who expressed his regret that there were very few P.M.'s present. That was the only opportunity afforded him of referring to the I.P.M., who, he considered, entered office under trying circumstances. The lodge had to move from its home to its present quarters, which must have a detrimental effect. Bro. Plowman had carried out the affairs of their lodge in a very creditable manner, and had faithfully studied its best interests, whilst his kind and genial bearing had won the hearts of the members. He now had the pleasure of placing on his breast the jewel voted to him in recognition of his efficient services rendered whilst he occupied the chair.

Bro. J. Plowman, I.P.M., after assuring them that he was at present unaccustomed to the novelty of his position, tendered his sincere thanks for this mark of their favour, of which he was very proud, and which he accepted with the same grace as it was given.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. again referred to the absence of Bro. Everett, Treas., whose greatest grief, he was sure, was that he could not be with them. Bro. Everett had occupied the position of Treasurer for 12 months, and was a most invaluable officer. They were all aware that he was a most able Mason, and his general utility was proverbial. Their Secretary was almost like one of the fixed jewels of the lodge, for he had been with them almost since its formation, and performed his duties to the great satisfaction of the brethren. He had to thank him for many kind services rendered, which were quite outside his duties as Secretary.

Bro. Stuart, P.M., Sec., returned thanks, and expressed his intention of continuing to exert his best endeavours for the welfare of the lodge.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Lingley, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

An excellent programme of music was successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. Grover, Org.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst the large number of members present were Bros. Arthur Ferrar, W.M.; Rudolf Polak, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Ferrar, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.A.G. Sec. Middx., Sec.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; W. Beasley, J.D.; J. H. Rich, I.G.; W. Wright, D.C.; E. Frisby, Org.; W. Simpson and J. Robinson, Stewards; E. Brasted, P.M.; C. Lorkin, P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; and E. Dignam, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Archer, 1655; C. J. Grove, J.W. 742; S. Studd, P.M. 1375; J. McLaren, 1805; G. Baugh, 548; F. Wootton, 1886; J. R. Morford, 569; W. Darnell, P.M. 1679; C. Levett, 1507; H. Neville, 1320; J. Ardenne, 1184; R. Pasco, 27; D. Moss, P.M. 1275; J. Doyle, 1920; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge and benevolent funds, notwithstanding the heavy demands made upon the latter during the year. Bro. Ellis having been passed to the Second Degree, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec., rose and said he had a painful duty to perform, which was to remind the brethren of the serious loss sustained by the lodge since the last meeting by the sudden death of Bro. Charles W. Smyth, P.M. His unexpected death would be sincerely regretted by every member of the lodge, for he was highly respected and esteemed by all who had the good fortune to make his acquaintance. Bro. Smyth, P.M., had taken a lively interest in the foundation of their lodge, and had continued to exert himself on its behalf up to the time of his melancholy death. He was naturally kind and genial, and was happy in the possession of those good qualities which make alike the good man and the good Mason, causing him to be beloved by a large circle of friends. Many members present had known Bro. Smyth in his happy home as a kind husband and an indulgent father, and the greatest sympathy would be felt for his widow and family in their sad affliction. (Bro. Lee) therefore, moved a resolution expressing the regret of the lodge at the decease of their esteemed brother, and of sympathy and condolence with his widow and family in the irreparable loss they had sustained. Bro. Lorkin, P.M., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and said he had known Bro. Smyth for many years as a friend and neighbour and as one ever ready to exert his influence in the cause of Charity. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. Rudolf Polak, S.W., was installed W. Master by Bro.

Arthur Ferrar, I.P.M., in a very able and efficient manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Ferrar, S.W.; A. R. Olley, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; W. Beasley, S.D.; J. H. Rich, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; W. Simpson, Org.; J. Robinson and E. Winch, Stwds.; J. T. March, P.M., Tyler. Bro. A. Ferrar, the Installing Master, then delivered the usual addresses in an impressive style that suitably closed a very successful year of office. Bro. Polak, W.M., presented Bro. Ferrar, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, and said that their I.P.M. had performed his work during the year in a highly creditable manner, and it was the unanimous wish of the brethren that he would be spared for many years to be with them. The circular from Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W., Pro G.M., respecting the Jubilee Festival was read, and the proposals it contained approved by the lodge, which was then closed. The brethren then adjourned to a recherché repast, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" having been given, and received in the customary hearty manner, Bro. A. Ferrar, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was quite sure it would be received with enthusiasm by all present. He regretted that Bro. Polak, W.M., had not had the opportunity that evening of performing one of the ceremonies, and thus giving the brethren a proof of his knowledge of the ritual. But their W.M. had performed the various offices he had held in a manner that left no doubt as to his capabilities for the important office to which he had been promoted. He asked them to drink to the health of their W.M., and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. R. Polak, W.M., tendered his sincere thanks to the I.P.M. for the kind terms in which he had offered the toast of his health to the brethren, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. He would use his best endeavours to satisfactorily perform his duties, and relied upon the officers and members to support and assist him during his term of office.

"The Visitors" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that that toast was one that was always received with warmth in that and every other lodge, for it was by the brethren visiting other lodges that the feelings of brotherly love and good fellowship were promoted. He hoped that the visitors had enjoyed the working they had seen, and that they appreciated the efforts that had been made to entertain them at the banquet table. He heartily welcomed the visiting brethren, and hoped their visits would be repeated.

Bro. S. Studd, P.M. 1375, in responding on behalf of the visitors, said he was sure it must be gratifying to every visiting brother present to find the good working they had witnessed, and also to see the cordiality and good feeling existing amongst the members. He had been struck with the great prosperity the lodge seemed to enjoy, but he had been more struck with the brotherly love and good fellowship that was clearly evinced from one to another amongst the members. He also perceived that the lodge possessed a number of young and capable Masons who would do credit to the Craft in years to come. Bro. Polak was particularly fortunate in being W.M. during the Jubilee year of her Majesty, and the visitors hoped he would have as much prosperity as he desired during his tenure of office. He (Bro. Studd) wished to add a word of praise respecting the installation ceremony. He had frequently seen that ceremony performed, and had worked it himself several times, but he had never seen it rendered as he had on the present occasion. He congratulated the I.P.M. on the wonderful power and impressiveness with which he had carried it out.

Bro. J. Doyle, 1926, also replied, and said that this was the second lodge he had had the privilege of entering in England. He had visited many lodges in different parts of the world, but he must assure them that a lodge more perfectly worked he had never seen. He was happy to have had the opportunity of visiting them, and could not find words to adequately express his thanks for the very kind reception he had met with. In Malta, where his lodge met, they had nothing to compare with the lodge rooms he had seen in this country, for they were confined to nooks and corners where they might meet without fear of disturbance.

Bro. A. Ferrar, I.P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and on their behalf tendered thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been given and received. He had been a P.M. for a very short time, but felt it a very great pleasure to be able to respond for the toast. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the position of the lodge, and he trusted that the W.M. would have a successful year of office.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master said they were two of the most important officers of the lodge. They were fortunate in possessing two such brethren as Bros. Brand and Lee, for all present were aware how ably they managed the affairs of that lodge. It was their hope that those two brethren would retain their offices for many years to come.

Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treasurer, thanked Bro. Polak, W.M., for the kind and flattering way in which he had proposed the toast. He had to confess that he was somewhat flattered with the cordial reception with which he was invariably received. He was sorry that the balance shown in the accounts was not quite as large as last year; but he nevertheless hoped they would progress satisfactorily. The late Bro. Smyth, who had been recently taken from them, was the founder of the Charity box which they were in the habit of seeing at each meeting, and the contents of which helped to swell the Benevolent Fund. They had been able during the past year to give a brother and his widow five guineas each from that fund, which was a good institution, and it would stand on record as one of the services rendered by a P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Secretary, also responded, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the reception accorded the toast. Of course, as the father of the lodge, it was hardly necessary for him to say what a great interest he took in its welfare. Most of those present who had anything to do with the working of a lodge would know that the affairs require careful consideration, and if the P.M.'s did not do their best, the lodge would not progress, but would probably run into debt. What therefore the P.M.'s did they did for the best, and as long as they had the confidence of the members they would continue to exert their influence to promote the best interests of the lodge.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Frisby, Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Rich, Turnbrel, Oakley, Dignam, and others.

COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The Installation Meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Cowes, on the 13th inst. There were present Bros. J. C. Airs, P.M., D.C., W.M. pro tem.; R. L. Robertson, I.P.M., W.M. 2169; G. A. Mursell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; H. C. Damant, S.W.; F. Rutland, J.W.; J. Leftwich, S.D.; Albert E. Lee, J.D.; R. Cullingford, I.G.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M., Reg.; A. Barfield, P.P.J. G.D.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; T. M. Taylor, Stwd.; S. Young, Tyler.; B. Sullivan, T. Halliday, F. W. Dyett, W. H. Bartlett, S. S. Wheeler, A. Perry, Chas. Stock, Chas. Dewdney, Stanley W. R. Russell, J. Binfield Bird, jun., F. Osborne, H. Barlow, W. Snellgrove, G. F. Werry, Oliver H. Caws, T. W. R. Edlind (St. Nicholai Lodge, Sweden); George Brown, 328 and 2169; John Stafford Bush, 1037; John R. Dawson, P.M. 35; Alfred Greenham, W.M., and F. Rayner, J.W. Chine Lodge; George R. King, W.M., and G. A. Brannon, J.D. Albany Lodge; A. Shaw, W.M. Sandown Lodge; H. J. Pain, S.W., and G. J. Myers, 1339; H. C. Sims, I.G. 1461. Bro. S. Wheeler, P.M. Albany Lodge, P.P.G.D., telegraphed felicitations, stating that he was detained on the mainland on account of the fog prevailing; and other visitors were prevented from attending by the same cause.

After the completion of the ordinary business of the lodge, the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. H. C. Damant, S.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. Faulkner with all the accuracy of ceremonial and impressiveness of which he is so capable. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, the collars of the I.P.M. and Chaplain being taken pro tem. by Bros. Airs and Barfield; Bros. H. C. Manners, I.P.M.; F. Rutland, S.W.; J. Leftwich, J.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. A. Mursell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; A. Barfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Charities Committee; A. E. Lee, S.D.; R. Cullingford, J.D.; T. Taylor, I.G.; W. Snellgrove, Org.; S. W. R. Russell, D. of C.; J. B. Bird, A.D.C.; G. Werry, Reg.; J. C. Airs, P.M., and H. H. Wheeler, P.M., Stwds.; and S. Young, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel had been voted by the lodge to Bro. H. C. Manners for his services in the chair during the past year, until called away from Cowes by his duty; but in his absence the presentation was deferred to the following lodge night. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Barfield for his assistance during the past year as member of the Charities Committee, and on the proposition of Bro. Faulkner, seconded by the W.M., and carried, a vote of thanks from the lodge to Bro. Mursell, P.M., Sec., was ordered to be entered on the minutes, for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary, &c., during the past five years. Donations to the Charity Funds, to the amount of about sixty guineas, were announced, twenty guineas being on the list of Bro. Barfield, who is going up as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the remainder on that of Bro. Mursell, who will act as Steward for the Girls' School. Bros. Barfield and Stanley W. R. Russell each contribute ten guineas to the total.

After the lodge was closed, an excellent banquet was served at Droyer's Marine Hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Queen and the Craft."

The W.M. proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past; the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Beach, M.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Barfield, P.P.J.G.D., and Mursell, P.P.S.G.D., responded.

Bro. Faulkner proposed, in a genial and highly complimentary manner, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. C. Damant," who responded in a most happy and telling speech.

Bro. Mursell proposed "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Barfield responding.

(The collection at the table in aid of the Charities amounted to £3, and a donation of one guinea from Bro. G. Brown for Bro. Mursell's list for the Girls' School.)

The W. Master proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. H. C. Manners; and the Installing Master, Bro. Faulkner, P.M., Treas., P.P.J.G.W.," to which Bro. Faulkner responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and extended a hearty welcome to the subjects of the toast.

Bros. G. R. King, W.M. Albany Lodge; Pain, Myers, Sims, Rayner, and Edlind responded, the last mentioned saying his brethren in Sweden would be delighted to hear of the hospitable reception he had met with.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Secretary and Past Masters," which was responded to by Bros. Mursell, Sec.; T. W. Faulkner, Airs, Haxthausen, Barfield, Wheeler, and Robertson.

"The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the Worshipful Master, was responded to by Bro. Rutland, S.W.

The Tyler's and other toasts followed.

During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Werry, Rutland, H. H. Wheeler, J. C. Airs, Myers, Lee, King, Cullingford, and others. Mr. F. Rutland presided at the piano, and played the accompaniments with great skill and taste.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The first meeting of this lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th inst., when there was a numerous attendance and a full programme of work. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, Bro. Adamson Rhagg, I.P.M., undertook the duties of the chair, supported by Bros. R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; T. G. Smith, P.M., D.C.; John Moul, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; E. Shewbrooks, S.W.; W. Dalrymple, J.W.; W. Brown, Secretary; W. F. Raeburn, S.D.; T. Thompson, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. F. Dryden and M. R. Wright, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. T. Corking, T. L. Hall, E. Carr, J. Rutter, T. Shepherd, W. Stafford, A. Simpson, R.

Brason, T. Wright, R. Swanson, W. F. Brown, T. Swan, J. Patterson, H. Carrick, H. L. Russell, G. C. Potts, W. H. Denton, and the following visitors: Bros. H. Spittle, W.M. 1342; J. T. Mathews, S.W. 1342; T. P. Bennett, W.L. 1342; W. Gibson, 1342; D. Gordon, 1342; W. L. Debdenham, 1342; Isaac Taylor, I.G. 1342; T. Dinning, P.M. 481; B. Ford, P.M. 481; J. Cook, P.M. 481; E. Turnbull, J.W. 481; J. C. Lawson, I.P.M. 424; G. U. Patterson, J.D. 424; W. M. Lyon, W.M. 406; J. E. Aitchison, J.W. 541; J. G. Williams, S.D. 991; T. Davidson, I.G. 991; and others.

The ballot was taken respectively for Messrs. J. W. Kimpster and Ernest R. B. Glassman, and for the Rev. W. Bowker, all of whom were elected. Messrs. Kimpster and Bowker being in attendance, were duly initiated by the acting W.M., assisted by the J.W. Bros. G. C. Potts, W. H. Denton, and W. T. Cortin were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Two candidates for initiation were proposed. A circular from the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, respecting the forthcoming Festival to commemorate the Jubilee of the Queen, was submitted and agreed to. Other formal business having been transacted, "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors were tendered, after which the lodge was closed.

