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WE have again the great pleasure of congratulating the Executive, both governmental and educational, of this Institution on the success achieved by the scholars in their charge at the Cambridge Local Examinations in December last. Of the twenty candidates who submitted themselves to the Examiners, only one failed in satisfying them, while of the nineteen who succeeded, two obtained Third Class honours in the Senior Division, and in the Junior Division two obtained Second Class honours, four Third Class honours, and the remaining eleven obtained passes. The brethren have long since understood that repeated evidences of the sound educational training administered by Miss DAVIS and her able staff of assistants, are not necessary in order to secure the confidence of the Governors and Subscribers in the management of the School, or enlist their sympathy and support and that of the Craft generally. But evidences of the character we have just received are none the less gratifying because they are not required or expected; and for the sake of the girl candidates themselves, if not for the sake of the School, we must all feel delighted at the large measure of success which has attended them at this Examination, even the solitary failure which is recorded being due to the candidate's illness. Moreover, as the claims of our senior Institution will very shortly be placed before the public as conspicuously as possible in connection with its Anniversary Festival, now so rapidly approaching, it cannot fail to prove a valuable help to those who are pleading a cause to be able to point with pride to still another proof that the course of instruction at our Girls' School is such as to enable the children to hold their own with advantage when in competition with the pupils from other Institutions.

WE are likewise privileged to announce that the Boys' School has achieved a similar success, the returns, though differing numerically, being eminently satisfactory. Only nine youngsters were sent up as candidates at the same Cambridge Local Examinations in December last. Of these two obtained honours in the Second Division of the First Class, four won Second Class honours, and one Third Class honours, the remaining two satisfying the Examiners, so that the whole of the small contingent obtained places, while in some instances the boys are adjudged to have distinguished themselves in Mathematics or Latin, or the two subjects combined. Here, again, it becomes our duty—and it is a duty we have much pleasure in fulfilling—to congratulate the Executive and Bro. Dr. MORRIS, with his staff of assistants, on the result. We are no more surprised at it than in the case of the Girls' School success; but, as we have said in our preceding remarks on that Institution, it is not on that account the less gratifying, and when the time arrives for us to plead the cause of this Charity before the Craft in connection with its Anniversary Festival in June, we shall have the satisfaction of adducing this and its previous successes at the Cambridge Local and other Examinations as an incentive to the brethren generally to continue their contributions towards its support. As regards the smallness of the contingent sent up, we have only one remark to make, namely, that it is just possible the reduction a few years since of the maximum limit of age for the boys remaining in the School from 16 to 15 years may have something to do with it; the maximum limit for the junior section of candidates at these Examinations being 16. This places the School at a disadvantage with others where the 16 years' limit exists, and leaves the Head Master no choice but between sending up only a few good scholars, with a reasonable prospect of all, or a majority of them, succeeding, and allowing many to enter with an equally reasonable prospect of several failures.

THE final meeting of the Board of Stewards having been held, we are in a position to determine, as nearly as it ever will be determinable, the amount realised by the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Of course, other sums may and will be received on its account before the year is out, especially as East Lancashire and West Yorkshire are both engaged in raising a special contribution in honour of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. But in accordance with the general experience, all sums intended to be paid on the Festival account are, save in very rare cases, received or notified within ten days or a fortnight of the celebration, and the total thus far is £19,169 17s. There is no doubt as to the success of this year's anniversary, nor, as we have remarked before, have our anticipations proved after all so very over-sanguine. At all events, with this immense aggregate already paid or promised to be paid, the £1000 voted at last Grand Lodge and only needing confirmation in June in order to become an asset of the Institution, and the moneys we may hope to see realised by the special efforts of our East Lancashire and West Yorkshire

brethren, the Committee will no doubt consider themselves justified in recommending a further increase in the number of annuitants on one, if not on both Funds.

WE announced in a recent issue that our North and East Yorkshire brethren, with the sanction and approval of their respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of ZETLAND, had determined on celebrating the QUEEN'S Jubilee with appropriate splendour on the 14th July. To-day we publish the circular letter addressed by Bro. PECK, the Grand Secretary of the province, to the Masters of the several lodges in its jurisdiction, in which the details of the proposed scheme are circumstantially described. The plan strikes us as being admirably suited for the purpose, and those in charge have done well to time it so as to fall on the day on which Prov. Grand Lodge will hold its annual meeting in York. No better place of meeting could have been chosen than the city which, in the ages long gone by, was the central home of our ancient Craft, which is still the metropolis of the North of England, and which is easily accessible from all the principal cities and towns in the Northern and Midland counties, as well as from London; while the fact of its being contemporary with the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge will enable our N. and E. Yorkshire friends to attend it without incurring any additional outlay in respect of travelling. The programme, too, which includes Divine service in the Minster with a sermon by Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of YORK, Past G. Chaplain, and a conversazione, is all that could be wished for, and, given QUEEN'S weather, there is good reason for anticipating that the Masonic festivities at York in honour of the QUEEN'S Jubilee will be in all respects worthy of so rare and so auspicious an event.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., held a Prov. Grand Lodge at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were—
Bros. Rowland Venables D.P.G.M.; W. L. Southwell, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. H. K. Southwell, P.G. Chap.; J. P. White, P.G. Treasurer; R. A. Craig, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Secretary; Tom Collins, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Williams, P.J.G.D.; John Blockley, P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Whitefoot, jun., P.G.D.C.; John Guiders, P.A.G. D.C.; John Smith, P.G. Swd. Br.; John Jinks, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Cooksey, P.G. Std. Br.; John Sewell, P.G.O.; James Vine, P.A.G. Sec.; Charles Drew, P.G.P.; W. Horton, P.A.G. Reg.; T. B. Hide, P.G. Tyler; B. Bastow, Thomas Pratt, William Belton, Arthur Marston, and J. P. Deaking, P.G. Stwds.; E. M. Wakeman, P.P.G.W.; J. Bodenham, P.P.G.W.; G. Gordon Warren, V.C.; L. Crump and R. Lewis, P.P.G. Regs.; E. C. Peele, Thomas Roberts, and W. Putman, P.P.G.D.'s; T. Warren Thompson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. W. Lester, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. C. Royce, P.P.G.S.B.; John Macnin, P.P.G.P.; E. A. Hicks, W.M. 601; A. V. Townsend, W.M., A. B. Deakin, J.W., H. F. Newman, W. Halfpenny, and W. Baxter, of 117; John Avery, and J. D. Southam, of 262; John Millington, 601; T. J. Salway, 611; W. H. Packer, Rev. J. T. Claridge, and R. A. Burdon, of 1120; W. Brewer and J. England, of 1432; T. Guiders, 1575; H. Roberts, W. Westcott, H. Skelding, R. Lucas, A. S. Trevor, H. Goodall, G. C. Cooper, W. T. Smith, and T. Bromwich, of 1621.

Letters, regretting their inability to attend, were read from Bros. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., A. C. Spaul, T. K. Spaul, Rev. J. B. Meredith, Rev. B. Rising, C. K. Benson, R. Millington, E. J. Webb, L. E. Woolsten, J. G. Morgan, J. H. Parsons, and George Stevenson.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER read a satisfactory report of the lodges in the province, showing a total of 315 subscribing members.

Letters were read from the lodges disagreeing with the proposition to subscribe to the Imperial Institute.

The Treasurer's report was also satisfactory.

It was stated that the Stewards would take up the sum of £500 as the contribution from this province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the occasion of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, presiding at the Festival on May 11th.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUBERT DE BURGH CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, AT DOVER.

The consecration of the Hubert de Burgh Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°, under the authority of the Supreme Council, 33°, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, Dover, on Saturday, the 26th ult. The following members of the Supreme Council, 33°, were present: Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Most Illustrious Lieutenant G. Commander; H. D. Sandeman, G. Secretary General; General Brownrigg, G. Prior; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Sovereign G. Inspector General; Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, Director of Ceremonies and Inspector General of the South-Eastern District. There were also present Bros. Capt. P. Montague, 32°; R. J. Emmerson, 31°; Colonel C. J. Cox, 30°; F. Hughes-Hallett, M.W.S. Ethelbert Chapter; Francis F. Giraud, P.M.W.S. Ethelbert Chapter; Jas. D. Terson, P.M.W.S. Ethelbert Chapter; Rev. J. Branfill Harrison, P.M. W.S. Ethelbert Chapter; J. Bourdeaux, Edward Luky, C. C. Walter, R. Staines Davey, W. Pearce, Captain Boyton, Surgeon S. J. Flood, Surgeon G. F. A. Smythe, S. Watts, W. H. Longhurst, M.D., Henry Penfold, F. F. Sintgenich, and others.

The acting M.P.S.G. Commander, Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, opened a Supreme Council Chapter, Rose Croix, in ancient form, after which the ballot was taken for the candidates as enumerated on the summons convening the convocation, which in each case proved unanimous, and the following brethren, being in attendance, were duly perfected and received into the Order: Bros. William J. Smith, Edwin Beer, J. Osborne Terson, W. O. Kennett, John J. Wright, and A. F. L. Fredericksen. The M. Ill. Lieutenant G. Commander then proceeded to consecrate the chapter,

and, having addressed the illustrious and perfect brethren present, called on Ill. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney to read the warrant granted by the Supreme Council, 33°.

After the completion of the ceremony of consecration, Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, G. Sec. Gen. 33°, proceeded in a most impressive manner to install the first M.W.S. of the chapter, Bro. Edward Lukey, 18°. After which the newly-installed M.W.S. appointed the following officers for the year: Bros. James D. Terson, P.M.W.S., Prelate and Recorder; S. J. Flood, 1st Gen.; G. F. Smythe, 2nd Gen.; C. C. Walter, G. Marshal; John Bourdeaux, Raphael; William Pearse, 1st Herald; Gen. F. Cuming, 2nd Herald; William J. Smith, Capt. of Gd.; W. G. Kennett, Organist; and John Osborne Terson, Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Edward Lukey, M.W.S., was elected Treasurer.

The M.W.S. thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Supreme Council, 33°, for attending on that occasion. He further proposed that the consecrating officers be elected honorary members of the chapter.

The LIEUT. GRAND COMMANDER acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the members of the Hubert de Burgh Chapter on the perfect manner in which the chapter had been arranged.

Votes of thanks were also passed to various brethren for presentations to the chapter, and letters were directed to be written to Mrs. Terson, Miss Smythe, and Miss Bourdeaux, thanking them for working the beautiful altar, pedestal, and ladder cloths. It may be added that the whole of the arrangements in connection with the chapter were carried out under the responsibility of Bro. J. D. Terson. We should add the only chapter in Kent has been held at Canterbury.

The chapter was then closed, and the illustrious, excellent, and perfect brethren sat down to a most recherché banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., at which nearly all the brethren were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The banquet was supplied by Bro. A. T. Dartnall, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

Previous to the consecration of the chapter, the members of the Supreme Council as well as several other brethren were entertained at luncheon, at the Harp Hotel, by the kind invitation of the M.W.S. designate. The chapter was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, 30°.

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF ROME AND OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual assembly of this Grand Conclave was held on the 7th inst., at 16a, Great Queen-st., Lincoln's Inn, when there were present Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G. Viceroy, and G. Treasurer, on the throne; Thomas Cubitt, G.J.G., as G. Viceroy; C. F. Matier, I.G. Lancashire, as G.S.G.; Frederic Wood, I.G. Kent, as G.J.G.; Rev. H. Cummings, G. Sub. Prelate, as G. High Prelate; John Mason, G. High Chancellor; C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder; James Lewis Thomas, G. Architect; George Kenning, G. Orator; E. H. Thiellay, G. Historiographer; T. C. Walls, Dr. G. Mickley, H. J. Lardner, W. G. Lemon, H. H. Shirley, C. H. Driver, Dr. H. Penfold, A. H. Bateman, H. C. Heard, Walter Adlard, Past G. Gen.; Henry Venn, E. Harris, J. Harris, V. Brown, C. E. Keyser, John Purrott, D. Harris, and F. G. Gottlieb, Intendant General Eastern Archipelego.

The Grand Conclave was opened in Imperial form, and the minutes of the assembly of 1st March, 1886, were read.

The GRAND RECORDER called attention to the recommendations contained in the Report of the Executive Committee, and proposed that Article VI. of the Statutes be amended by adding the words "Grand High Prelate" after Grand Viceroy, and to add at the end the words "and he must be a subscribing member to the General Funds of the Order." That Article X. be amended by having the words "so long as they continue subscribing members to the General Funds of the Order" added after "who" in the third line page 8; and that Grand Intendant Generals of Divisions shall take rank immediately after the members of the Grand Council; and moved that the minutes of the assembly of March, 1886, be confirmed with these alterations.

Sir Knight LEMON having seconded the motion, it was put, and carried unanimously.