CHELTENHAM.—Royal Union Lodge (No. 246).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.M. 839, P.P.J.G.W. and Prov. G. Charity Sec., was installed in the chair. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Brook-Smith, M.A., assisted by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Kynaston, P.S.G.W., P.M. 82; W. Forth, P.P.G.R.; W. Powell, P.G.S.B., P.M. 900; T. E. Gandy, G. Norman, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Felton, P.P.G.S. of W.; and other Past Provincial Officers. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Thorn, P.G.D. of C., as I.P.M.; J. Darby, S.W.; F. Fenner, J.W.; W. Heath, S.D.; T. A. Huband, J.D.; E. Lawrence, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Balcomb, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; T. Gandy, D. of C.; J. Walker, P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; W. R. Wheatley, Org.; and T. Phillips, Tyler. In addition to the brethren already named, the following members of the lodge were present: Bros. C. A. Dunn, Past S.W.; E. Gregory, P.P.G.D. of C.; Baron de Ferrieres, Past G.D., &c.; J. L. Butler, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Steel, J. Ryland, J. Wag-horne, C. H. Rainier, J. Fisher, T. Furber, S. Martin, F. W. Taylor, B. Norman, G. Peters, H. J. Ferris, W. Sumner Smith, and E. Fisher. The following visitors also signed the Tyler's book: S. Bland, W.M. 493; A. E. Green, P.M. 925; R. W. White, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 839; G. W. Keeling, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 85; R. Prowde-Smith, W.M. 82; C. E. Cave, 1847; F. Clark, 593; W. W. Marfold, T. J. Brown, 41; E. T. Chipp, W.M. 1005; E. L. Bayliss, J.W. 82; D. Y. Needman, 523; P. H. Smith, S.W. 82; and J. Robinson, 41.

The sum of two guineas was voted by the lodge to the Cheltenham Hospital. After the lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LEEDS.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—The installation meeting of this, one of the oldest and most flourishing lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. Additional interest was attached to the gathering, because the Prov. Grand Master had signified his intention of being present, and it was expected that as he had just returned from London he would be able to make some authoritative statement in reference to the proposed Masonic Jubilee celebration. The W.M., Bro. T. Myers, assumed the gavel for the last time, when he was supported by an exceedingly large muster of brethren. The lodge having been opened, the arrival of the Prov. Grand Lodge was announced. The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England, was accompanied by Bros. H. Smith, D.P.G.M., and W. B. Alderson, P.P.G.D., P.A.G. Secretary. The other members of Prov. Grand Lodge present were Bros. Ald. Woodhouse, J.P., Prov. J.G.W.; Dr. Smyth, M.A., D.D.G.M. Eastern Arch., P.G. Chap.; Townsend, P.G. Organist; S. T. Oates, P.D.A.G.D.C.; S. W. Newsam, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Richardson, P.P.G.P.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; and R. Craig, P.P.G.D. The W.M.'s of each of the Leeds lodges were present, namely, Bros. A. Scarth, 289; Councillor Binnis, 306; W. Flockton, 1042; A. W. Youings, 1211; R. Harris, 1221; W. D. Hollis, 1311; and C. L. Mason, 2069. Amongst the many visitors were the following brethren from the neighbouring Province of North and East Yorks: Bros. W. Brown, W.M. 1611, and John Blenkin, P.M. 1611. In the body of the lodge were Bros. G. Hill, P.M.; W. M. Tomlinson, P.M.; J. Yates, P.M.; W. B. Scriven, P.M.; I. W. Bailey, P.M.; Tudor Trevor, P.M.; Wm. Watson, P.M.; A. F. McGill, P.M.; Scarth, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; J. W. Gaines, P.M.; Bingham, S.W. 1042; W. M. Cheesman, S.W. 566; T. P. Barlow, J.W. 566; G. W. Hudson, Treas. 506; and many others.

The P.G.M. and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been saluted, the ceremony of installation was most beautifully and effectively rendered by that veteran in the Craft, Bro. Robert Craig, P.M. 304, and P.P.G.D. There is no brother in the province more highly or deservedly respected than Bro. Craig, and on this occasion he surpassed himself in the manner he conducted this ceremony. He received efficient aid from Bro. Geo. Hill, P.M., who acted as D. of C. The newly-installed Master having taken his seat in the chair of K.S., he awarded the collars as follows: Bros. T. Myers, I.P.M.; J. Rickards, S.W.; Wm. Hy. Hewson, J.W.; Rev. T. Greenbury, Chap.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; William Cockerline, Sec.; F. H. Lawson, S.D.; J. Grimshaw, J.D.; W. B. Townsend, P.G.O., Org.; George Hill, P.M., D. of C.; John W. Booth, I.G.; Jas. Beaumont and C. Croysdale, Stwds.; and S. Barraud, Tyler. Bro. Mason was unanimously selected as the lodge's representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Craig and Rickards, as the Charity Stewards for the lodge. The Secretary then read the communication from the M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, in reference to the part to be taken by the Freemasons of England at the forthcoming Jubilee of her Majesty. The W.M. then invited R.W. Bro. Tew to address the lodge on this subject.

The R.W. Bro. Tew, P.G.D. of England, and P.G.M. West Yorkshire, then rose for the purpose of addressing the brethren, and received a very cordial reception. He said:

Allow me in the first place to thank your newly-installed Master for the very kind letter of invitation which he wrote me on the 3rd ult., to be present at your influential meeting this evening. I must say of this letter that it is written in just that charming spirit which only could come from the bottom of the heart of a true-hearted West Yorkshireman, and I mean to place this letter among my archives as the most pleasing souvenir of this class of communication it has been my pleasure to receive. Let me also say how glad I am to see our dear Bro. Craig here. Let me offer my warmest wishes for a happy new year to him. We are all delighted

to see that the years set so lightly upon him, and that he still retains his memory and the facile diction which has enabled him to go through the ceremony so admirably. I only hope that when I arrive at his years I shall be able to do as well in this capacity as he now is. I thank Bro. Woodhouse, P.J.G.W., and the other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for so kindly receiving me, and you, brethren, for your kind salutation given to the office which I have the honour to occupy this evening. Although I have very often been in this beautiful room and had the honour of visiting the lodge, yet may I hope that it is not an impossible wish that the G.A.O.T.U. may permit us to see the Jubilee of No. 304, which will take place in nine years. I was glad to see on the Charity lists the names of Bros. Jas. Bedford, P.P.G.D., and Craig, P.P.G.D., and in addition Bros. Bedford and Oates, P.A.G.D.C., contributed to the Boys' School. In the list for the current year I see that Bros. Craig and Bedford have placed their names on the list for the Benevolent Fund, and will act as Stewards at the Festival on the 22nd February. I doubt not that in due course the lodge will take into consideration the scheme initiated at the Charity meeting at Dewsbury, on the 15th February. It was hoped at that meeting that we should be enabled to support the Widows' Fund in a jubilee manner worthy both of the Institution and of the Province of West Yorks. The Queen is a widow, and I think nothing could have been more proper than the proposals of the Chairman of the Charity Committee of this province, Bro. Smithson, P.P.G.D., that we should take up the Widows' Fund. At the same time, you have heard the letter from Lord Carnarvon read. Having just returned from London, where I have had several communications from the Grand Lodge, I am able to tell you what their mind is on the subject. I think this is a very convenient time for me to say what I have to say on this subject, as I see the W.M.'s of all the Leeds lodges and several brethren from the adjoining Province of North and East Yorks. The Grand Lodge is putting great pressure upon P.G.M.'s, and I in turn must also press upon the W.M.'s of Leeds and of the province to take up that letter, and deal with it in a worthy and patriotic manner, and then there would be no difficulty in sending up to Grand Lodge in a short time a satisfactory answer on this important subject. It was the desire of the M.W.G.M. that the question should be taken up, so as to demonstrate the attachment to himself and our loyalty to our beloved Queen. The idea rather favoured by Grand Lodge is this. I am informed that there are something like 70,000 subscribing members on the roll of Grand Lodge in England throughout the various provinces into which this country is for the purposes of Masonry divided. Besides that, there are about 100,000 Masons unattached to any lodge, and who are therefore not subscribing members to the Grand Lodge. To them as well as to ourselves the privilege is offered of some loyal demonstration to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It must also be distinctly understood that whatever demonstration does take place, whether at the Albert Hall or Olympia, it cannot be in one sense a Grand Lodge opening, such as you see it at the quarterly meetings of that body, because by their Constitutions Grand Lodge cannot make a charge for the admission of any brother. The demonstration will be simply one of loyalty to the Prince of Wales and devotion to the Queen. An address will be presented to his Royal Highness, which will be given to the Queen, expressive of our sentiments of loyalty and devotion to our Grand Master and to our Queen. This will somewhat clear the ground and enable us to come to a decision on Lord Carnarvon's letter. I have visited, in company with Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the palace of Olympia, which we calculate will accommodate 6000 Masons, and if such a number signified their intention of being present, the admission fee would be reduced to one guinea. The Grand Lodge, too, is at the present moment making arrangements with all the railways in this country to take Freemasons to London and back at one fare, no matter what class they choose to travel by. This being the case, and the admission being one guinea instead of two guineas, will reduce the cost of taking part in such a demonstration to a minimum. Then again I think his Royal Highness has fixed the maximum subscription to the National Institute at one guinea, but neither does his Royal Highness nor the Grand Lodge expect every Master on the roll to give that amount. Even as low as 2s. 6d. will be gladly accepted, or even is, for those who cannot afford more. I do hope that this information, given in the presence of so many brethren of my province, will go through the length and breadth of the West Riding, and I hope all will take into consideration what I have said. I hope that I and the past and present members of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorks will have the honour of sending to London the names of a very large number of subscribers to this idea of the Royal Grand Master. His Royal Highness hopes that every subscribing brother will give something, and that each subscribing brother's name may appear in a book, which the M.W.G.M. intends to have bound and presented to her Majesty, as a palpable testimony of our affection for our Royal Grand Master, and loyalty to her Majesty. I appeal to you to allow me to put pressure upon you to act promptly in this matter. When I put down my guinea do not let me go with a beggarly following at my back. It would be painful to me if this thing were taken up in small numbers, because so long as I hold my position amongst you, from the Prince of Wales, it would be a painful reflection if I did not carry up to London the majority of the names of the 3300 subscribing Masons of this province. This matter is to be taken up as a test of affection and loyalty, and I think it will be a grand thing if we, in this province of West Yorks, show in unmistakable terms our loyalty to the Prince of Wales and our undying affection to our Most Gracious Queen. Under these circumstances you will not ask me to go to Grand Lodge as a feeble representative of the patriotism of West Yorks.

A Committee was formed to take the circular of Grand Lodge into consideration, and present a report to the next meeting of the lodge. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. P.P.G.

Treas., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bro. Robert Craig and the S.W. on the Local Relief Committee.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, "The Health of the W.M." being given by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Tew, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations given by several of the brethren and visitors.

PRESTON.—Peace and Unity Lodge (No. 314).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Mess Rooms, Starker-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Worsley, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., who was unable to attend through ill-health. Bro. Shuttleworth was supported by a good attendance of members, the visitors including Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M. 1165; J. Nevett, P.M. 113, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. D. Murry, P.M. 1335, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Elton, P.M. 343, P.P.G.S.B.; Captain Lingard, I.P.M. 1030; J. H. Barrow, P.P.S.G.D.; Stevenson, W.M. elect 343; Dawson, W.M. 343; Traughton, I.P.M. 343; Snape, W.M. 113; E. Barber, P.M. 113; the Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.P.G.C.; Dr. Wartenberg, P.M. 1476; and several others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and after conferring the Third Degree upon Bro. John Humber, Bro. Shuttleworth installed Bro. Major F. L. Gore Little as W.M. into the chair of K.S. The W.M. made the following appointments: Bros. J. Clarke, S.W.; H. M. Nowell, J.W.; the Rev. F. Dickson, Chap.; R. Bee, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); A. G. Collins, P.M. 1375, P.P.G.D.C., Sec. (re-appointed); H. Houghton, S.D.; J. Pearson, J.D.; Dr. J. Christison, P.M., D.C.; E. Myres, P.M., Org.; W. M. Maddox, I.G.; Swanson, Wall, and Christian, Stwds.; and Hankin, Tyler.

After some formal business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Park Hotel, where dinner was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, bringing a most pleasant evening to a close.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—On Friday, the 21st ult., the annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. After the preliminary proceedings, the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. S. Hancock, P.S.G.D. Wilts, vacated the chair, which, at his request, was taken by Bro. William Nott, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, who duly installed, according to ancient custom, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Carnal Hopkins, the S.W. for the past year. The newly-installed Master, in investing the various officers for the ensuing year, addressed them as to their several duties, and the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. The following were the officers invested: Bros. W. L. Tucker, S.W.; H. J. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. W. Humphrys, P.P.G.C. Salop, Chap.; William Nott, P.M., Treas.; H. I. Ward, P.M., Sec.; F. Sloper, S.D.; W. J. Baldwin, J.D.; W. H. Burt, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Bush, P.M., Org.; W. Cooper, I.G.; H. Howse, P.M.; B. W. Crees and F. H. Ingpen, Stwds.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. T. S. Fletcher, P.M. 586, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts; John Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G.D.C. Wilts; W. S. Bambridge, I.P.M. 1533, P.P.G.O. Wilts; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts; J. H. Foley, I.P.M. 632; G. J. Farrington, P.M. 1271; and others.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Crown Hotel, towards which Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributed, as usual, a supply of venison and game.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., when Bro. T. Brakenridge was installed as W.M., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. H. Burns, P.G.P., I.P.M.; W. D. P. Field, S.W.; J. S. Moffatt, J.W.; J. Spittal, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Dr. J. F. Muir, Sec.; J. M. Clarke, S.D.; D. Atkinson, J.D.; J. S. Bryden, D.C.; B. Taylor, I.G.; W. H. McClellan and R. Shepherd, Stwds.; and J. Sewell, Tyler.

The following members and visitors were present: Bros. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.W.; T. Glessall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Tyson, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.D.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.G. Swd.; W. Pagen, W.M. 119; John Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; C. Gowen, P.M. 1989, P.G. Swd. Br.; M. Haslam, P.M. 1021; E. Jackson, W.M. 1073; Dr. Macnab, 119; W. H. Bewlay, W. J. Tyson, J. C. Todd, G. Golightly, E. Thornburrow, C. Rowe, D. H. Cook, R. Ward, 1400; W. Macaulay, and others.

Three members were presented with their Grand Lodge certificates. On the motion of the W.M., a vote of thanks—to be recorded—was passed to Bros. Morton and Dalrymple for their services as Installing Masters. With "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Lion Hotel, where ample provision was made for all, and a very pleasant evening spent.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The installation meeting was held at the Griffin Hotel, on the 19th inst., and attracted the largest gathering of members and visitors yet recorded on the books of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Weaver, opened the lodge, with his officers as follows: Bros. Chapman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; J. Drewett, W.M. 1638, as S.D.; and G. Wade, I.G. After the confirmation of minutes, the Auditors' report was read, and the financial statement showed a balance in hand of £36 odd. It was seen that grants of 10 guineas to each of the three Charities had been made, and there had been an exceptional expenditure in renewing officers' collars, so that the balance was deemed most satisfactory. By request of the W.M. of Brownrigg Lodge (Bro. Jno. Drewett), Bro. McCall Chambers was passed to the F.C. Degree, in which ceremony he was attended by the Master of his mother lodge as S.D. The installation then proceeded, Bro. Elsam, P.M., taking the chair, by desire of the outgoing Master. Bro. Chapman, S.W., who had been elected at the previous meeting by an unanimous vote, was

presented by Bro. Long, P.M., and the ceremony was performed most impressively. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of no less than 28, 15 of whom wore purple. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the customary salutes were given, and then the new occupant of the chair of K.S. appointed his officers.