The following report of the Executive Committee was then read:—

To the Grand Imperial Conclave of Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S., and Knights of St. John the Evangelist.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1886, and, having compared them with the vouchers, they find there is a balance in hand—

On the General Account of	...	...	£62 19 10
On the Grand Almoner's Fund	...	...	45 0 0
And on the K.H.S. and St. John Account	...	...	19 3 6

Total £127 3 4

The Committee regret to announce the decease of Sir Knight Stewart, Intendant General of the Punjab on the 13th December last, and the resignation of the appointments of Grand Viceroy and Intendant General of North and East Yorkshire by Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. The Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has been pleased to appoint Sir Knight Castellari as Intendant General of Bengal and its Dependencies, Sir Knight Thos. B. Whytehead as Intendant General of North and East Yorkshire, and Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, Intendant General of the Island of Jamaica. All these sir knights have shown much zeal for the Order, and the Committee fully expect that the appointments will lead to good results in the several Divisions. The most Ill. Grand Sovereign was pleased to grant a warrant for the "Invicta" Conclave to meet at Greenwich, but as he was unfortunately unable to attend at the dedication, Sir Knight C. Fitzgerald Matier, Intendant General of Lancashire, very kindly undertook the duties of Consecrating Officer, and most ably performed the Ceremonies on the 2nd, November last, and the thanks of Grand Conclave are due to him for his services on that occasion. The Grand Conclave will have to elect a Grand Viceroy in place of the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, resigned, and the Grand Sovereign is pleased to recommend Sir Knight the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, P.G. General, for that important office, in which recommendation the Committee fully concur. The question of the position of Intendants General has been brought to the notice of the Committee, and they beg to recommend that they shall take rank immediately after the Grand Council. The Committee also recommend that Article VI. of the new Statutes be amended by including the words "Grand High Prelates after Grand Viceroy, and to add at the end of the paragraph, and he must be a subscribing member to the General Funds of the Order. Also in Article X. after "who" to add "so long as they continue subscribing members of the Order. The Committee ask for authority to publish, forthwith, an edition of say 1000 copies of the New Statutes, and 250 bound.

WM. ROBT. WOODMAN, P.G.P. Grand Treas.
CHAS. FRED. HOGARD, Grand Recorder.
T. C. WALLS, Grand Examiner.
W. G. LEMON, Grand Standard Bearer.
C. F. MATIER, Intendant General, Lancashire.

On the motion of Sir Knight LEMON, seconded by Sir Knight CUMMINGS, the report was unanimously received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Sir Knight Dr. WOODMAN then rose and said that a very pleasing duty devolved on him, that of nominating Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P. for re-election as Grand Sovereign, and he felt sure, although they all regretted Sir Francis's absence, they would unanimously accept his proposal.

Sir Knight CUBITT seconded the nomination, and it was carried by acclamation, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Sovereign, Sir Knight the Earl Ferrers, P.G. General, was unanimously elected Grand Viceroy, and Sir Knight Dr. W. R. Woodman re-elected Grand Treasurer. The Grand Recorder then read the names of the sir knights appointed to hold office in the Grand Council by the most Ill. Grand Sovereign.

Sir Knight Thomas Cubitt,	...	...	G. Sen. General
" " John Mason	...	...	G. Jun. General
" " Rev. A. Hall	...	...	G. High Prelate
" " Rev. H. Cummings	...	...	G. High Prelate
" " C. H. Rogers Harrison	...	...	G. High Chancellor
" " C. F. Hogard	...	...	G. Recorder
" " George Powell	...	...	G. High Almoner
" " James Lewis Thomas	...	...	G. Chamberlain
" " W. Roebuck	...	...	G. Architect
" " G. Kenning	...	...	G. Marshal
" " E. H. Thiellay	...	...	G. Orator
" " H. Dicketts	...	...	G. Historiographer

He also appointed the following Sir Knights as members of the Grand Senate:

Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres	...	...	G. Preceptor
" " T. C. Walls	...	...	G. Examiner
" " C. E. Peek	...	...	G. Prefect
" " Rev. Samuel Maude	...	...	G. Sub-Prelate
" " J. S. Cumberland	...	...	G. Vice-Chancellor
" " W. H. Lethwaite	...	...	G. Asst. Recorder

And on the Executive Committee, Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres as President, and Sir Knight James Lewis Thomas.

The Grand Conclave then proceeded to elect 12 Grand Senators out of a list of 17 Sovereigns and Past Sovereigns, who had nominated according to the statutes, and the following Scrutineers having been appointed—under the presidency of Sir Knight Walls—viz., Sir Knights Adlard, Kenning, and Heard—they were obligated to make a true return, and after collecting the balloting papers, they retired to count the votes, and on their return the following were declared Senators for the ensuing year, viz.:

Sir Knight Dr. G. Mickley	...	...	G. Sub. Almoner.
" " C. H. Driver	...	...	G. Inspr. of Regalia.
" " W. G. Lemon	...	...	} G. Standard Bearers.
" " H. H. Shirley	...	...
" " H. J. Lardner	...	...	G. Sword Bearer.
" " J. Moon	...	...	G. Organist.
" " H. Venn	...	...	G. G. Vice-Chambn.
" " A. H. Bateman	...	...	G. Asst. Marshal.
" " C. E. Keyser	...	...	} G. Heralds.
" " H. Pentold	...	...
" " Alfred Williams	...	...	G. Dir. of Cers.
" " W. H. Thomas	...	...	G. Steward.

Only the requisite number having been nominated for the Executive Committee and the Grand High Almoners' Committee, the Acting GRAND SOVEREIGN declared Sir Knights C. F. Matier, J. Mason, T. C. Walls, W. G. Lemon, and George Powell as members of the former, and Sir Knights Dr. Woodman, H. H. Shirley, and H. Venn as members of the latter.

Sir Knight A. H. BATEMAN proposed that the names of the members nominated for election as Grand Senators be sent to the same members of the Grand Imperial Conclave, as the summons to attend the meeting are now sent, seven days at least before the meeting of Grand Conclave.

Sir Knight JAMES LEWIS THOMAS seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Letters of regret and apology for their unavoidable absence was read from Sir Knights Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M. Ill. G. Sov.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, P.G.S.G.; W. H. Kelly, Chief Intendant General Leicestershire; T. B. Whytehead, Intendant General North and East Yorkshire; H. Bulmer, Intendant General Australia; A. R. Robinson, Intendant General (unattached); J. Percy Leith, P.G. Viceroy; George Powell, Grand High Almoner; J. G. Marsh, Past Grand Architect; J. Moon, Grand Organist; J. A. Gartley, M.P.S. 2; and Alfred Williams, Grand D.C.

The Grand Conclave was then closed in Imperial form, and a banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern in conjunction with the Premier Conclave.

CONSECRATION OF THE VERAN COUNCIL, ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES, No. 18, READING.

On Monday, the 28th ult., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, for the purpose of consecrating the Veran Council, No. 18, Reading, under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Among those present were Bros. Driver, Deputy G.M.; Matier, Past Deputy G.M.; Gardner, G. Sec.; Edward Margrett, W. G. Flanagan, T. J. Pulley, W. W. Ridley, Wm. Ravenscroft, H. Creed, and C. B. Tubbs. Twelve duly qualified M.M.M.'s were admitted to the Orders of St. Lawrence the Martyr and Knights of Constantinople, the quaint and interesting ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Margrett, and the officers of the new council. The impressive and beautiful ceremony of consecration of the council followed, and was ably carried out by Bro. C. F. Matier, assisted by Bros. Charles Stephenson and F. J. Ferguson. Bro. Edward Margrett was then duly installed as W.M. of the council, and he subsequently appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. G. Flanagan, S.W.; W. W. Ridley, J.W.; Chas. Stephens, Treas.; J. W. Lindars, Sec.; W. Ravenscroft, S.D.; H. Creed, J.D.; C. B. Tubbs, I.G.; C. Slaughter, Stwd.; and W. Hemmings, Tyler. Several names of brethren having been proposed for admittance, the council was closed.