The appointments fell thus: Bros. W. Drewett, S.W.; J. Drewett, J.W.; T. Long, P.M., Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., Sec. (in succession to Bro. Squire, P.M., resigned); Colbron, P.M. 355, S.D.; H. Abrahams, jun., J.D.; F. J. Hayward, I.G.; Metcalfe, D.C.; G. Wade, Stwd.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were given admirably by Bro. Elsam, who perhaps never performed an installation with better effect. In the after proceedings the W.M. presented to his predecessor the P.M. jewel voted to him by the lodge, and Bro. Weaver suitably acknowledged the gift. The W.M. announced that he would go up as Steward for the Girls' School, and Bro. Edgell took upon himself a like office for the Benevolent Institution. Ten guineas were voted to each Steward from the lodge funds.

After other formal business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren gathered around the festive board to the number of 60. An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Sharp, and the usual toasts followed.

A special toast was added to the list, viz., "The late Secretary, Bro. Squire, P.M., on his retirement." The W.M. had also the pleasurable duty of presenting to Bro. Squire (who is Secretary of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3) a most handsome timepiece, of the value of 20 guineas, subscribed for by the brethren. In asking Bro. Squire's acceptance of the gift, the W.M. referred to the long connection of their late Secretary with the Dobie Lodge—20 years as a member, and 14 of that period as Secretary. The W.M. assured Bro. Squire that they all regretted the severance of the tie between them, but they hoped to see him amongst them for some years to come. We should mention that Bro. Squire was elected an honorary member of the lodge on his resignation of office. The observations of the W.M. were cordially approved of by the brethren.

Bro. Squire, who was deeply affected, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for that mark of appreciation of his services. His whole connection with the Dobie Lodge had been marked by much happiness, and he should never forget the many happy hours spent with present and past members.

The visitors present included Bros. Lyon, W.M. 43, P.P.G.S.B. Warwick; J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1638, P.A.G.D.C.; Abel Lawrence, P.M. 1638; W. Lane, P.M. 1638; J. W. Squire, W.M. 3; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 1872; A. Wilson, P.M. 1208; H. Macaulay, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; W. H. Pearse, W.M. 1872; Skewes-Cox, P.M. 8; E. Dickman, P.M. 1892; C. Phillips, P.M. 820; Gifford T. Salmon, W.M. 820; G. Moorman, S.W. 1638; and others.

WESTON.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Young, W.M.; G. H. Bartlett, S.W.; R. Bull, J.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; C. Becket, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Baker, S.D.; A. Wadoux, J.D.; L. Howes, P.M., D. of C.; W. Gayner and W. H. Fisher, Stwd.; G. Strange, I.G.; C. Pinket, Tyler; J. Knight, I.P.M.; W. H. Dell, P.M.; F. Glover, P.M.; J. Stuckey, P.M.; F. W. Dingle, P.M.; H. Graham Montagu, H. Humphries, E. W. Loveless, T. Cross, T. R. Gill, F. A. Smith, E. Mills, J. Banks, and J. Hayward.

The summons stated the business to be—1, to pass Bro. H. G. Montagu, and, 2, to consider proposition of the Pro Grand Master relative to the commemoration of the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen. The lodge having been opened, the summons was read, and several excuses for non-attendance were received from absent brethren, after which Bro. H. G. Montagu was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the W.M. At the request of the W.M., the Secretary read the circular which had been received from the P.G. Secretary, informing the brethren that upon the occasion of the approaching Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty it had been decided to hold a large meeting of Freemasons at the Albert Hall or some other suitable building, the monies received at which would be appropriated to the Masonic Charities, and also suggesting that a subscription should be started among the members of each lodge, to be paid over as a Masonic tribute to the proposed Imperial Institute, as to which latter proposal it was desired to ascertain whether the same was approved or otherwise by the lodges in that province. The W.M. having invited the opinion of the brethren thereon, Bro. Bartlett, S.W., proposed "That, having heard the letter read, and considered the proposal, this lodge does not approve the proposal contained therein." In moving this resolution he disclaimed all notion that he was in any way hostile to the proposed Institute, which, for all he knew, might possess all the advantages claimed by its advocates, and be entirely free from the objections alleged by others who thought differently; at the same time, its objects had nothing to do with Freemasonry, and it might be safely left to the general public and to the members of the Craft in their other capacities to support or not as they might see fit. If anything were done in that lodge to commemorate the Jubilee, and he hoped there would be, he should much prefer that each chair in the lodge, or as many of them as the funds allowed, should be qualified with votes for some of the Masonic Charities, as being more distinctly within their professed objects. The resolution was seconded by Bro. W. H. Dill, P.M. Bro. F. Glover, P.M., proposed as an amendment—"That this lodge approves of the proposal contained in the letter now read." He said the lodge was merely called upon in the first instance to express an opinion on the matter, and seeing that the Jubilee was a matter of so much importance generally, more especially to Masons, and taking into consideration that the Queen's son was our Grand Master, he urged the lodge to approve the scheme set forth in the letter. At any rate, it would be ungracious to disapprove the scheme unless the lodge was prepared to suggest a better. Bro. Becket, P.M., strongly opposed the proposed scheme, and considered that any funds raised in Masonic lodge would not be properly applied if given in that direction. He expressed a desire that the lodge should convey to the V.W. Pro G. Master their desire to assist in any good suggestion having the benefit of the Masonic Charities for its object, but considered the proposal for the benefit of the Imperial

Institute entirely outside the objects of the Craft. Bro. Wadoux also spoke in favour of the resolution. The amendment was not seconded. Bro. Bartlett, in reply, pointed out that the lodge was only asked to say "yes" or "no" to the proposal, and that it would only be misleading to the Pro Grand Master if the scheme were approved unless the members were prepared to follow up the approval by a good subscription list, of which at present he saw no indication. So far as he had been able to ascertain the views of the brethren in his immediate neighbourhood (even including the mover of the resolution), they were very fairly represented by the cartoon in *Punch* last week. The Institute was doubtless an excellent idea, but "still they would like to see something of the machinery inside." The W.M. having put the resolution to the vote, it was carried by a very large majority, only two brethren voting against it.

This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The installation banquet in connection with this lodge took place on Friday, the 28th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. William King, W.M. The installation of Bro. King took place in July last; but the banquet which usually follows that event was from unavoidable circumstances postponed until the date above mentioned. About 30 brethren assembled, Bro. King being supported by Bros. J. E. Oglethorpe, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; P.M.'s: J. Ellershaw, J. Barrow, Treas.; R. Wolfenden, and J. D. Ball; J. W. Stork, I.P.M.; R. Nicholson, W.M. 281; J. F. Willan, W.M. 1561; J. B. Shaw, J.W. 281; J. Atkinson, P.M. 281; and others. At the conclusion of the repast, and dessert having been handed round,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Queen" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," from the chair, and which were received with the customary honours.

The Worshipful Master also gave the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G.M.; Lord Stanley of Preston, W.D.G.M.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. Oglethorpe.

Bro. Barrow, P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and, in so doing, spoke of the energy and zeal which he had displayed in discharging the duties of his office, and with which all the brethren were perfectly well satisfied.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, stated how highly gratified he was at being elected to that office, and how he appreciated the honour of presiding over the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. Although a young lodge it was fairly vigorous, and they had amongst their members many genial spirits and good Freemasons.

Bro. Nuttal gave "The Immediate Past Master," which was acknowledged by Bro. Stork.

Bro. Ellershaw, P.M., toasted "The Wardens," which was responded to by Bros. D. Shaw, S.W.; and J. Simpson, J.W.

Bro. Wolfenden, P.M., gave "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," which was acknowledged by Bros. Barrow, P.M.; and Nuttal.

The W.M. gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Nicholson, Willan, and Shaw.

Bro. Atkinson gave "Success to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge," to which Bro. Threlfall responded.

The toasts of "The Masonic Charities," "The Assistant Officers," acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. Ward, I.G. (the chief constable of the borough), the "Masonic Hall Trustees," were also given and duly acknowledged, the list being brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, which was proposed by Bro. A. K. Allinson.

The after-dinner proceedings were considerably enlivened by songs and recitations contributed by Bros. Linnaker, and one or two others.

BEAMINSTER.—Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—On Tuesday, the 11th ult., at the lodge room, White Hart Hotel, Bro. Charles G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Hann, I.P.M.; R. Tolman, S.W.; C. Tolman, J.W.; E. G. Austen, Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; H. Maunder, Secretary; E. G. Legg, P.M., D.C.; R. R. Samson, S.D.; A. Hann, J.D.; T. Cox, Org.; O. M. Beament, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., and R. England, Stwd.; and J. Keech, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R.

The banquet was held at the conclusion of the lodge business.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Commercial Hotel. There were present Bros. A. Cosgrave, W.M.; J. Barrett, I.P.M.; T. B. Tong, S.W.; W. E. Bardsley, J.W.; N. Nicholson, Sec.; B. Derham, J.D.; Thos. Morris, I.G.; J. Miles, Org.; Thos. Higson, Tyler; P.M.'s: Bros. Brockbank, Harwood, Latham, T. M. W. Newell, J. B. Goulborn, Stwd.; T. E. Smith, H. M. Staveley, Miles Settle, Jas. Ashton, Visitors; C. Howarth, 221; and J. McAdam, 381.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate, Mr. William Altham, who was proposed at the last meeting, was balloted for and approved, and, having signed the requisite declaration and paid the customary fees, was introduced and duly initiated into Masonry in the First Degree by the W.M., who is to be congratulated on his successful rendering of the ceremonial. The working tools were explained by Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Std. Br., and the charge to the initiate was delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G., Std. Br., Eng. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Secretary read several letters from the Charitable Institutions in London, and it was stated that this lodge would be represented by several Stewards at the Royal Benevolent Institution, viz.: Bros. N. Nicholson, T. B. Tong, H. W. Staveley, Miles Settle, and M. Fielding. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren. A guinea was voted in aid of the fund being raised by St. David's Lodge, Wales, to clear off the debt on the New Masonic Hall. Closed in peace and harmony.

GUERNSEY.—Fidelis Lodge (No. 1809).—The annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, on the 26th ult., in the presence of between 60 and 70 brethren, and over 20 P.M.'s. The office of Installing Master was performed by Bro. T. M. Bichard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Jersey, the elected W.M., being Bro. W. Newberry. The ceremony having been gone through in true Masonic style, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Charles Newberry, I.P.M.; Brouard, S.W.; Hayward, J.W.; Le Ray, Treas.; T. M. Bichard, Sec.; H. Bichard, S.D.; Entwistle, J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Connellan, D.C.; Tucker, A.D.C.; and Biddescombe, Tyler.

After the ceremony a banquet was held, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and fraternal fellowship.

Amongst those present at the installation and banquet were Bros. Quick, P.M.; Sneath, P.M.; Pengelly, P.M.; Courtenay, P.M.; Palmer, P.M.; Coombes, P.M.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; P. Le Page, P.M.; and others.

At the banquet, Bro. Sneath proposed "The Installing Master" in felicitous terms, and Bro. Palmer gave "The Visiting Brethren," of whom there were a large number present.

One notable feature in the ceremony was the introduction of organ music during the processions in saluting the W.M., and the singing of the Masonic hymn at the close, which had a fine effect.

INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. S. Gaskin, W.M.; J. L. Barrett, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Paddle, Treas.; W. J. Ball, Sec.; D. Hills, S.D.; P. Sharpe, J.D.; Jardine, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and worked in the First Degree, the 1st and 4th Sections and the ceremony of initiation being rehearsed. Arrangements were completed for the following engagements, viz.: Lecture to Master Masons on the Ritual of the Symbolic Degrees on the 17th inst. by the Preceptor; the Fifteen Sections on the 24th inst.; and the ceremony of installation on 3rd prox. Joining members were received, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; W. Fowles, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; A. Clark, S.D.; W. Brindley, J.D.; L. Gunzell, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. A. Itter, J. T. Worthy, James Rowe, James Woodward, F. M. Noakes, W. Ham, F. W. Cash, T. A. Dickson, F. Dusterwald, and F. T. C. Keeble.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. C. Itter, offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. W. Fowles, 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. W. Fowles, in accordance with the bye-laws, proposed that Bro. W. C. Smith be elected Preceptor of this lodge of instruction, saying that his abilities and willingness at all times were much to be admired—seconded by Bro. F. Dusterwald. The W.M., in putting the proposition, spoke in the highest terms of their Preceptor; carried unanimously. Bro. W. C. Smith made a suitable reply, thanking the brethren for the confidence they had always placed in him, and said he hoped to retain it. Bro. A. Clark then proposed that Bro. G. Reynolds be elected Treasurer and Secretary of this lodge of instruction, remarking that their Secretary was indefatigable in his duties whether in or out of season; and it was the interest he took in the lodge of instruction that had made it so successful, which would be proved by the Auditors' report when read. Seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, who said he endorsed all that had been said of Bro. G. Reynolds, for he showed great zeal in his work as Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. The W.M., in putting the proposition, said he did so heartily. The Secretary's duties were arduous, and he could say he looked well after his children in the lodge of instruction. Carried unanimously. Bro. G. Reynolds replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and then read the Auditors' report, which was as follows:—"The Auditors have very much pleasure in stating that during the year 1886 51 meetings have been held, the number of members attending being 1639, an average of 32.7 at each meeting, and an increase of 945 over the year 1885, the number of joining members being 134. The lodge has been opened in the First Degree 51 times, in the Second Degree 51 times, and in the Third Degree 28 times. The lodge has been resumed from one Degree to another 46 times, closed down 24 times, and called off 10 times. The ceremony of initiation has been rehearsed 41 times, passing 26 times, raising 26 times, and the Fifteen Sections worked twice. The First Lecture with its Sections has been worked 73 times, the Second Lecture 26 times, and the Third Lecture 14 times. The ceremony of consecration has been rehearsed once, and the installation ceremony twice. Votes of thanks have been recorded on the minutes to brethren for services as W.M.'s for the first time 32 times. Two ballots of £5 ss. each have been drawn from the funds of the lodge of instruction for Life Subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institutions, in accordance with bye-law 29, which were declared in favour of Bros. E. J. D. Bromley and J. Watts. Two suppers and a summer outing have been enjoyed by the members attending the same, in each case a great success being attained. The great advance in point of number, and also in the amount of dues received, speaks for itself as to the continued success of the lodge of instruction, and the zeal and abilities with which its affairs are conducted by the Preceptor and Secretary. The Auditors are hopeful that this success may be maintained during the present year. Bros. F. Kedge, A. Clark, and T. A. Dickson, Auditors." Bro. F. Dusterwald proposed that the Auditors' report be adopted, with a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. G. Reynolds for the able and clear manner in which the books and records had been kept—seconded by Bro. W. Ham. Bro. G. Reynolds thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services, and hoped for their support, and that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction would still continue to prosper and do good work. Bro. G. Reynolds then proposed that a New Year's gift be presented to Bro. Weeks, Tyler, which was unanimously voted. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bertini for the kindness and attention he had always shown to the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction since they had met at the Criterion—seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. This closed the usual busy evening of the year as to the election of Preceptor, Treasurer and, Secretary, and the result of the work done in the lodge of instruction, the brethren considered most encouraging and satisfactory. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Gibson, P.M., J.W. and Treas.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Wray, P.M.