A capital grill was provided at the Great Western Hotel in the evening, when amongst other toasts "The W.M. of the Veran Council" was given and received with great enthusiasm.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, C. F. Hogard, C. J. Perceval, C. F. Matier, W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; John Bulmer, Joseph Freeman, H. Cox, W. F. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, James Brett, A. H. Tattershall, J. Newton, W. J. Murlis, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Tickle, F. Adlard, A. Ridgway, Albert Fish, W. J. Crutch, and J. Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of three female annuitants, and of one male and one female accepted candidate.

The Warden's report for the past month having been read, the SECRETARY announced that the Anniversary Festival, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, on the 22nd ult., which was stated at the time to have produced a total of subscriptions and donations amounting to £18,700 18s., had resulted up to the present date in the higher sum of £19,155 5s.—since increased to £19,169 17s.—with 17 lists still outstanding.

The other business being disposed of, the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Charles Belton.

The SECRETARY having read a statement of accounts, instructions were given for the settlement forthwith of the various bills.

The resolution of thanks passed by the Committee of Management of the Institution to the Chairman and Board of Stewards for their valuable and successful services on the occasion of the recent Festival was read, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

A vote of thanks to the officers of the Board was proposed and agreed to "nem. con.," and, having been appropriately acknowledged, it was further resolved that a written resolution of thanks to Bro. Madell for the excellence of the arrangements made by him at the Festival for the comfort and convenience of the unprecedented number of guests that were present be tendered to that brother, and that intimation of its having been so tendered be conveyed to Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

The Board of Stewards was then dissolved.

The following sums have been received since the publication of our last report, viz.:

LONDON.	
Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B.	£10 10 0
Lodge	
11 Bro. C. H. McQueen (additional) ...	5 5 0
(Raising his list to £26 15s. 6d.)	
PROVINCES.	
BERKS AND BUCKS.	
574 Bro. Reginald Maples (additional) ...	2 2 0
(Raising his list to £18 18s.)	
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.	
Chapter	
723 Comp. Col. J. Mead (additional) ...	5 5 0
(Raising his total to £10 10s.)	
Lodge	
183 Bro. W. Henry Jacob (additional) ...	21 0 0
(Raising his total to £63 5s.)	
NORFOLK.	
93 Bro. John Bridgman (additional) ...	4 4 0
(Raising his list to £155 9s.)	

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

RESULT OF THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER, 1886.

Of the 20 girls entered for the Cambridge Local Examination 19 are returned successful as follows: and one failed through illness.

SENIOR EXAMINATION.	
(Class III. Honours.)	
Miss S. M. Norrish, Pupil Teacher (Ex. Pupil.)	
Miss A. W. Cecil, Pupil Teacher (Ex. Pupil.)	
JUNIOR EXAMINATION.	
(Class II. Honours.)	
Jane M. Taylor (R.)	Ellen Senior (R.)
(Class III. Honours.)	
F. Oberdoerffer (R. F.)	Grace Bartrum.
Ada C. Crow	Emily Mabel Osmond.
(Passed.)	
Juliet Priestly (R.)	Josephine March (R.)
Susannah Tippler	Clara E. Coales.
Ada Ellen Ashton	Emily A. Cecil.
Frances J. New	Beatrice King.
Sophia Riley	Mary E. Spalding.
Helen Foxall	
R. Distinguished in Religious knowledge.	
F. Distinguished in French.	

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., presided, and among those present were Bros. H. Hacker, H. D'Almaine, Stephen Richardson, John L. Mather, Walter Ballard, C. F. Hogard, F. W. Ramsay, H. Young, J. S. Cumberland, Charles Belton, W. A. Scurrah, F. T. C. Keeble, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., A. E. Gladwell, S. H. Parkhouse, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, two petitions were submitted and received, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the October Election.

In accordance with notice of motion given at the previous meeting, an increase of £26 per annum to the salary of Mr. Reilly, Clerk in the offices, Freemasons' Hall, was proposed and unanimously voted.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS, 1886.

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Aspden, A. G. | Reynolds, R. F.
Seven honours and two passes; no failures.
RICHARD MORRIS, Head Master.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

The members of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, St. Columb, at their meeting on Wednesday, the 9th ult., paid a farewell tribute of esteem and appreciation to their J. W., Bro. J. B. Old, on his leaving England for new spheres of life in Florida, by presenting him with an illuminated clearance and a M.M. jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. Amongst those present were: Bros. W. Hortop, W.M.; E. F. Whitley, S.W.; J. B. Old, J.W.; H. F. Whitefield, P.P.G.R., Treas.; R. Drew, Sec.; J. R. Evans, S.D.; W. R. May, J.D.; E. Benney, D.C.; C. Brewer, I.G.; E. Rickard, Organist; Thos. Hicks, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Howard, P.M.; John Best, P.M.; T. Gatley, P.M.; Jno. James, P.M.; and Jas. Reynolds, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.

The W.M. made the Clearance presentation, asking Bro. Old to accept it as a small token of affection from the members of the lodge on his leaving them. He (Bro. Old) had done his utmost to further their labours during his years of office, and he trusted that every prosperity would attend him in his new sphere.

Bro. Old, in reply, having thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had conferred on him, and having expressed great regret that he had to sever his connection, for the time at least, with the lodge, the brethren adjourned to supper at the Red Lion Hotel, when, in the course of the after proceedings, the M.M. jewel was formally presented by Bro. WHITEFIELD, but in very flattering terms.

Bro. Old's acceptance being conveyed in terms which were characterised by great good taste and feeling.

We understand that Bro. Old has been presented by the inhabitants of St. Columb and neighbourhood, with a handsome gold watch in token of their esteem and respect.

THE MASONIC PRESENTATION TO MISS MARTYN.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons of Suffolk, has addressed the following letter to the subscribers to the presentation recently made to Miss Martyn on her marriage: "Dear Sir and Brother,—Permit me in the name of my daughter, Mrs. White Cooper, as well as in my own name, to thank you most heartily for your great kindness in helping to present her with the magnificent diamond star and touching address which she received from the Freemasons of Suffolk on the occasion of her marriage. Believe me, she will always greatly value your kind gift, while the remembrance of your goodness will ever be to me one of the most pleasurable of all the many happy memories of my connection with the province as its Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Once more begging you to accept our warmest thanks, believe me to be, your faithful and grateful friend and Brother, Charles J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk.—Melford Rectory, February 21st, 1887."