Coleman, Swinler, J. Purnell, Grist, Hill, Abbott, Edwards, F. Purnell, Adams, Mason, Chilcott, and Green, jun. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Abbott being the candidate. Bro. Hill, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hill being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Roberts was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M.; C. R. Cross, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; E. Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; A. Cavers, S.D.; Bull, J.D.; A. Stomill, I.G.; Speigel, P.M., Preceptor; Craggs, Benton, Bonham, Stroud, Gilbert, Jennings, Wood, and Head.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Benton answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony was completed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. E. Austin answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. C. R. Cross was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Austin proposed that this lodge subscribe to the Imperial Institute for the Jubilee some amount—which was not seconded.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. Ayling, Preceptor, W.M.; L. De Costa, S.W.; B. De Costa, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; E. Aslett, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; W. G. Coat, Moss, P.M. 1275; Wood, Steers, Stroud, Page, Allman, Worth, W. W. Williams, and C. Dopson, W.M. 834.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Allman, S.D. 125, offering himself as a candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Dopson, W.M. 834, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in such a manner as to call forth the high commendation of the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. B. De Costa was elected a member. A proposition, made by Bro. W. Williams, and seconded by Bro. Craggs, that any member attending two-fifths of the possible number of attendances during which time the sum of £5 5s. was accumulating should be eligible to participate in the ballot for one of the Subscriptions, was discussed at some length, and supported by Bro. A. Williams, Sec., and opposed by Bros. Gardner, Treas., Wood, and Stroud. The rule at present in use—providing that a member shall be eligible for this ballot who attends 20 times during the preceding 12 months, dating back from the day the £5 5s. is completed—on being put to the vote, the proposed alteration was duly carried; and Bro. Gardner thereupon gave notice of motion to rescind that alteration and propose another alteration in its stead. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 1st ult. Present: Bros. C. H. Phillips, W.M.; Butterworth, S.W.; S. Richardson, J.W.; Glover, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Esling, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Worlencroft, Hampton, Banks, Tarr, Kerry, Folkestone, Wright, Luckhurst, Cannon, H. Stokes, Hartley, Wildbore, Axford, Bowman, Chamberlain, Wiltshire, Watts, Walker, Stubbs, Baldwin, Partridge, Burnett, Dawson, Lafeulard, Hooper, Spencer, Burn, Lewcock, Lavington, R. Poore, Noble, Clarkson, Coe, Dennis, Reed, and Woods.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Capt. Butterworth was presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was installed in the chair by Bro. Watts. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers in a very creditable manner. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership of the lodge were voted to Bro. Watts, and the same were ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Watts having returned thanks, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Esling as candidate. Bros. Clarkson, 1604, and Reed, 1910, were elected joining members. Votes of thanks to Bros. C. H. Phillips, W.M., and Lafeulard were passed. Bros. Johnson, W. Westley, and Andrews were elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively, and Bros. Esling, Glover, and Partridge a Committee to audit the accounts for the past 12 months. The Secretary having mentioned that the tickets for the annual supper, to take place in the lodge room on Monday, the 28th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Westley, were ready, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Comps. Grummant, M.E.Z.; Hilton, H.; and Elliot, J., occupied their respective chairs, and were supported by the other officers and companions of the chapter as well as several visitors. The companions who had not passed the three Principals' chairs withdrew, and Comp. Grummant installed his successor, Comp. Hilton, into the chair of Z. in an excellent style. Comp. Hilton then proclaimed Comps. Elliot, as H.; and Addington, as J. The other officers being as follows: Comps. Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. C. W. Williams, S.E.; North, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Henton, 1st A.S.; and Benedetti, 2nd A.S. The other companions were then admitted and saluted the three newly-installed Principals. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of the following: Bros. Fleck, 172; Meierhoff, 172; Woods, 1869; Beare, 172; and Martin, 1622. The first three being present were duly exalted into the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry in a most impressive manner, the whole of the officers rendering their work in a manner which reflected great credit upon themselves as well as upon the chapter. Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z., then presented Comp. Grummant with a P.Z. jewel, in doing which he proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Grummant for the excellent way in which he had installed his successor into the chair of Z.; this was duly seconded, and Comp. Grummant replied, thanking the companions for the jewel and the vote of thanks which took him quite by surprise. He said he should always be ready to do his utmost for the good of the chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed another candidate for exaltation.

Business being ended, the chapter was closed. After the banquet Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z., proposed "The Health of the Queen," in doing which he said that Royal Arch Masons were always loyal, but they had particular pleasure in drinking the health of her Majesty in this her Jubilee year.

Then followed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were enthusiastically received.

Comp. Cowley, P.Z., in proposing "The Health of Comps. Hilton, M.E.Z.; Grummant, P.Z., acting H.; and Addington, J.;" said that he was charmed with the way in which the M.E.Z. had performed his work during the evening. It could not have been done better had he done it hundreds of times before to perfect himself.

In reply Comp. Hilton said that he had worked hard under Comp. Bumstead, P.Z., at the chapter of improvement, and if he had given the companions pleasure he was very pleased. He should always do his best to maintain the good name of the chapter. Comps. Grummant, acting H., and Addington, J., also replied thanking the companions.

In proposing the "Exaltees" the M.E.Z. said that in a sense this was the most important toast of the evening, for no society could flourish without the introduction of new blood. He hoped he should see each of the exaltees Comps. Fleck, Meierhoff, and Woods, reflect honour upon R.A. Masonry, and fill the chair he was now occupying. Each of the exaltees replied, and they were unanimously of opinion that to be a R.A. Mason was a very grand thing. They had been very deeply impressed by the ceremony they had passed through that evening, and hoped that they might live to fulfil the hopes of their M.E.Z.

Next followed the toast of "The Visitors, for whom Comps. Vincent and Powell replied. They had been very glad to be present that evening, for if anyone wanted to see good work they should come to the Star Chapter. They had been very well received and he heartily thanked the companions for their hospitality.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Past Principals," coupling with it the names of Comps. Cowley, Grummant, and Bumstead. Comp. Cowley, P.Z., in reply, said that he had received great pleasure that evening in seeing Comp. Hilton in the chair of Z. The P.Z.'s were always ready to do all they could for the chapter. Comp. Grummant, P.Z., said that he was pleased to be numbered among the P.Z.'s of the Star Chapter. He was glad he had given the companions satisfaction in his year of office just past. Comp. Bumstead said that although not a P.Z. of the chapter he was very proud of being an hon. member. He was always glad to welcome and help any companion either at the Pythagorean Chapter of Improvement, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, or at any other place. He had been much encouraged by the careful attention of the present officers of the chapter to his instructions, and was pleased to leave Comp. Grummant that evening to do the work of installing his successor without aid from himself.

The M.E.Z. spoke in very flattering terms of the way in which the other officers had done their work, particularly commanding Comps. Williams, S.E.; North, S.N.; and Stone, P.S., and expressed great pleasure in proposing their healths.

The Treasurer and Scribe E. having been forced to leave previously, Comps. North, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; and Benedetti, 2nd A.S., replied, thanking the M.E.Z. and companions. They were always glad to do their very best for the chapter, and were glad to have given satisfaction.

The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

During the evening the companions were very much enchanted by an excellent selection of music, which was carried out under the direction of Bro. Wakefield Reed, who was assisted by Misses F. Venning and R. Sutherland, and Bro. Rushton Odell.

SPHINX CHAPTER (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this most flourishing chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 22nd ult. There were present Comps. T. E. Heller, M.E.Z.; B. R. Bryant, P.Z., H.; E. A. Whitby, J.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; Lieut. R. Stokoe, S.E.; Captain R. J. Vincent, S.N.; G. W. Marsden, jun., P.S.; J. Hill, 1st A.S.; Charles Wilson, 2nd A.S.; Robert J. Voisey, P.Z.; S. H. Goldschmidt, P.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; B. Lyon, P.Z.; J. E. Latham, E. J. Day, Wm. Andrews, C. W. J. Bird, Wm. Brian, G. Gill, V. T. Murché, J. C. Reynolds, Chas. Gooding, J. J. White, S. Chapman, R. C. Davis, J. C. Bradley, G. Benedetti, and Geo. Harrison, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Jas. C. Smith, J. 1507; F. Hilton, H. 1275; Geo. Yaxley, P.Z. 463; T. Grummant, M.E.Z. 1275; Lieut. J. H. Hawkins, M.E.Z. 569; C. Dorey, P.Z. 176; Jno. Terry, P.Z. 720; and T. Nettleship, 766.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee—showing a balance in favour of the chapter on general account of upwards of £50, and on Charity account of £30—was received and adopted. A Board of Installed Principals was then formed, and the following companions were duly installed into their respective chairs: Comps. B. R. Bryant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. A. Whitby, H.; and Lieut. R. Stokoe, J. The conclave of Installed Principals being closed, the companions were re-admitted, and the M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. Captain R. J. Vincent, S.E.; G. Marsden, jun., S.N.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; J. Hill, P.S.; C. Wilson, 1st A.S.; V. T. Murché, 2nd A.S.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z., D.C.; E. J. Day, Org.; J. C. Reynolds, jun., and C. Gooding, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Janitor. A ballot was then taken for Bros. R. C. Davis, 1603, and J. C. Bradley, 1329, which proved unanimous in their favour. They were then duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, the three Principals maintaining the reputation of the chapter by performing their duties in a most exemplary manner. The M.E.Z., in the name of the companions, then presented Comp. T. E. Heller, P.Z., with a handsome jewel, in recognition of his eminent services to the chapter during the past year. Three companions having notified their intention of serving as Stewards to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, the Treasurer gave notice that he should propose that five guineas be taken from the funds of the chapter and placed on each companion's list. Comp. J. C. Reynolds having zealously and faithfully filled the office of Treasurer since its consecration, the M.E.Z. gave notice that he should propose that a suitable jewel be presented to Comp. Reynolds as a token of the regard with which he is held by the companions. Two brethren of the Duke of Albany Lodge were proposed for exaltation at the next convocation. All Royal Arch business being ended, the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions afterwards dined together under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z. An excellent programme of music had been provided by Comp. E. J. Day, Organist, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

HULL.—Humber Chapter (No. 57).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, 27th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-st., when the following companions were inducted into their respective offices: Comps. John Walton, P.P.G.N., M.E.Z.; D. J. O'Donoghue, H.; E. Corris, J.; T. G. Vivian, S.E.; J. Mackail, S.N.; S. Rutter, P.S.; J. Taylor, A.S.; W. C. Bradley, A.S.; T. Thompson, P.Z., P.G.J., Treas.; M. Haberland, P.Z., P.P.G.N., Lecture Master; W. Riby, D.C.; J. R. Stringer, Org.; R. R. Hodgson, S.B.; A. Rutter, Std. B.; J. W. Moody, Stwd.; and W. Cuthbert, Janitor. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Comp. Thomas Thompson, P.Z., P.G.J., assisted by Comps. Walter Reynolds, P.Z., P.G.J., Treas.; G. Wilson, P.Z.; A. King, P.Z.; and W. Tesseyman, P.Z. Among those present were the following Past Principals: Comps. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.E.; R. Beevers, T. Hewson, W. Gillett, P.Z. 1605; and H. J. White, M.E.Z. 250, and a large number of the companions.

BOSTON.—St. Botolph's Chapter (No. 272).—The companions of this chapter held their installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Comp. Robert Henry Clemow, of 1589, which being unanimous, he was admitted as a joining companion. Comp. Thos. Slator, P.Z., then proceeded to instal the three Principals for the ensuing year, after which the officers were invested—Comps. John Benner, M.E.Z.; Alfred Harrison, H.; John Allen, J.; Thos. Slator, P.Z., Treas.; C. A. Kirby, S.E.; O. Wormal, S.N.; E. Cammack, P.S.; J. W. Palmer, 1st A.S.; C. R. Morton, 2nd A.S.; and Thomas Ward, Janitor.

At the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to the Peacock and Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Clemow (late of Anderton's Hotel) was partaken of.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent. Too much praise cannot be given to Comp. Clemow for the admirable manner which he catered for the companions; the service also was excellent.

Mark Masonry.

HENNIKER LODGE (No. 315).—A meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday last. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Controller S. G. Bake, P.G.S.B., who was detained in the country, Bro. F. Binckes very kindly officiated as W.M., and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Masons Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; M. Bromet, and J. Lichtenfeld, all of 205; and Bro. Julius Ouitmann, P.M. 1969; Bros. J. A. Gartley, 144; and C. H. Chaffourier, 238, were elected joining members. Bro. Col. H. Kadcliffe was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Bowyer, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. Mills, Tyler; and it was unanimously resolved to present Bro. S. G. Bake with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, in slight recognition of his valuable services as W.M. and his uniform kindness to all the members. A letter was read from Lord Henniker, M.W.P.G.M.M.M., thanking the lodge for the vote of congratulation passed to him at the last meeting on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

There were present during the evening, besides the candidates, Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; James Terry, P.M.; Col. Radcliffe, S.W.; J. Joyce Murray, J.W.; W. J. Crutch, J.O.; Heath, R. of M.; H. Cox, J.D.; J. Da Silva, D. of C.; Barnett, I.G.; Madell, Steward; and the following visitors: Bros. F. Davison, P.G.W., D.P.G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey; G. Gardner, Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey; Dr. Morris, Old Kent Lodge, T.I., Head Master of the Boys' School; and John Hodges, No. 22.

After the business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where Bro. Hamp attended to their creature comforts, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street. Bro. F. Smith, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. George Simpson, J.W.; W. B. Dyson, M.O.; Wm. Lackenby, S.O.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.O.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M.; G. Lamb, S.D.; R. Ware, Major Baldrey, E. W. Purnell, S. J. Dalton, George Chapman, J. Blenkins, Wm. Brown, S. G. Crummack, and others. Amongst the visitors was Bro. T. Y. Strachan, Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Northumberland and Durham. Many letters of apology for absence were read, and after a successful ballot, Bro. J. H. Shonksmith, of 1611, was advanced to the Degree of M.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Simpson, who made the following appointments of officers: Bros. J. Blenkins, S.W.; W. B. Dyson, J.W.; W. Lackenby, M.O.; H. C. Pickersgill, S.O.; G. Lamb, J.O.; W. Brown, Reg.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; Major McGachen, S.D.; S. J. Dalton, J.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., D.C.; G. Balford, P.M., Org.; W. H. V. Milbank, I.G.; and P. Pearson, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M., Bro. F. Smith, for a gift of three handsome mallets presented to the lodge. The report of the Auditors showed a comfortable balance in hand, and Bro. Whytehead said that at the next meeting he proposed to ask for a vote from the lodge funds for the Mark Educational Fund.

After the close of the lodge the brethren met at supper, and enjoyed a social evening.

ROCHDALE.—Roberts' Lodge (No. 24).—This old established lodge held its installation meeting at the comfortable and convenient Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, on the 26th ult., when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jno. Taylor, presided, there being also present Bros. A. Bowen, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Brierley, Sec., as J.W.; Schofield, P.M., as M.O.; S. Lord, P.M., as S.O.; T. Parker, P.M., as J.O.; J. Scott Young, as J.D.; N. J. Holyoake, as I.G.; Jno. Ashworth, Tyler; Roberts, P.M.;

R. Butterworth, P.M., Past Grand Steward; and several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the W. Master, and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Roberts, P.M., the first founder of the lodge and a veteran in the Craft, assumed the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Bowen, the W.M. elect, having been duly presented, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and on the readmission of the brethren was duly proclaimed and saluted in ancient form. The W. Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Taylor, I.P.M.; Holyoake, S.W.; S. Scott Young, J.W.; Roberts, P.M., Treas. and R. of M.; R. Butterworth, P.G.S., M.O.; S. Lord, P.M., S.O.; T. Parker, P.M., J.O.; J. Brierley, P.M., I.G.; and J. Ashworth, Tyler. The Installing Master delivered the charges to the W. Master, Wardens, and Overseers in his usual impressive manner, and propositions having been received and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The St. John's Festival will be held on the last Friday in February, at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, at six o'clock.

BRIDGWATER. — Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191). — The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 17th ult., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, when Bro. J. Burnett, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. Col. W. Long, the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the V.W.P.G.M.M. There was a good muster of brethren, including some from Taunton, Highbridge, Burnham, Weston-super-Mare, and Clevedon. The W.M. appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: — Bros. J. A. Duckett, S.W.; E. Fry Wade, J.W.; J. T. Dunsford, M.O.; G. B. Laffan, S.O.; G. W. Strawbridge, J.O.; Rev. C. P. Winter, Chaplain; Evan R. Down, Treasurer; T. Floyd Norris, Registrar of Marks; F. J. Saunders, Secretary; J. G. Vile, S.D.; B. C. Board, J.D.; Dr. H. M. Kemmis, D.C.; H. M. Marsh, Org.; W. H. Zamlyn, I.G.; and W. Webber, Tyler.

WHITEHAVEN. — Fletcher Lodge (No. 213). — The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult. The minutes were read and passed, when Bro. Geo. Ryrie, P.G.D.C., was installed as W.M., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Wm. Bewlay, P.G.M.O., I.P.M.; Thos. Brakenridge, P.G.I.G., S.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap., J.W.; W. J. Tyson, P.G. Org., M.O.; W. D. P. Field, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., Treas.; W. H. Bewlay, Reg. and Sec.; D. Muir, S.D.; J. Mills, J.D.; J. Casson, I.G.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler. Bros. G. W. Roll, M.O. 36, was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. The following were also present Bros. Ed. Tyson, P.M., P.G. Stwd, England; R. D. Metcalf, B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.D.C.; Arthur Moordaff, 216; and others. Several members were presented with their Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge certificates.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour in the banquet hall.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT. — Gwent Preceptory (No. 115). — A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, when Sir Knight G. H. Llewellyn was installed as E.P. for the ensuing year, the installation being most ably performed and conducted by Sir Knight Captain Samuel G. Homfray, P.E.P. The following sir knights were appointed officers under the E.P.: Sir Knights C. H. Oliver, jun., H.P.; James M. Gerhold, C.; C. F. Gooch, M.; W. C. Hurley, Sub. M.; Captain S. G. Homfray, Treas.; J. Kelly, C. of L.; J. Saunders, H.; T. G. Jones, 2nd H.; C. W. Page, S.B.; General Cumming, 2nd S.B.; F. Phillips, A.; and H. Fletcher, E.

After the business of the preceptory, the sir knights adjourned to the Westgate Hotel, where a dinner was held, under the presidency of the E.P., when the above sir knights and others sat down to a repast provided by host S. Dean, when the loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were honoured, and several good songs and instrumental selections were indulged in and enjoyed by all present. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT. — Ivor Hael Chapter (No. 34). — A meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, when several brethren were perfected to this exalted Degree by the M.W.S., Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, in the absence of M.W.S., Bro. Ffennell, and the M.W.S. was elected for the ensuing year, that honour having been delegated unanimously to Bro. C. H. Oliver, jun. It was reported at this meeting by the illustrious Bro. S. G. Homfray that it was probable that Newport would during the present year of her Majesty's Jubilee be honoured by a visit from the Supreme Grand Council from headquarters in London, when a chapter of the K.H. 30° will be held to give any brethren an opportunity of taking this Degree that may wish to do so.

KESWICK. — Border Chapter (No. 102). — The first meeting since the consecration of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Ill. Bro. G. J. McKay, 31°, M.W.S., presided, supported by his officers, namely, Ill. Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, Prelate; Dr. Gore Ring, 1st General; J. Robinson, as 2nd General; R. J. Nelson, Treas.; G. Dalrymple, Recorder; E. Tyson, G. Marshal; Dr. Cooke, Raphael; J. Hall, D.C.; T. Mandale, H.; J. C. Thompson, C. of G.; Thos. Usher, O.G.; and W. Carlyle.

The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., when Ill. Bro. Capt. Clement R. N. B. Royds, 33°, I.G. North-Western District, was admitted under an arch of steel and saluted in due form; The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and contained an outline of the reason why the name Border was adopted, as first suggested by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, P.M.W.S. 52. It was the name of

a renowned Border regiment, Bro. Col. Sewell commanding the third battalion, and the chapter being intended for the Masonic Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, which two counties were always designated by the War Office as the "Border District" for the recruiting of the Border regiments, 34th and 55th line, and the two Militia battalions, the suggestion was deemed a very appropriate one, and unanimously adopted. Bros. E. Jackson, 1073; H. A. Williamson, 1248; and A. Moordaff, 1267, were balloted for and accepted. Bros. E. Jackson and G. Ryrie, P.M. 119, being in attendance, were perfected in a most impressive manner. Several letters were read from brethren from a distance with hearty congratulations to the M.W.S., including one from the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. for Cumberland and Westmorland, his lordship assuring Ill. Bro. McKay that it was a most deserved compliment for the valuable services he had rendered the Masonic cause to be installed as the first M.W.S. of the Border Chapter, and he hoped it would enjoy every success.

Several brethren were presented with their certificates, and with other general business the chapter was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Keswick Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. McKay, having on his right Ill. Bro. Capt. Royds, 33°, and on his left Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and a very agreeable evening spent.

India.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 1870, BERMUDA.

St. John's Day at St. George's, Bermuda, was a busy day with the Masonic world, and advantage was taken of the presence of a large number of English Royal Arch Masons to consecrate the Royal Edward Chapter, the charter for which had been granted for some months. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Walter E. Warder, P.Z. and M.E.Z., of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, assisted by Comps. William Cann, P.Z.; William Llewellyn, P.Z.; and the officers and members present of chapters 358 and 1890.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. Warder stated that several members of the Broad Arrow Lodge being R.A. Masons, assisted by several from the Royal Victoria Chapter, had applied to the Grand Chapter for a charter, which had been granted. After the charter had been read to those present, all below the rank of Installed Principals were requested to retire, when the Principals designate were installed as follows: Comps. James Smith, as Z.; Alexander Smith, as H.; and H. J. Barnes, as J. The companions being re-admitted, the newly-installed Principals were proclaimed and saluted in the usual form, when Comp. Warder delivered the charter to Comp. James Smith with a suitable address. Comp. Smith thanked Comp. Warder and the other companions who had assisted at the consecration ceremony, and, as no other business could legally be transacted at this meeting, the chapter was closed in proper form.

BERMUDA. — Unity Lodge (No. 209, I.C.) — Unity and Broad Arrow Lodges use the same room, and as the installation of the W.M. elect had been fixed for the same night, one ceremony took place immediately after the other. Unity Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. T. M. Barnes, and after the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read, the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Thomas Bullock, was presented by Bro. Warder, P.M. 358, to the Installing Master, Bro. James Smith, P.M. 209, when all under the rank of Installed Master having retired, the W.M. was duly installed, and on the re-admission of the brethren was proclaimed and saluted in due form. The officers were then installed as follows: Bros. J. J. Smith, S.W.; J. W. Robertson, J.W.; James Smith, Treas.; C. M. McCallan, Sec.; G. Tear, S.D.; G. Nelson, J.D.; H. Smith, I.G.; and Postlethwaite, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the members jointly with the members of the Broad Arrow Lodge and their united guests sat down to a sumptuous banquet. "Hunger is the best sauce." The work of the evening had sharpened the appetite of all present, and for a considerable time the brethren were diligently occupied in discussing the merits of the savoury dishes under which the table fairly groaned. By-and-bye the cloth was cleared and then the toast list was taken up. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and enthusiastically received; the interval between each toast was occupied with speech making, singing, &c. The Tyler's toast was drunk, and the brethren dispersed after having sung "Auld Lang Syne."

The entire programme for the evening was carried out with the utmost minuteness and success; every incident was of the most agreeable character, and the visiting brethren expressed deep gratification with their visit to Broad Arrow and Unity.

BERMUDA. — Broad Arrow Lodge (No. 1890, E.C.) — St. John's Day, 27th December, being laid down in the by-laws for the installation, the brethren, as on previous occasions, took the opportunity to entertain the sister lodges in Bermuda in a right bountiful style. The installation ceremony was attended by contingents from every lodge in Bermuda. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Lockward, W.M. 224 (E.C.); Dr. Butterfield, W.M. 200 (S.C.); R. C. Johnson, W.M. 358 (E.C.); T. M. Barnes, W.M. 209 (I.C.); S. P. Richardson, W.M. 224 (I.C.); Major S. H. Winter, W.M. 726 (S.C.); James Smith, P.M. 1890 and 209; G. Simpson, P.M. 224 (E.C.); W. C. J. Hyland, P.M. 200 (S.C.); W. E. Warder, P.M. 358; A. E. Fiddy, P.M. 358; and W. Cann, P.M. 358.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Alex. Smith, and after the preliminary business had been disposed of, the W.M. requested Bro. James Smith, P.M., the first Master and founder of the lodge, to conduct the installation ceremony. Bro. Smith having expressed his willingness, the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry John Barnes, was presented by Bro. Walter E. Warder, P.M. 358, and the installation of Bro. Barnes was proceeded with in due form. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, Bro. Dr. Barnes was declared duly installed, and was saluted by the brethren on their re-admission in the customary manner. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Joseph Inkerman Smith, S.W.; J.

T. Bullock, J.W.; Rev. F. J. F. Lightbourn, Chap.; J. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Francis Lynn, Sec.; J. H. Robertson, S.D.; H. Lovell, J.D.; G. C. Wailes, I.G.; A. Smith, I.P.M., Org.; and Postlethwaite, Tyler. The charges to the Master, officers, and brethren were given by Bro. James Smith with a good deal of impressiveness, and were warmly applauded. The W.M. then thanked the brethren for their attendance, and requested the hearty cooperation of the officers and members to make the coming year even more successful than the one just closed under Bro. A. Smith as W.M., which had been by far the most prosperous since the institution of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned for the installation of Unity Lodge, 209 (I.C.), which was to take place in the same building, and afterwards sat down to the conjoined banquet of Broad Arrow and Unity Lodges.

Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE. — Oriental Lodge (No. 687). — On the 27th December last, the W.M. elect of this lodge, Bro. J. U. Streater, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master, Bro. P. S. Nissen. The Board of Past Masters consisted of Bros. Mountain, Atkinson, Blair, Vinicombe, and Wills, of 687; Hanly and Woods, of the Bulwer Lodge; Flucker, Harris, and J. Rowe, of the Leinster Lodge; and Bro. Geraci, of the Italia Resorta Lodge. Bro. Streater invested the following officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bros. Hanly, S.W.; Frewen, J.W.; Mountain, Treas.; Fraser, Sec.; Stevenson, S.D.; Gjeladjian, J.D.; Temple, I.G.; and Gingell, Tyler.

The labours of the evening being ended, the numerous brethren present adjourned to the Hall of the British Institute, kindly lent for the occasion, and spent a most enjoyable and harmonious evening.

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA, E.C.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, under the English Constitution, was held on Monday evening, the 20th December, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, in the presence of a larger assemblage of members than usual. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. District Grand Master, presided, and on entering the hall was received with grand honours, under the direction of Bro. W. B. Lovering, P.M. 1290, D.G.D.C. Bro. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, W. Deputy District Grand Master, was also present, and was also saluted. The other principal officers attending were Bros. Dr. Willmott, P.M. 752, D.S.G.W.; and F. M'Arthur, P.M. 1131, D.J.G.W.

The District Grand Lodge being duly opened, and Bro. Sir William Clarke having been warmly congratulated on his return to the colony, two distinguished visitors were announced, and on taking their seats in the East they were saluted with the honours of their rank in the Order, viz.: Bro. Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon of England, now on a visit to the colonies; and Bro. J. H. H. Vockin, Grand Senior Deacon, South Australia.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and adopted after a fair discussion on one point, after which the roll of the 90 odd lodges was called. The report of the Board of Benevolence for the past quarter was read, showing a total of nearly £110 dispensed in grants to distressed brethren.

The report of the District Board of General Purposes gave rise to a long controversy relative to resolutions which dealt with an alleged case of unconstitutional use of the ballot in connection with a Melbourne lodge. The Duke of SUSSEX, 1080, briefly stated, the facts of the case are, that a candidate for initiation was nominated by letter to the W.M., without any reasons therefore, as required by the Book of Constitutions, clause 185. Intimation of opposition to the candidate was no secret, indeed, he had been black-balled in the same lodge two years before. The ballot was taken, and the W.M. delared the candidate duly elected; but four brethren (two of them Past Masters) immediately rose and protested that they cast their votes against the candidate. The W.M., however, declined to entertain the protest, and thereafter initiated the candidate. An appeal was then made to the District Board of General Purposes, and evidence heard bearing on the aforesaid facts, whilst, in addition, it was elicited that the ballot box was in the first instance examined by the I.P.M. (a brother of the candidate), who testified to there being two black balls—three is the maximum for rejection in connection with the lodge in question—a second P.M. said there was one black ball, while the Master admitted two. It was also alleged that the Deacon had collected the unused ballot balls without any authority, and that when the Secretary spoke to him about it he had mixed the whole of the balls. The Master's defence was that a deal of black balling had lately been going on in the lodge, and that he thought it his prerogative to disregard the protest, and proceed with the initiation. The Board of General Purposes were divided in their opinion as to the action of the W.M., and the penalty; but eventually they passed three resolutions, the first affirming that they had no grounds to doubt the Master's report of the result of the ballot; the second, that he had acted injudiciously in not postponing the initiation, after protest, and that he be cautioned to be more careful in future; and, thirdly, that he be admonished. This report of the Board of General Purposes gave rise to a warm discussion, in which the mildness of the sentence was roughly handled. Ultimately the District Grand Lodge resolved by a large majority not to confirm the report; but refer it back to the Board of General Purposes for further consideration and report.