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AND CLUB AT FOLKESTONE.

We have on a previous occasion given a description of the New Masonic Hall and Club which has just been completed on Grace Hill. That it is one of the prettiest—if not the prettiest—buildings in Folkestone is the general opinion, and if the internal arrangements could be laid open to the outside world who are not Masons, the opinion expressed in that case would be that, for comfort and general utility, there is nothing in the town to equal it. The formal ceremony of opening the building was performed on Friday, the 25th ult., by Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. of Kent, who was supported by a large number of local and provincial brethren, including the following officers of the Temple Lodge: Bros. A. Petts, W.M.; S. Joseph, I.P.M.; A. Crane, S.W.; F. Hall, J.W.; A. H. Holbein, Treas.; G. Spurgen, J.D.; W. Worsell, I.G.; H. S. Roberts, Org.; H. G. Clements, Asst. Org.; S. Petts, Std. Br.; W. Dunk and L. Banks, Stwds. There were also present Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; Rev. S. Curteis, P.G. Chap.; B. K. Thorpe, P.G. Treas.; S. Warne, P.S.G.W.; G. L. Hart, P.J.G.W.; S. Penfold, P.S.G.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.G.S.; Past Masters H. Stock, F. Klatt, H. T. Samson, W. Frances, W. Cessford, J. Sherwood, and N. Penfold; J. R. Davy, W. B. Bennett, W. Saunders, R. Pope, G. E. Urben, G. I. Woollett, T. G. Morrison, H. Waite, H. H. Barton, G. J. Swoffer, H. Cole, J. Eldridge, C. Saunders, J. Ward, G. Belgrave, J. Hart, D. P. W. Jones, W. P. Pirch, G. F. Taylor, E. Hire, G. Woods, H. Vaughan, T. Edwards, T. T. Ettrick, J. Hanley, and others.

The Masonic ceremony took place at noon, when the lodge having been opened in the usual manner by the W.M., Bro. Petts, Bro. Lord Amherst declared the building open.

A banquet took place subsequently.

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PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The following circular has been recently issued, which speaks for itself, and to which we refer elsewhere:

"QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

"2, ALBANY TERRACE, HULL,
17th February, 1887.

"LOCAL CELEBRATION.

"W. Sir and Brother,

"I have the honour to inform you that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire purposes holding the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, on Thursday, 14th July, and also with the cordial co-operation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, celebrating the Royal Jubilee on the same occasion.

"The details of this grand and united Masonic Assembly of the entire County are not yet fully arranged, but will most probably comprise:—

"The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.

"Reception of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and other Provincial Grand Lodges.

"Procession to and Special Masonic Service at the Minster, where a Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England.

"A Conversazione, Masonic Exhibition, and Concert.

"The Officers and Members of the Northern and Midland Provinces are fraternally invited to be present.

"It is expected that the Local Celebration will be warmly taken up by the Craft in the entire County, and afford the opportunity of publicly manifesting their loyalty to the Throne and devotion to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

"I am, W. Sir and Brother,

"Yours fraternally,

"M. C. PECK, Prov. G. Sec."

MASONIC JUBILEE BALL.

A very successful ball was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, under the joint auspices of Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and Leopold Lodge, No. 1571. Bro. J. Terry, P.M. 228, P. Prov. S.G. Warden, Norths and Hunts, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had kindly consented to be the patron of the ball, and was present during the evening, and proved a genial chairman at supper, which was partaken of during the interval. The arrangements were really well carried out, great praise being due to the indefatigable Hon. Sec., Bro. Geo. Hughes, 898, and the committee, Bros. C. Jolly, W.M. 1472; C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472; Ives, P.M. 1472; H. Lewis, 1472; and the Stewards, Bros. E. West, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Hants; T. Duffield, P.M. 1571; C. Juniper, P.M. 1571; W. Greenwood, W.M. 1571; W. H. Wilton, P.M. 169; W. J. Penney, P.M. and Sec., 1571; G. Westfield, J.D. 1861; C. T. Jones, J.D. 1472; A. I. Ives, P.M. 1472; P. Paul, S.W. 1472; W. Smith, J.W. 228; and T. Kingrose, 898. A capital band, conducted by Bro. T. Bidgood, Silver medalist and L.A.M., and bandmaster of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Essex Regiment, discoursed good music, and Bro. Stephens and Smith, acted as M.C.'s. The dancing was held in the Pillar Room, and that handsome apartment presented a splendid spectacle, the brethren being permitted, by dispensation, to appear in Craft clothing and jewels.

The music was bright, and included a specially written Masonic Jubilee Valse, dedicated to the founders of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, by the composer, Bro. T. Bidgood, which was encored.

At the conclusion of the supper, which was presided over most genially by Bro. J. Terry the patron of the ball "The Health of her Gracious Majesty the Queen," was enthusiastically received. The PRESIDENT alluding to the fact of its being the Jubilee year of her reign, and hardly any one present could hope to see the Jubilee year of another Sovereign.

"The Stewards" were next toasted, Bro. TERRY saying they comprised members of two lodges, 1472, and 1571, assisted by other members of the Order, and explaining the three Institutions which the Craft supported, and to which the proceeds of the ball would be devoted.

Bro. LEWIS, P.M., responded, and whilst thanking the ladies and brethren for their support, said there would be something substantial to hand over to their worthy chairman, who was the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He hoped that successful as the first ball was, others would follow more successful still, and so enable them to largely augment the funds of their excellent Institutions.

Bro. TERRY next, in a long and humorous speech gave "The Ladies." And Bro. MILLS gave a spirited response on their behalf.

"The Health of the Chairman" was drunk with musical honours, and Bro. TERRY eloquently responded, giving an able digest of admirable work done by the three Institutions, and particularly of that for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. This was listened to with great interest especially by the ladies, who seemed highly gratified with the good work done by Freemasons, among which the chairman cited 173 old men receiving £6920, and 202 old women receiving £6464, which with the additional widows it has been determined to elect, and those receiving half their late husband's annuities, give a total outlay, irrespective of working expenses, amounting to £14,600 per annum. Thanks to the generosity of the brethren the Stewards brought up the sum of £18,700, and he ventured to say they would have to travel many miles before they would find any Institution which can raise such sums, and which, in all probability, before May would approach the magnificent total of £23,000.

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To Correspondents.

KOSMOS.—The subject is one which we think had better not be discussed in our columns. The body you refer to is to all intents and purposes a Club, and as such is free to elect or reject whom it pleases as members.

The following, amongst other communications, unavoidably stand over:—

CRAFT LODGES—Anchor and Hope, No. 37; Adam's, No. 158; Mariners, No. 249; St. John's, No. 279; La Tolerance, No. 538; Henley, No. 1472; Comet, No. 1680.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—Wandsworth, No. 1044.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—St. John's, No. 348.
Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Die Bauhütte," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Star and Cradle," "Freemasons' Calendar for Leicestershire and Rutland," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic Review," "El Taller," "New Zealand Freemason," "Sunday Times" (London), "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Cook and Housekeeper," "Court Circular," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Masonic Era and Analectic," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "Cassell's National Library," "The Liberal Freemason," "Cadiz Masonica," and "Western Morning News."



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 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.]

MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you kindly permit me, through your columns, to ask for copies of any Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws which have been found useful for the management of Masonic Halls.—Yours fraternally,

W. R. MASSIE, P.M. 1513.

Masonic Hall, Barnsley.

ARTICLE 153 OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In common with many other brethren, I was very pleased that Bro. Stevens withdrew his motion. If it had been carried the Board of Benevolence would have lost "much gold," and if it had been lost the London brethren would have lost their chances of a "little purple." As the matter now stands, through the withdrawal of the motion, there is a grand opportunity for the M.W.G.M. to meet the wishes of the London brethren by making a concession in regard to the much coveted purple. It is not overstepping the respectful bounds in which it is my duty to keep, I would like to suggest that as we have *Provincial and District Grand Lodges*, so we should have *London or Metropolitan Grand Lodges*. Thus, the Fund of Benevolence would retain the extra dues, and the many hard-working and deserving London brethren would receive a "mark of favour." It would not be difficult to arrange for four or six *Metropolitan Grand Lodges*, and it would be a grand work for the commemoration of this, the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign.

There is plenty of time between this and the next Quarterly Communication for the perfecting of such a scheme, and I am sure that it would be the subject of much rejoicing among those who now feel that there is little or no chance of receiving Grand Lodge honours. The Metropolitan Grand Lodges could be constituted in exactly the same manner as the present Provincial Grand Lodges, and by so doing we should be saved any serious alterations in the Book of Constitutions, for it would be only necessary to add after the word "Provincial" the word "Metropolitan," in the various articles in which we now have the expression "Provincial or District Grand Lodges."

Most respectfully, I beg to submit this suggestion to H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master, as a way out of the difficulty, which will meet all the objections that might be raised to the withdrawal of Article 153, and at the same time cause much satisfaction in the London lodges.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. W.



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Bro. William Watson, P.M., Leeds, has kindly sent me photo of a pitcher, with Masonic emblems on either side, which is of considerable interest and value. The colour is the pale straw generally seen in "Old Leeds," the ware being exceedingly light in weight. On the front is a scroll, with the legend, "Cooke Town," varnished, leading Bro. Watson to think it had wandered to Dublin at some time or other. On one side are exhibited the arms of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, with the motto—"Holiness to the Lord," enclosed between two columns having a motto on each—"Virtue and Silence—True Friendship"—and surmounted by figures. Behind is an arch and the key-stone prominently depicted, &c., and the legend—"Cemented with Love"—on the other stones. In front, at the foot, are three steps which lead to the abutments, from which the arch springs. Immediately above the motto to the arms, are the square, level, and compasses intermixed, on either side of which occurs No. 225, and London, below. By this number we are enabled easily to recognise the lodge, as it was evidently of Atholl origin. The present Lodge of *Temperance*, warranted 4th May, 1784, bore this number until the "Union," when it became 281, changing for 198 in 1832, and finally becoming 169 in 1863.* I wonder if the early records of this lodge throw any light on the origin of this pitcher. I am inclined to think that they will, if carefully searched, which should certainly be done. On the other side is a complicated Masonic design, rich in Masonic emblems, profusion and confusion being the rule. Bro. Watson will be glad to hear that I have traced the greater part of the design in an engraving in the "Reminiscences of the Worcester Lodge of Freemasons," by my lamented friend, Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths. In the preface we are told that the singular frontispiece is from "a copperplate executed for the Royal Porcelain Works by the celebrated James Ross about 1772." The well-known motto, "Sit lux et lux fuit" is immediately recognised, the only alteration from the Worcester original being the substitution of a portion of a large building, with a grand entrance, for the arms of the regular Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns"), to which the well-known Worcester lodge belonged. The pitcher is in perfect condition, and is certainly a rarity. Bro. Watson is also the fortunate possessor of a rare old Masonic mug, literally covered with

* Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," p. 108.

emblems, the design of which dates from the latter part of the last century, and is of special value, because of the Royal Arch being so prominently represented. This is also a specimen of the same ware, and has been handed down from father to son until quite recently. Envy is not a Masonic virtue, so I must say nothing about one's wishes as to obtaining such undoubted specimens "of yolden tyme."

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Henry Pearse Hughes, S.W. and W.M. elect, was formally installed into the chair of K.S. by Past Master F. West, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, the Secretary of the lodge, who was the Installing Officer on the occasion, the lodge having been opened by Bro. C. B. Cousens, the W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. West, and was rendered unusually impressive by his singing during the ceremony, a selection of anthems and hymns, arranged by Bro. West. Bro. Stedman, Bro. Beavan, and Bro. J. A. Brown, were the musical brethren who carried out in lodge the musical programme which, "inter alia," included the song "Angel of Charity," composed by Handel to the beautiful words of Tom Moore, and sung by Bro. Beavan with excellent effect, and the anthem "Behold how good and joyful." The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year invested by the newly-installed Worshipful Master were Bros. C. B. Cousens, I.P.M.; Dr. G. Weldon, S.W.; H. E. Pollard, J.W.; J. Chynoweth, P.M., Treas.; B. F. West, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Hughes, S.D.; Baron H. de Stern, J.D.; F. W. R. Hore, I.G.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, Org.; Capt. R. G. Hall, P.M., M.C.; and Gerald Stuart, Stwd. The officers being invested, Bro. West delivered the usual addresses to the Master and Wardens, and the general body of brethren, thus concluding the ceremony. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Hughes, G.S., then presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Cousens, I.P.M., which the latter acknowledged in a few appropriate words. The lodge then proceeded to choose a Grand Steward for the present year, and Dr. G. Weldon, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Dr. Meadows then rose, and said it would be in the recollection of the lodge that he was partly responsible for the postponement of the consideration of the Pro Grand Master's circular. He had made it his business to enquire what was the feeling of the brethren of the lodge on the subject of the circular, and although he found there was a strong desire that the wishes of the Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master should be carried out, there was also a feeling very generally and very strongly expressed that the proposal was at least open to question, as there was nothing to indicate that the contributions of Masons towards a Colonial Institute would be particularised, and would not be swallowed up in a fund not identified with Freemasonry. On a wider enquiry he had found that the feeling was by no means confined to the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, and that representations had accordingly been made to head-quarters; and although he had no official intimation on the subject, he thought he might say that it was contemplated and almost decided that the contributions of Masons should go to some special object in connection with the Colonial Institute, and he had therefore much pleasure in proposing that that lodge accept the proposition of the Pro Grand Master on the understanding that the contributions of the Craft should be in some way specified in the proceedings of the Colonial Institute. He believed that there was no definite scheme—no one that they as a lodge should inquire too minutely into. It was enough for them to know that the Grand Master did contemplate recognising and particularising the donations of the Craft. If they, as Masons, desired that their mark should be left on that Colonial Institute, he hoped that their contribution would be of an amount worthy of the lodge. Bro. Weldon, P.M., seconded the motion, in doing which he said that he had been at other lodges, where he found the same opinion prevailed as that which had been expressed by Bro. Meadows. Masons could not allow their contributions to be swallowed up and lost sight of in a general fund. They ought to see to it, that whatever contributions they gave should be traceable, so that it might be seen that they had made their mark upon the age, and that their influence spread throughout the country and throughout the empire. The motion of Bro. Meadows was then put to the vote and carried.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests afterwards dined together in the adjoining building.