Another recommendation of the Board referred to the dedication and consecration of the new Freemasons' Hall, and it being agreed to, a Committee, consisting of Bros. Willmott, Balls-Headley, M'Arthur, Kelly, and Lamony, was appointed to confer with the directors of the company and arrange for the ceremony, in conjunction with the Provincial and District Grand Lodges of Victoria, under the Irish and Scotch Constitutions.

The Board further recommended that the District Grand Stewards of the year form themselves into a Committee to

make arrangements for the first District Grand Festival, to be held at the ensuing Quarterly Communication in March next, in accordance with new by-laws, and that the price of the banquet tickets to be fixed at one guinea.

The Board also recommended that the attention of Masters of lodges be directed to Clause 185 of the Book of Constitutions, relative to certain indispensable forms to be observed in the proposition of candidates in cases of emergency, and that these be strictly adhered to in future. This had reference to the proposition of the candidate in the black balling case.

The recommendations were adopted.

Bro. H. W. Lowry, D.G. Treasurer, presented the quarterly statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £1075 in hand.

The D.G. SECRETARY announced that the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had granted warrants for the following lodges recently opened: Ionic Lodge, Tungamah, 2174; Austral Lodge, Melbourne, 2175; Lord Carrington Lodge, 2175; North Fitzroy, 2176; North Suburban Lodge, 2177; and the following warrants have yet to be granted: Brighton Lodge, Brighton; Albert Lodge, South Melbourne; Star of the East Lodge, Omeo; St. George's Lodge, Daylesford; Albert Victor Lodge, Clifton Hill; and Rupanyup Lodge, Rupanyup.

The D.G. SECRETARY read the following names of brethren nominated by the R.W.D.G.M. to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the year commencing in March: Bros. W. T. C. Kelly, P.M. 2112, President (re-appointed); J. A. Cantor, P.M. 474; W. B. Lovering, P.M. 1290; P. Cohen, P.M. 1080; H. R. Hogg, W.M. 729; P. Blashki, W.M. 2176; T. Haydon, W.M. 752; W. Gledhill, W.M. 2175; W. J. Runting, W.M. 2080; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 2124; and J. I. Saqui, P.M. 1881. The remaining 14 members of the Board (eight town and six country) will be elected by ballot in March, as provided by the new by-laws.

Donations of £5 5s. were respectively voted to the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne Hospital, and Benevolent Asylum.

The R.W.D.G.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns to Bro. T. H. Lempriere, D.G. Secretary, as a recognition of his long and able services during a period of 25 years.

Bro. LEMPIERRE acknowledged his thanks to the brethren for their handsome testimonial, after which the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—Lodge Celtic (No. 477, S.C.)—The annual meeting, installation of R.W.M., and investiture of officers, took place in November last in the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. There was a very large attendance of brethren, all the town and suburban lodges of the three Constitutions being well represented, and over thirty Past Masters in the E. The D.G. Lodge (S.C.) was represented by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Louis Court, the two D.G. Wardens, the D.G. Secretary, and the majority of the officers. After all the visitors had been received, and the customary honours paid to the representatives of the D.G.L., a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Colin MacAndrew was installed into the chair of K.S. for the usual term. Bro. W. Caldwell acted as Installing Master, and it is hardly necessary to say that the ceremony was all that could be desired. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. J. Mouat, I.P.M.; D. M'Pherson, S.W.; R. Sinclair, J.W.; A. M'Master, Treasurer; W. A. W. Wathen, S.D.; D. Campbell, J.D.; J. Baxter, P.M., Chap.; R. Ross, I.G.; A. J. Barth, Org.; W. Myers, Tyler; D. Miller, G. Schluter, and G. C. Jeffrey, Stwds.; and J. M'Kay, Piper. Bro. J. Baxter, P.M., made an efficient D. of C., and the choir, under the leadership of Bro. Barth, Bro. G. H. Schacht assisting as violinist, sang a number of new anthems and odes in a very creditable manner. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. J. Baxter, P.M., D.J.G.W., on behalf of the officers and members of the Lodge Celtic, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Mouat, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed. In so doing, he referred to the successful year that the retiring W.M. had just concluded, and assured Bro. Mouat of the esteem in which he was held by the Craft at large. Bro. Mouat, I.P.M., having returned thanks, the visitors congratulated the newly-installed R.W.M., and the lodge was closed.

An enjoyable reunion was afterwards held at the Choral Hall, over eighty couples participating in the dancing, which was kept up until an early hour the following morning. A number of ladies and gentlemen varied the proceedings with some singing. Bros. Harrold, P.M., and W. A. W. Wathen were energetic M.C.'s, and the music was supplied by Mr. Parker's band. The catering was well looked after by Bro. Myer.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

On Thursday, the 13th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, the W.M. and brethren of the above lodge held their third annual ball in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Institution. The lodge is one of the most flourishing in the Province of Middlesex, and it is part of the unwritten law of the lodge that its W.M. serves as Steward for one of the Charities in his year of office, and this is often supplemented by other brethren for other Charities, and the Benevolent Institution is to be congratulated on the success which attended the preceding balls, each of which produced a handsome addition to the list of the W.M. as Steward.

Bro. Isaac Dixon, the present W.M., assisted by a Board of Stewards, all, with one exception, members of the lodge, and with the I.P.M., Bro. T. I. Bird, again in his old post as Hon. Secretary, organised the ball on similar lines as its predecessors, and it is now clear with similar success. Dancing to the dulcet music of Coote and Tinney's band commenced at nine o'clock, with Bros. S. J. Ball and J. Webster—both of the lodge—for the third time the able and courteous M.C.'s, and by the time the first quadrille was reached the spacious ball room was well filled with a brilliant company, the artistic toilettes of the ladies, the purple and blue collars and aprons, together with the lavish display of jewels worn by the brethren, giving the ball room a bright and animated appearance.

The first portion of a well-selected programme of dances,

wedded to beautiful music, ended exactly at midnight, and the company adjourned to the Crown Room, where an elegant but substantial supper, in Bro. Madell's best style, awaited them. Thanks to the excellent arrangements of the Supper Stewards, every guest was speedily in his or her appointed place, and full justice was done to the viands prepared.

After supper the toasts were few, but hearty, comprising "The Queen," "The Craft," "The Lodge and its W. Master, with Success to the Ball," and "The Ladies," Bro. G. R. NICHOLS replying on their behalf.

At one o'clock the second part commenced, dancing finally concluding at about four o'clock, a very large proportion of the company waiting to the very end.

The assembly being so large, it is impossible to give the whole of the names; but among the members and guests we saw were Bro. Isaac Dixon, W.M., and Mrs. Dixon; Bro. T. I. Bird, I.P.M., Mrs. Bird, and the Misses Bird; Miss Henley, Mr. C. Bird, Mrs. Carne, Miss Carne, Bro. J. Mason, P.M., and Mrs. Mason; Bro. J. H. Pearson, Miss Pearson, Mr. Pearson, Miss Johnson, Bro. S. J. Ball, Mrs. Ball, the Misses Emily and Jessie Ball, Mr. A. Ball, Bro. Captain Watts, Mr. John Hovill, Bro. R. H. Dillon and Mrs. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, Bro. Humfress, Bro. and Mrs. N. Turner, Bro. and Mrs. Wickens, Bro. E. T. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Robertson, Bro. and Mrs. Parks, Bro. J. H. Bird and Mrs. Bird, Bro. John Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mrs. R. Pearcey, Mr. and Mrs. Pearcey, Bro. S. J. Millin and Mrs. Millin, Mr. and Mrs. Job, Captain Couch, Mr. Coombs, Miss Kelly, Mr. E. A. Brown, Miss Richards, Mrs. and the Misses Edwards, Mr. E. Edwards, Bro. and Mrs. Bowins, Miss Bowins, Bro. Mrs., and Miss Pemberton, Bro. and Mrs. Conway, Bro. and Mrs. Potts, Bro. Lewin, Mr. Tom Matthews, Bro. and Mrs. Wadeson, Bro. and Mr. Barratt, Bro. and Mrs. Iron, Bro. and Mrs. Branch, Bro. and Miss Harris, Bros. W. A. Brown, Bevis, Recknell, Brooker, and others.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1949).

PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HOOPER.

The most successful festival of this lodge of instruction was held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, S.E., on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., when about thirty members assembled at the hospitable board of Bro. Monk, who catered in his usual substantial and masterly manner. Bro. Herbert Hooper, J.W. 1986, S.D. 183, presided, and the following brethren were present: Bros. Francis, Preceptor, J.W. 183; Phillips, Treas., P.M. 1986; Geo. R. Langley, Sec., S.W. 185; Andrews, Assist. Sec. 1886; P. M. Williams, I.P.M. 1986; Richardson, P.M. 183; Harling, P.M. 30; Hicks, 1949; Loney, 1949; Newland, 1949; Castle, 1950; Pitman, 1986; Watts, P.M. 507; Wicks, J.W. 1269; Bott, 1949; Palmer, 1949; Burridge, 1922; Hill, S.W. 1563; Knight, W.M. 1507; Jones, 1949; R. Poore, W.M. 1949; Albert, J.D. 1949. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.M. 185; Dr. Lawson, 1986; A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669; Platz, Trimmell, 1986; Roe, 1364; Burnell, 909; Green, P.M. 1687; Fraser, 1507.

The tables having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. FRANCIS, Preceptor, then assumed the gavel and proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The President," coupled with "The Brixton Lodge of Instruction Masonic Benevolent Association," and remarked that the success of the Association was mainly due to the services and untiring energy of the Secretary, Bro. Hooper. In less than four years they had sent upwards of £525 to the Charitable Institutions, and although the brethren were at all times proud to acknowledge his services, they intended to do so that evening in a substantial manner; therefore, in the name of the members, he begged his acceptance of a centenary jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Herbert Hooper, by the members of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, 25th January, 1887, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of his services as Secretary to the Benevolent Association," and might he be spared for many years to wear it and continue the good work of the Craft which it was intended to recognise.

Bro. HOOPER, in responding, stated the testimonial was a complete surprise, not even a hint having reached him in reference thereto, and regretted he had not words to express his thanks to the brethren for their great kindness on that and all occasions. He could assure them his interest was entirely with the lodge of instruction, and his labours with regard to the Benevolent Association were to him a pleasure. He could assure them whatever honours and decorations might fall to his lot, he should always wear that jewel with the greatest pride and gratification. He then proposed "Continued Success to the Brixton Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of the Preceptor, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. He said that that lodge of instruction was a success there could be no doubt, and that success must be largely attributed to the executive. With respect to the officers, he could only say of each of them to know them was to respect them, and he thought no higher tribute could be paid to any man.

Bros. FRANCIS, Preceptor; PHILLIPS, Treasurer; Langley, Secretary; and ANDREWS, Assistant Secretary, briefly responded, pledging their services in the future as in the past.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed, coupled with the names of Bros. G. W. Speth and Dr. Dawson.

Bro. G. W. SPETH, in thanking the brethren for the manner in which that toast had been received, said he had reason to be particularly grateful to that lodge of instruction in reference to his mother lodge. Until recently it had for many years been steadily decreasing in numbers, which he believed was mainly due to the deplorable condition into which its working had fallen. Although a P.M. of several years' standing, he could with all modesty assert that never since he was in the position had they had a Deacon who could do the work until the last two years; but when he stated Bro. Richardson was their present W. Master; Bro. Langley, their S.W.; Bro. Francis, their J.W.; and Bro. Hooper, their S.D., the brethren would be well aware the work was done in a perfect manner.

Bro. Dr. LAWSON regretted that the uncertainty of his professional duties prevented his attending a lodge of instruction; but from all he had heard and seen, if he could

avail himself of the teaching to be obtained at that lodge, he would doubtless soon become as proficient as many of those he saw around him.

The toast of "The Charitable Institutions" was responded to by Bro. RICHARDSON, Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Treasurer to the Benevolent Association connected with this lodge of instruction.

The PRESIDENT then proposed "The Past Executive of the Lodge of Instruction," to which Bros. H. M. WILLIAMS and RICHARDSON, Past Secretaries, suitably replied.

"The Health of Bro. Watts, Preceptor of the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186," was drank with enthusiasm, and appropriately responded to.

The toast of "Our Host and Hostess" was cordially received, and replied to by Bro. MONK in his usual happy manner.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The following brethren largely contributed to the pleasure of the evening by their vocal music and recitations—Bros. Cranch, Pitman, Monk, Richardson, Lawson, Wicks, and Green. Bro. Williams kindly officiated as accompanist.

Numerous communications were received from brethren regretting their inability to be present.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The above Institution held its 11th annual meeting on Friday, the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. Upwards of 100 donors and subscribers were present. The reports of the sub-committees were read, also the Treasurer's balance-sheet, which showed that the Institution is in a prosperous and flourishing condition. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the Treasurer, retired from that position, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe was elected to succeed him.

Bro. J. Heelis was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and after the usual votes of thanks to the sub-committees, the Almoners, and past officers had been duly carried, Bro. J. A. BIRCH proposed, in eulogistic terms, and Bro. C. HEYWOOD seconded, a vote of thanks to the President, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, for his attendance, as well as for the deep interest he continued to exercise in the welfare of the Institution.

The proposition was heartily received and carried enthusiastically.

BRO. S. SMITHER'S SILVER WEDDING.

A series of congratulatory entertainments was given on the evening of the 27th ult., in celebration of the silver wedding of Bro. S. Smither (Senior Deacon of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193), and Mrs. Smither. For many years Bro. Smither has been connected with the Shoreditch district in an extensive way of business, in addition to which he has taken an active part in public affairs, filling respectively offices in the Vestry, Board of Guardians, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and Churchwarden of St. Leonard's parish. In these various spheres he has gained the respect and goodwill of all by whom he was surrounded; and thus it was that, in honour of the auspicious event to which we refer, a general wish was expressed to celebrate it in a befitting manner. At half-past six o'clock a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen were entertained at a banquet, in the Council Chamber of Shoreditch Town Hall, and the arrangements for that portion of the festivities were of a most elegant and elaborate character. The spacious hall was embellished with tall palms and ferns, whilst interspersing the dishes on the tables were choice flowers and ornamental plants, which gave to the scene a pretty and animated appearance. Bro. Smither discharged the duties of the chair in a most genial manner, supported in the vice-chair by Bro. J. P. Creasey; and the guests included many prominent men associated with parochial and public life in the district. At the conclusion of a sumptuous repast a number of complimentary toasts were honoured, special reference being made to the valuable public services rendered by Bro. Smither in the various capacities he had filled, and which he now continues to occupy. "Hearty good wishes" were conveyed to Bro. and Mrs. Smither on the happy occasion of their silver wedding, and hopes were cordially expressed for their "long life and happiness."