On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and were received with the heartiness which always characterises Masonic toasts.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Hughes, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," drawing attention to the fact that this was the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master," the Worshipful Master referred to the Colonial Institute, and endorsed the remarks that had been made by Bro. Meadows in lodge.

The privilege of proposing "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M. to Bro. Broadley, who took occasion to express his gratification that his first visit to that time immemorial lodge should be signalled by his having that privilege accorded to him. The presence of the Grand Master on the scene of the recent disaster had been referred to; but they ought not to forget that the Pro Grand Master was there also, he being the happy possessor of a freehold in the East. Bro. Broadley, before resuming his seat, referred to the fact that that lodge had among its members as many as eight officers of the Grand Lodge—either Present or Past.

Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, replied for the Grand Officers, in doing which he referred to the fact that Bro. West, of whose ability as a Mason they had had good

proof that evening, had done him the honour of accepting the office of Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey. This was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of visiting this lodge; it was the first time he had seen Bro. West work, and after what he had seen he felt grateful to the lodge that one of its members had done him the honour to accept office in his province.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., then rose and said it was a very great pleasure and gratification to him to have been asked to propose the next toast, which he ventured to say would not be exceeded in interest by any other toast that would be proposed, "The Health of the W.M." It was the height of the ambition of all Masons to attain the dignity of the chair—whether the lodge was the most senior or the most junior the feeling was the same; but he would venture to say that when a brother arrived at the position of Master of a lodge which was almost antediluvian, a lodge which looked down upon the Grand Lodge of England as a younger brother, it was a very high and special honour. The newly-installed Master was an old initiate in that lodge—some 16 years ago—and had worked his way up through various offices. He thought they might congratulate themselves on having such a Master, and must congratulate their Master on having attained such an honourable position.

Bro. Hughes said he had to thank them for the very kind manner in which this toast had been proposed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and for the way in which the brethren had received it. He must express his obligation to Bro. Chidderman, who had sent from Rome the flowers on the table before him. In all he did in his term of office it would be his endeavour to maintain in its integrity the Royal Somerset House Lodge.

Bro. Weldon, P.M., proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities, coupled with the Health of Bro. Binckes," to which Bro. Binckes responded in an effective speech, in which, referring to the recent successful Festival of the Benevolent Institution, he reminded them that at a Festival of the Boys' School at the Crystal Palace the contributions amounted to £24,000, so that the Boys' School had as yet an unbeaten record.

The toast to "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Meadows, and Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., responded.

Bro. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., proposed "The Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bro. Jordan, sen., P.M. of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bro. West replied.

This was followed by "The Health of the Working Officers," which was acknowledged by the S.W., and then the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Stedman, who was assisted by Miss Hilda Coward, Bro. J. A. Brown, Mr. Charles Chilly, Bro. F. Beavan, Bro. Stedman's Choir Boys, Mr. John Cheshire, harp solo, and Mr. Augustus Toop, Pianoforte.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; F. J. Humphrey, P.G.P. Oxon.; J. D. Thomas, P.A.G. D.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. M. Broadley, P. Dep. District G.M. Malta; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. St. Br.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.; W. S. Bainbridge, P.P.G.O.; T. Lumley, 1; R. Lane, I.P.M. 1328; M. K. Betts, 1159; Dr. Pollins, 625, Dublin; A. Christy, P.M. 5; P. Dakin, 1609; F. Beavan, 1706; W. A. Barrett, 920; J. A. Brown, 1682; J. S. Cousens, I.P.M. 227; C. E. Wilson, 99; J. Stedman, P.M. 1765; A. Sturt, 1328; J. T. Griffith, P.M. 2000; J. W. H. Thompson, S.D. 165; A. W. Oxford, 534; A. J. Morris, 566; C. Stevens, 1329; C. F. Cameron, 1506; F. Coles, 1150; C. W. Stephens, 14; E. Calfin, 99; Zacharie, Charleston; T. Christys and A. Fellows Gordon, 1718; E. F. B. Fuller, 1657; and E. C. Massey.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there were present Bros. Jas. T. Ford, W.M.; W. Wingham, S.W.; G. Deaton, J.W.; J. Linder, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyer, P.M., Sec.; Wall, S.D.; Elliott, J.D.; T. J. Robins, P.M., D.C.; Jaquet, M.D., I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; Hawkins, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; Moorcroft, P.M.; Maynard, F. J. Deaton, J. F. Smith, Guppy, Baker, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. F. J. Deaton was balloted for, accepted, and initiated, the ceremony being rendered additionally impressive by the solemn tones of the organ. The letter of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was next considered by the lodge, and finally accepted. Other minor business being transacted, the lodge was then closed. This being an off-night, no banquet was held.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The regular meeting of this old and justly popular lodge took place on Saturday, the 5th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Major Penrose John Dunbar, W.M.; H. Reed, S.W.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.G.D.C., acting as J.W.; T. de C. Meade, S.D.; F. T. Dubois, P.M., acting as J.D.; G. Powell, P.M., acting as I.G.; A. V. Haines, P.M., Treasurer; G. Powell, P.M., Secretary; Gamble Hobson, I.P.M.; W. Baltye, P.M.; J. Tatlock, P.M.; and J. Walkley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; W. Walke, 12 (S.C.); and J. Smith, 1004.