Bro. SMITHER acknowledged the congratulations in a few appropriate sentences, and other toasts followed, interspersed with a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, who was assisted by Miss Jessie Griffin, Miss Meredith Elliott, and Mr. Selwyn Davies, Mr. Geo. Jenkins presiding ably at the pianoforte. Towards ten o'clock a general movement was made for the ball room, which had also been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and where the pleasures of the dance were sustained with unflagging zest until four o'clock the following morning. All the essentials of an enjoyable re-union were present—a good floor, good music, good light, and an excellent and vivacious company; and Mr. J. A. Jones, as Master of the Ceremonies, was most successful in keeping fully alive the spirit of the event. Refreshments were provided, and, amidst a round of thorough festivity and enjoyment, a majority of the guests remained, and joined heartily in the terpsichorean exercises until the concluding gallop. Even after this many returned to the council chamber, and listened to the impromptu renderings of ladies and gentlemen who volunteered songs, excellent aid as accompanist being given by Mr. J. Rundle. Bro. Smither again received sincere congratulations as he bade his numerous guests "Good morning." In connection with the happy event Bro. and Mrs. Smither received many valuable presents, including some rare and valuable china, bronze figures, antique silver, &c., testifying to the esteem and regard in which they are held by a very wide circle of friends in the district.

We hear that Dr. Wynn Westcott, the Secretary of the Rosicrucian Society, has in the press a work on the "Isiac Tablet of Bembo," with a photograph from a drawing of the tablet by himself. This gem of ancient art has always possessed a fascination for students of the mysteries, as it has been said to present at a glance the whole theosophy of the ancient world.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR AND THE STUDHOLME LODGE.

Bro. the Lord Mayor on Saturday evening the 29th ult., entertained the members of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, of which his lordship is now Worshipful Master, at a banquet at the Mansion House. A number of friends and members of the lodge were present, including Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., from whom the lodge takes its name; Bros. Dr. Godson, I.P.M.; Sir Lionel Darell, Senior Warden; the Earl of Euston, the Marquis of Carmarthen, Lord Charles Montague, W. H. Long, M.P.; Sir Savile Crossley, M.P.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, A. W. Hale, F. Fenn, Pres. Board Gen. Purps.; R. Grey, Pres. B. Benevolence; General Randolph, Col. Coysanne-Sim, R.E.; Lieut.-Cols. Rivers Bulkeley, and Crewe Read, Baylis, Alfred Cooper, E. Darell, J. Scarlett-Campbell, George Wentworth Fitzwilliam. Bro. Major Cook, P.A.G.D. of C., a founder, and the first Master of the lodge, proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor," who replied, and gave the only other toast, "Prosperity to the Studholme Lodge." This was acknowledged by Bro. General Brownrigg. The string band of the Royal Engineers were in attendance during the banquet, and played a selection of instrumental music under the direction of Herr J. R. Saverthal.

The Craft Abroad.

LODGE PENINSULA KILWINNING, No. 662 (S.C.) The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the School-house, Portbello, on December 3rd. There was a very fair attendance, both of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at half-past seven o'clock, and shortly before eight the Dunedin contingent arrived. The D.G.L.S.C. was represented by P.W.D.S. Bro. Nees; W.D.G.S. Bro. H. Neill; and other officers. W. Bro. W. Caldwell, G.S. of G.L. of S. then proceed to instal P.M. Bro. John Louden in the chair of K.S. for the fifth time. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Muir, D.M.; J. Granger, S.W.; F. Taylor, J.W.; C. Waddie, Sec.; J. J. Macaulay, Treas.; J. Kelstron, J.D.; W. Granger, S.D.; Keratai, I.G.; Sinclair, Tyler. The ceremonies were all that could be desired, and reflected the greatest credit both on the worthy Instal-ling Master and those who assisted him. The D.G.S. Neill, Acted as D. of C., and Bro. Hastings as D.G. Chap. The customary odes and anthems were rendered by a small choir under the leadership of Bro Furgesson, who officiated at the organ. Before the lodge closed the visitors congratulated the R.W.M., and he thanked Bro. W. Caldwell and the Dunedin visitors for their attendance. An adjournment was afterwards made to Coney's Hotel, where about fifty ladies and gentlemen sat down to a banquet. After the cloth was cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The tables were then removed, and the ball began, being carried on until long after daylight next morning. The Dunedin visitors returned to the town highly pleased with the hospitality that had been shown them by the members of Lodge Peninsula Kilwinning. *Evening Star, N.Z.*

LODGE PONSONBY (No. 708), S.C.

The monthly communication of this lodge, held on December 1st, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Pompallier Terrace, was of more than usual interest, as it was the occasion of the installation of the officers elected for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, with the R.M.W. Bro. Anderson in the chair, Lodge Albion was received as a lodge, and Mr. Thomas Murray was duly initiated. The Right Worshipful the S.P.G.M., Bro. M. Niccol, was then received, and proceeded with the installation ceremony. Bro. W. Anderson having been elected for a third term R.W.M. of the lodge, a good deal of the installation ceremony was dispensed with, and the S.P.G.M. proceeded to invest the other officers as follows: Bros. W. G. Allen, S.W.; Forrest, J.W.; Hutchison, Sec.; Henderson, Treas. (re-elected); and Grey, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; Devonport and Gravatt, Seward; Carder, I.G. (re-elected); and Greyham, Tyler; (re-elected). Bro. Forgie, P.M., made the presentations to the Instal-ling Officer. The charges were delivered by Bro. Niccol. —*New Zealand Herald.*

LODGE ST. ANDREW'S, S.C.

At a meeting of the members of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on the 22nd November, the following officers were elected: Bros. Farquhar Macrae, W.M.; R. B. Symon, Deputy Master; Anderson. Substitute Master; J. P. King, S.W.; Malcolm McLeod, J.W.; Rev. F. Gould, Chap.; Dr. Walker, Org.; Balford, Sec.; Ellison, Treas.; Page, S.D.; D. Urquhart, J.D.; Capt. Tonge, Tyler.—*New Zealand Herald.*

LODGE ZETLAND IN THE EAST, No. 508.

A special meeting of the above lodge was held at Singapore, Straits Settlements, on Monday, December the 27th, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. A. Parker, and the appointing of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. A goodly number of Past Masters were present, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. P. Joaquim, D.D.G.M., and Bro. Cargill, P.D.D. G.M.; after which Bro. Parker invited and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Bryan Woonacott, S.W.; E. A. Thompson, J.W.; J. T. Leask, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Stuart, Treas.; Allen, S.D.; G. Thompson, J.D.; Kemp, I.G.; and Lawson, Tyler. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren to the number of 45 adjourned to the Singapore Club, where the banquet was spread, and the evening was closed with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Principal amongst these was "The Health of the P.D.G.M., Bro. W. H. Read," which was proposed by Bro. Joaquim and most enthusiastically received. Bro. Read, who was present, responded in feeling terms. The other usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the company broke up after spending a very pleasant evening.—*The Straits Times.*

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Bro. Edwary Terry, P.G.S., was to give on Thursday a matinée for the benefit of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, on which occasion he revived his popular farce, "The Rocket." Business has been so good at the Olympic since our distinguished brother's occupancy of the house, that boards have frequently been put out "House Full," which exactly fulfils our prophecy in our notice of the opening of the ill-fated Olympic under Bro. Terry. We then said we did not believe that misfortune is necessarily allied to any particular house. Bro. Terry has proved that we were correct. Next Thursday a series of special matinées will commence, thus making eight performances of "The Churchwarden" per week. We hope Bro. Terry will now remain in London for a long term. * * *

The pantomime of 1886-7—"Blue Beard"—at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, bids fair to rival, if not surpass, its predecessors in brilliancy, gorgeous dresses, and appointments, and prove a financial success to the enterprising and liberal lessee, Captain R. B. Bainbridge. It has been written by Bro. P. F. Doyle, and will enhance that gentleman's reputation. Want of space prevents our giving a lengthened description of the pantomime, therefore we will content ourselves with a brief summary. "Place aux dames"—Miss Kate Everleigh, "Fatima;" Miss Harriet Vernon, "Selim;" Miss Cunningham, "Beda," "Fatima's" maid; and Madge Stwart, "Good Humour," are in every sense successful in delineating their respective characters. Those useful and clever comedians Messrs. Brown, "Shackabac;" Newland, "Tickle Toby;" and Wallace, "Blue Beard, Junior," are exceedingly diverting, but, at the same time, have not the chances given them of displaying the fullest extent of their talent, as they had two years ago. The character of "Blue Beard" is admirably portrayed by Mr. G. H. Macdermott. He ingratiated himself at once into favour with the audience, and gave entire satisfaction with his songs and dances. Our old friend Ramsey Danvers was exceedingly diverting as "Sister Anne," and created more applause than any other artist. This gentleman comes from a clever family, and is a thoroughly conscientious comedian. Bro. Joseph Bracewell, "Ibrahim," has not many opportunities for displaying that fund of humour which is natural to him; but he nevertheless does his best with the part. With regard to the scenery, it is only necessary to state that it is both artistic and appropriate. Our gifted Bro. H. P. Hall is to the front once again with his magnificent scene, "The Dream of fair women," which is a veritable triumph, and we congratulate him on his skill and ability, and trust the management will afford him even greater scope next year to produce scenery which will be a credit to himself and satisfactory to them. Such artists as Bro. Hall are not to be met with every day, and he should be allowed every opportunity of exercising his capabilities. Taken altogether the pantomime may be pronounced a complete success, as judged by the large audiences who nightly assemble to witness it, and this fact must be most gratifying to the lessee, Captain Bainbridge; the author, Bro. Doyle; the manager, Bro. Stringer; and the acting manager and treasurer, Mr. Tom Manchester, who have all worked hard to bring about such a happy result. * * *

Mr. Pinero is nothing if not original. In "The Magistrate" he showed us a legal dignitary indulging in indiscretions which almost brought him before his own bar. In "The Schoolmistress" he struck still a new line, but in "Dandy Dick," the new play at the Court, the author has ventured to make a clerical dignitary the butt of his fun, and this without in any way ridiculing religion or the religious. We are sure that no one will laugh more heartily at the adventures of the Very Reverend the Dean of St. Marvells more than the clergy themselves. The dialogue is witty in "Dandy Dick," the characters are admirably drawn and the fun though somewhat forced is—besides original—well worked out. To the deanery comes the dean's sister to live with him and his two daughters. This sister is a widow, whom her brother has described to his daughters as a "wave-tossed derelict," "a chaste widow" not having been seen her for twenty years. But she appears very different, for her greeting with the dean is "How are you, 'Gus, my boy?'" "Are these your two-year olds?" pointing to the girls. The lady is dressed in a jacket with big buttons, a billycock hat, and a dress with side pockets, into which she thrusts her hands. Her husband was a sporting man, and she has taken on the racing slang, and is known on the turf as George Tid. She horrifies the dean by saying, "'Gus, my boy, it's twenty years since we munched our corn together, and I'm glad of a dry stable and a clean manger. "What time do we feed? I shall be glad to get "My nosebag on," and "I love horseflesh and must have it if it's only a bit of cats' meat on skewer." The two young ladies have got into difficulty by incurring debts for a fancy dress ball. They confide in their aunt, who promises to extricate them by their backing her horse for the races. The dean, though comfortably off, is not rich, and he is a little put about for money, for in a generous mood he has offered to subscribe £1000 to the restoration of a spire if seven others will do the same. He never expected a response, but they came forward, and he is also induced to try his luck on the turf. Mrs. Tidman is the part owner of Dandy Dick, the favourite for the races. A fire occurs in his stable, and he is brought to the stables at the deanery, watchers being kept near him. The dean, remembering his old Oxford days, is constrained to mix a bolas to give the animal in case he should take cold. He is assisted by his old butler, who for long has done a little business on his own account and that of the kitchen inhabitants. Old Blore, however, has backed another horse and put on £50 for the dean, which his master in a rash moment gave him to invest. Whilst the dean's back is turned, Blore throws a little strychnine into the bolas. The dean is arrested in his own stables by the watchers, who suppose he is some welsher, is taken to the local police-station, which is in charge of a new constable, who does not know the dean, but the officer has married a late cook at the deanery, who recognises her old master

and aids him to escape, but to no purpose. In the morning, the day of the races, he is being driven to the magistrates' court, but the constable visits the course to look at the race, and the dean is liberated by welshers and card sharps, put on by Mrs. Tidman, arrives at the deanery, and no one knows of the adventure which has occurred to the decanal occupant of the house, for the constable himself, when in the deanery, does not recognise his late prisoner. Bro. Clayton is the dean, and plays with his usual precision; he is, however, given to too long and dry speeches, as many dean's sermons, which we can do very well without. Mr. Cecil has the small part of the butler, but of course makes it very impressive. Miss Marie Lewis, and Miss Norrys as the daughters, are excellent. The former is a new and welcome addition. The latter plays with her usual style and finish, making a great deal out of a small part, and scoring well in all her lines. Mr. Kerr and Mrs. Eversfield, who have hitherto played so pleasantly, have two minor characters, which they make repulsive. How they can have so far gone back to make a major and a subaltern so repulsive we cannot imagine. Do Messrs. Eversfield and Kerr consider "Dandy Dick" to be a burlesque, if not, we should like to know where they have gone to find two of her Majesty's officers so stupid and contemptible. Mrs. John Wood is the widow. We think the part must have been written for her. We do not know of any one who could play it to be so amusing and yet not cause offence. For this reason we do not expect "Dandy Dick" will be seen elsewhere, for there is only one Mrs. John Wood, and she is at the Court, where we advise our readers to go some evening soon, and laugh over the troubles of the Dean of St. Marvells. We must not forget to mention the splendid bit of character acting of Mr. Denny as the constable, and Miss Laura Linden as his wife.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE. Twice daily, at 1.25 and 7.25, THE FORTY THIEVES. COVENT GARDEN THEATRE. Twice daily, at 2 and 7.30, The Grand Circus. ADELPHI THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce. PRINCESS'S THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.45, THE CLOCKMAKER'S HAT; at 8, THE NOBLE VAGABOND. GLOBE THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, THE LODGERS; at 8, BARBARA. SAVOY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8.15, RUDDIGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE. VAUDEVILLE THEATRE. Every Evening, at 7.45, NEARLY SEVERED; at 8.30, SOPHIA. GAIETY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, No. 1 ROUND THE CORNER. COURT THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK. OLYMPIC THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.45, THE TWO BLINDS; at 8.10, HOME RULE; at 9, THE CHURCHWARDEN. STRAND THEATRE. Monday, and Every Evening, at 8, JACK IN THE BOX. ROYALTY THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.45, THE COMING CLOWN; at 8.45, MODERN WIVES. COMEDY THEATRE. Every Evening at 8, THE BEGGAR STUDENT. TOOLE'S THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY; at 8.30, THE BUTLER. PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE. Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY. STANDARD THEATRE. Every Evening at 7, ALADDIN, OR THE SLAVE OF THE LAMP. GRAND THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.30, ROBINSON CRUSOE. SURREY THEATRE. Every Evening at 7.30, JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. SANGER'S AMPHITHEATRE. Twice daily, at 2 and 7.30, CINDERELLA. ROYAL AQUARIUM. Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement. ALBERT PALACE. Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day. ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES. Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c. LONDON PAVILION. Every Evening at 8, the Marvellous Variety Entertainment, &c. CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES. Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Company, &c., &c. PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES. Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c. MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION. Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.

HORSE SHOW AT OLYMPIA, KENSINGTON.—We are informed that the Earl of Lathom and the Directors of the National Agricultural Hall, Kensington, have determined to organise a grand horse show in May next, upon such a scale as to make it worthy of commemoration as one of the national events of the Jubilee year. A large number of letters have been received by the management from leading horse owners and breeders throughout the country, suggesting such a Jubilee show. Several reforms will be introduced in the conditions, and such special facilities will be offered to exhibitors as they will at once appreciate, not the least of which is the size and healthiness of the new hall, and the magnificent and permanent stabling outside the building. Horses may be sent from any town in the kingdom direct to the doors of the hall. A very influential committee is in process of formation, and included in the programme will be some novel features hitherto unknown at horse shows.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT LEEDS.

A presentation took place on Monday night the 31st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, of a purse and address to Bro. Chas. Lowry, P.M., the respected Hon. Sec. of the Leeds Educational and Benevolent Association. The president of the Institution, Bro. Major Moore, P.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large gathering of Leeds Masons. Bro. Wm. Warren, 1211, read the address which was beautifully illuminated and to the following effect.

"Leeds Educational and Benevolent Institution.—This address and purse of gold, were presented to Bro. Lowry on the 31st of January, 1887, as an acknowledgment of, but not an adequate return for services rendered by him as secretary to the Institution from its commencement in the year 1876 to the present time." Then followed the names of the president, vice-president, trustees, permanent and elective committees, treasurer, and auditors, who had contributed towards the presentation.

Bro. Major MOORE, in making the presentation of this address and a purse containing £56, referred to the nature of the Institution and the work it had done since its inauguration in 1876. It was now in a most prosperous condition, a fact in no small measure due to the assiduous attention paid by Bro. Lowry to its interests. He trusted that the recipient's life might long be spared to assist in the active work on behalf of the best interests of Freemasonry in Leeds, and of the Institution in particular.

Other brethren having eulogised the part played by Bro. Lowry in the history of the Institution, and his uniform courtesy and assiduity,

The recipient suitably and feelingly acknowledged the spontaneous tribute, which he felt unable to acknowledge in adequate terms.

A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent by all who had the good fortune to be present.



We would remind the friends of the Frederick Binckes Presentation Fund, that the next meeting of the committee will be held in the Duke's Salon, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday, 5th February. The chair will be taken at three o'clock precisely.

Bro. Sydney Hodges has been commissioned to paint the portrait of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, which will be presented to him by the brethren of that province at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May next.

A Past Master of the University Lodge, No. 1118, desires us to announce that the lodge had the letter of the Pro Grand Master under consideration at the last meeting, and after long and careful deliberation, the lodge resolved to disapprove the suggested subscription for the Imperial Institute.

Bro. Chas. Veal, of the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, has added a new Masonic Hall to his already attractive house, which should bring him increased patronage from lodges holding summer outings or banquets. The situation is a charming one, and Bro. Veal's catering and courteous attention to his visitors are well known.

The members of the Melbourne Masonic Club entertained their President, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, at a complimentary dinner, on the 21st of December, on the occasion of his return to Australia. Amongst the visitors invited was Bro. Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon, who is now touring the Colonies for the benefit of his health.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1816," in the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, 17th inst., at 6.30 p.m. This lodge of instruction, of which Bro. Stevens is the Preceptor, meets weekly at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked there on the 24th inst., and the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the 3rd proximo.

The annual ball of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, will take place under the distinguished patronage of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst., the proceeds to be placed on the list of Bro. B. Stewart, as Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Tickets, double (for lady and gentleman), 21s.; single, 12s. 6d. Full Craft clothing to be worn. All necessary particulars of Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M., hon. secretary.

The forty-eighth annual Masonic ball of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, will take place at the White-hall Rooms of the Hotel Métropole, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The Stewards are Bros. J. Whaley, W.M. (President); T. Whaley, S.W. (Vice-President); G. Evans, J.W.; C. T. Fleck, S.D.; J. A. Armour, J.D.; R. Steele, I.G.; J. Hancock (Treasurer); J. Stedman, I.P.M.; H. Hadley, P.M.; F. W. Jordon, J. C. Pearson, H. Tatton Sykes, W. Hunt, W. C. Schneberger, F. Norman, and A. E. Miller. Hon. Secretary, Bro. G. King, P.M. Charterhouse.

The much agitated question as to whether the late Maestro Franz Liszt had or had not been a Freemason, and whether he had continued to belong to the Brotherhood after his consecration to the priesthood, seems to have found a final answer in the columns of a well-known Masonic journal, which writes as follows: "There departed for the Eternal Orient on July 31st last, at Bayreuth, one of the most eminent artists and men of this century, a worthy member of our universal union, and one who, during his lifetime, distinguished himself by his Masonic activity. We mean Brother Franz Liszt, upon whose grave we place a sprig of acacia. Brother Franz Liszt was received into the Order in 1841 at Frankfort-on-Main, in the Concord Lodge, by Georg Kloss; his sponsor was the composer W. Th. Speyer, and present at the time was Felix von Lichnowsky.—Court Journal,

The Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183, was consecrated at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is stated that Bro. Dr. Maitland Moir will, if a general wish is manifested in his favour, be prepared to accept the office of R.W. Prov. G. Master of Aberdeen-shire, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Dr. Beveridge,

A Masonic ball was given by the brethren of St. Helen's in the Town Hall, on the 19th ult., in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities. There was a large attendance, and the arrangements reflected great credit on Bro. W. L. Wolfenden and the Ball Committee.

Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, celebrated its centenary anniversary early last month, having been warranted 2nd January, 1787, though it is believed to have existed as a military lodge previous to that date.

The annual ball given by the brethren of Dewsbury in aid of the Dewsbury and District General Infirmary, came off at the Industrial Hall, on the 21st ult. It was more numerously attended than in any previous year and was proportionately, therefore, a greater success than ever.

The installation of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton as Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, vice Bro. Lord de Tabley resigned, will take place at Chester, in all probability during Easter week. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G. Master, being in the chair on the occasion. Bro. Horatio Lloyd will be the new Dep. P.G.M.

The second annual ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, came off as arranged, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 21st ult., and proved a great success. There were not far short of a hundred guests present and dancing was kept up with great spirit till an early hour the following morning.

At the meeting on Wednesday, the 26th ult., of the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, Sowerby Bridge, Bro. Gledhill Hallas delivered a long and interesting lecture on "The Origin and History of Freemasonry." A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Hallas, whose effort to enlighten the brethren was deservedly appreciated.

At the meeting of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, which will take place at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, tomorrow (Saturday), Bro. John Mason, P.M., Secretary, and one of the founders of the lodge, will enjoy the supreme satisfaction of initiating his son into the mysteries of the First Degree. We trust the neophyte may have before him as successful a Masonic career as that of his respected father has proved to be.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M., who was installed on the 27th ult. in the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, as W.M. for a second year, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1886," in that lodge on Thursday, the 24th inst., when a large gathering of brethren of the Province of Hants is anticipated.

A brother, signing himself "A Warwickshire Freemason," has written to the *Birmingham Daily Gazette* suggesting that the W.M.'s of the lodges in his province should be made Prov. Grand Officers to mark the fact of their having presided over their respective lodges during the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. The difficulty in this case will be to find a sufficient number of Prov. G. Officers for the purpose.

The annual ball in aid of the Cripplegate Pension Society, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday next, the 6th inst., under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bros. the Sheriff of London and Middlesex, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, &c. Tickets, lady and gentlemen, 21s.; gentleman's ticket, 12s. 6d., may be obtained of the Stewards or the Treasurer, Bro. James Harvey.

The greatest sympathy is felt towards Mrs. Campbell, widow of Bro. A. W. Campbell, P.M., Concord Lodge, No. 1135, Ilfracombe, and proprietor of the Pier Hotel, whose death occurred quite recently with awful suddenness while Bro. Campbell was engaged in conversation with some friends. The deceased's remains were interred on Friday, the 28th ult., with Masonic obsequies, a dispensation to wear Masonic clothing having been obtained from the Prov. G. Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the W.M., Wardens, P.M.'s and other officers and members of No. 1135 being present at the sad gathering.

There are so many differences among smokers now-a-day that we question whether the opinion expressed as to excellence of "blends" are not as widely diversified as were those of connoisseurs of tea some years ago. But whilst admitting the impossibility of pleasing everybody in this or any other matter that is governed by individual taste, it is an established fact that the "old chums" tobacco, full or mild, golden or dark, and "Referee" cigars have become decided favourites amongst lovers of a fragrant weed. Messrs. Charlesworth and Austin were happy in bestowing the appellation "Referee" on their new famous cigars, as the journal of that name observed a short time ago that "the Prince says they are the best he ever smoked." That in itself is a sufficient guarantee of excellence, and we can thoroughly endorse it by our own experience. The special brands that are turned out from the manufactories of this firm, in Blackman street and Boro' road, are of the purest tobaccos and the most delicious flavour, and it is no matter of surprise that they should have obtained such extensive popularity amongst those by whom smoking is regarded as one of the luxuries of life.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—*Sure Relief.*—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affection when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th instant.

Bro. W. M. Stiles was on Tuesday last installed W.M. of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge in succession to Bro. J. Willing, at the Criterion. We hope to give a report in our next.

The installation meeting of the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday next the 10th inst., a dispensation for the purpose having been granted by the M.W. Grand Master. The W.M. elect is Bro. Alfred Souch.

The Strong Man Lodge of Instruction will meet for the first time at its new quarters the Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-street, Finsbury, at 7 o'clock, on Monday next. This has been necessitated by the new proprietors of the old Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, having made such arrangements as to compel the lodge to remove its quarters.

The numerous friends of Bro. Henri Bué, the popular W.M. of La France Lodge, No. 2060, and Past Master of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, will be delighted to hear that the French Minister of Public Instruction has presented him with the diploma and jewel of "Officier d' Académie," as an acknowledgment of valuable services rendered by him to the cause of education for a period of nearly a quarter-of-a-century.

At the recent conversazione and ball, given at the Masonic Hall and Clydesdale Hotel, Douglas, by the St. Andrew's Military Lodge, 668 (S.C.), the R.W.M., Bro. Surgeon-General Beath, C.B., announced at midnight that, in accordance with ancient custom, the brethren would invest their fair partners with their jewels and aprons, and it was done accordingly, the ladies being highly delighted with the investiture. The Grand March with which the dancing had commenced, was then gone through a second time, and the ball was afterwards continued till an early hour.

The third annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, and proved to be a greater success, if possible, than either of its predecessors. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.A., Lord Mayor of London, P.G. Stwd, and W.M. of the Studholme Lodge; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs, P.M. 205, and lady; and Bro. Sheriff Kirby honoured the brethren with their company, and amongst the stewards we noticed Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M., Chairman of the Ball Committee; Bro. Solomon Jacobs, W.M., vice-chairman; Bro. Joseph Da Silva, P.M., Hon. Sec. and Capt. of the Stewards; Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex; Bros. S. M. Harris, P.M., H. M. Harris, P.M., I. P. Cohen, P.M., Bromet, Joseph Jacobs, John Da Silva, and De Mesquita, and many other Brethren with their ladies, to the number of over three hundred and twenty. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. Weaver was in attendance, and played a very enchanting selection of music, and altogether, both before and after supper, the brethren and their guests seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, and what is of equal, if not more importance, the committee expect to realise a sum of between seventy and eighty pounds for the benevolent fund of the lodge.

THE IMPERIAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

On Thursday afternoon last, Bro. Theodore Tilton invited a number of gentlemen connected with the press and scientific and commercial pursuits to inspect this new invention and to hear an exposition of its features and method of application. Amongst those present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Chief Surveyor War Office, Edgar Bowyer, G. Plucknett, J. S. Cumberland, C.E., and many others. There have been many Hand Grenade Extinguishers before the public for many years, but this one, which has been brought over to this country by Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, of New York, differs from the ordinary grenade chiefly in the fact that the bottle is composed of thin glass, with a safety valve attached, so that notwithstanding the changes in temperature, and consequently the generation of gas or the expansion of the liquid within, there is no danger of the thin glass envelope cracking or bursting, the valve returning the liquid or gas to the bottle under more favourable conditions. The advantage of this grenade over the older forms is obvious, for in the latter the glass, being sufficiently thick to withstand the internal pressure, often fails to smash when thrown into a fire, and is therefore of no use, whereas in the Imperial Grenade the glass is so thin that it is bound to break, even if only dropped lightly on the ground. The bottle, which is globular, contains about a pint of liquid; which on coming in contact with the fire generates an enormous quantity of carbonic acid gas; this gas, being a non-supporter of combustion, renders it impossible for a fire to exist in its presence, for fire, or combustion as it might be more correctly termed, requires the oxygen in the air for its support, and in the presence of a large quantity of carbonic acid gas it is unable to obtain the requisite amount of oxygen. In this respect the Imperial Fire Extinguisher does not differ greatly from the older forms of grenade. But the improvement effected by using thin glass, without the possibility of its cracking, is so great that this extinguisher may almost be put down as perfect in principle, and the severe tests to which it has been subjected show that from a practical point of view it is equally satisfactory. The Prince and Princess of Wales witnessed one of these practical experiments at Norwich. A wooden chimney 14 ft. in height was ignited, and the flames shot up quite to ft. beyond; a large structure representing the section of a house and a smaller structure were also set on fire, and all were instantaneously extinguished by four grenades. As a result, a considerable number of grenades were ordered for the protection of the buildings at Sandringham. Another point in favour of this form of grenade is that, owing to the safety valve, chemicals of three times the ordinary strength may be used. This effective little apparatus has already done good service in putting out several fires, notably, two which occurred at the Factory and Warehouses of the "Wells" Wire Quilting Company of Leicester. There is no doubt that as a means of extinguishing incipient fires, and even fires that have acquired considerable intensity, this grenade will quickly supersede all older forms. A company is being formed with every prospect of exceptional success. Bro. Tilton has made a host of friends since he has been in England, and his Masonic brethren, no less than his other friends, heartily wish him success in this enterprise.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 12, 1887.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

General Committee Boys' School at 4 o'clock.
 Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1940, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.
 Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 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. [S.E., 7.30.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, 7.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
 " 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
 " 1609, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton.
 " 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1190, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8.

Supreme Council 33°, M.H., Golden-sq., W.
 Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemason's Hall
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1668, Samson, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1760, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
 K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 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, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Supreme Council 33°, M.H., Golden-sq., W.
 General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
 " 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
 " 1306, St. John, Threec Nun's Hot., Aldgate.
 " 1349, Frairs, Ship and Turtle Hot., Leadenhall-st.
 " 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool-st.
 " 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.
 " 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
 " 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
 " 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.
 Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Rose Croix, 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londenborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
 United Mariners, Lurgard Hot., Lurgard-rd., Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1216, Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
 " 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
 " 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 554, Barborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 331, Davison, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct., road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington. The Great City, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
 " 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.
 K.T. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
 " 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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