The lodge having been duly opened, Mr. R. W. Edwards was duly balloted for as a candidate, and being unanimously elected, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Bros. William Medwin, W.M.; W. Dowland, S.W.; Thos. Fisher, J.W.; J. Smith, J.D.; Henry Legge, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Dart, I.G.; Robert Mark, D.C.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., W.S.; Barclay Perkins, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Chas. Arkell,

P.M.; S. T. Lucas, P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; R. E. Bright, Dr. Waring, John Quy, S. J. A. Potts, James Fraser, J. M. Mower, Hughes, W. Williams, Rowe, Goodes, H. Ward, and others. Visitors: Bros. Gillanders, W.M. Lodge Fortrose, Stornoway; E. H. Thielay, Lucas, Howe, Salmon, Bird, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hughes was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The report of the Audit meeting was received and adopted. Two gentlemen were balloted for and accepted. Bro. S. T. Lucas, P.M., installed Bro. W. Dowland into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, in his usual able and impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers. Ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds to a distressed brother. A valuable gold jewel was presented to Bro. W. Medwin, the out-going W.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

The brethren dined together, Bro. W. Dowland presiding. The usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 8th instant. The occasion being one of universal interest, owing to the fact that Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., was going to vacate the chair for the fifth time, there was a large and distinguished gathering of brethren present to witness the event, as well as the installation of his successor, Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.P.G.D. Herts, W.M. elect. Bro. Major Lambert, who has occupied the chair for the past two years was initiated in this lodge in 1844, and was installed for the first time as its W.M., 39 years ago, so that there can be no question as to our respected brother having, by his genial qualities, his sound experience, and his frequently renewed administration, secured the complete respect and esteem of all its members. The members present included Bros. F. W. Lee, S.W.; H. C. Lambert, P.M., Treas.; W. B. Heath, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Rowe, S.D.; R. Williams, J.D.; Dr. G. Cowell, P.M., D.C.; John Read, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; C. Lambert, Stwd.; G. Cooper, P.M.; F. Orchard, P.M.; Dr. R. Cross, P.M.; J. F. Carr, P.M.; J. J. Caney, P.M.; J. Winter, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Punjab; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; Sir John Robinson (Ireland); W. A. Scurrell, I.P.M. 2048, P.G.S. Works Middx.; W. Penrose, 32; T. Simpson, W.M. 1745; S. Cutband, 77; W. Goodchild, P.M. 704; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 199; J. J. Thomas, J.W. 753; A. M. Spearing, 263; H. E. Coffin, W.M. 167; I. W. Peacock, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; J. E. Dawson, P.M. 404; T. Archer; R. W. Gales, W.M. 1306; W. H. Jeffries, 1963; Rev. Dr. J. H. Rose, 1964; Dr. Maguire, 1964; J. Drake, 1997; A. C. Wills, 1964; E. Brett, 1471; F. W. Nash; G. Sargent, 214; A. Fenner, P.M. 1227; G. Coop, Sec. 2021, W.M. 141; R. J. Harnell, 2021; J. P. Cohen, 205; H. Windybank, 902; C. Probyn, P.M. 214; W. Woodruff; A. G. Browning, P.M. 33; E. Storr, P.M. 167; C. B. Cooper, S.W. 449; J. R. Harnell, 571; C. P. Bellerby, S.W. 2021; W. C. Bellerby, 2021; W. J. Rowe, 2021; C. Hilliard, 902; E. Terry, 902; J. Powell, 186; J. R. Parker, 259; J. E. Anderson, P.M. 18; H. Cuff, P.M. 715; A. Hudson, 1627; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.M., was then presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Orchard, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. W. Lee, S.W.; R. Williams, J.W.; H. C. Lambert, P.M., Treas.; W. B. Heath, P.M., Sec.; C. Lambert, S.D.; C. J. Capes, J.D.; J. Read, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; Dr. G. Cowell, D.C.; Marriott, I.G. It is worthy of mention that Bro. Heath, P.M., was invested as the Secretary of the lodge for the 20th year in succession, which is a clear testimony of the appreciation of his services by the members. The usual addresses were then delivered by Bros. Cooper, P.M.; Orchard, P.M.; and Carr, P.M. All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet.

After dessert the usual toasts were duly honoured, including "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

Bro. Major Lambert said that by the W.M.'s command, he had the honour of proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers." It might seem somewhat of an anomaly that he should propose this toast, but he introduced it as a member and P.M. of the Percy Lodge. He considered it an honour to ask the brethren to drink to the health of those Grand Officers who had honoured them by coming amongst them. They were favoured by the presence of the Prov. G.M. for Surrey, and they also had the honour of receiving their well tried friend and adviser, the Grand Secretary. He had to thank their excellent friends for being present, and assured them that the members were delighted to receive them and gave them a hearty welcome. This toast reminded him that in civil life they proposed "The Army and Navy," for there were several representatives of the army present. In the P.G.M. for Surrey he recognised a brother who fought in the Crimean campaign, a remark equally applicable to the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Capt. Phillips had represented his country in many foreign parts. Turning from the army, he saw the representative of Perfect Harmony in their good friend Bro. Dr. Lott. He trusted to see the Grand Officers often at their lodge in the future and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey.

Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, in reply, said that 32 years had nearly elapsed since he had his name associated with this toast by being appointed S.G.W. His responsibilities were not then so great as they are now. He felt two great responsibilities in connection with this toast. Firstly, as he represented a large body of good men who had passed into another world, and also those who were now carrying on the work of the Craft. And secondly, as he wished, on an occasion like the present, to make his remarks as brief as possible. The I.P.M. had referred to the Crimean campaign. It was always his endeavour to do a Mason a good turn whenever he had the chance, and the reference of Bro. Lambert had reminded him of an incident in that campaign which might prove interesting. It occurred whilst he occupied the position of Assistant Adjutant-General of the Light Division. A body of

prisoners, numbering about 20, were taken and paraded before his hut. One of them, a young good looking fellow gave him the Masonic sign. He immediately took him into the hut, and having tried and proved him to be a Mason, gave him the opportunities for cleaning himself and a good meal. The prisoner was a Pole by birth and congratulated him (Bro. Brownrigg) on the fact that he would never be shot, as there were swallows building under the roof of the hut. The only service he could render him was to send him on mounted, and spare him the necessity of marching through the heat of the day. This was the only time he had had the opportunity of helping a Mason and mentioned it as it might prove interesting to the brethren. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the compliment paid them.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Cooper, P.M., who remarked that the I.P.M., having introduced the previous toast, had asked him to offer the present one to their notice. He thought that the W.M. in the chair would allow that he had a difficult task to perform in following the J.P.M., whose hospitality had been almost without parallel. He would simply ask the brethren to drink the health of the W.M., and wish him as successful a year as his predecessor had had.

Bro. J. T. Rowe, W.M., thanked Bro. Cooper, P.M., and the brethren for their kindness, and assured them that he was very proud of being W.M. of their lodge for the second time, and would endeavour to perform his duties to the best of his ability.

In proposing "The Visitors," Bro. Major Lambert said that, as was customary in their lodge, they were favoured with a very large number of visitors. There were 52 visitors present, the members of the lodge only numbering 22. He offered them all a hearty welcome, and assured them that in the future they would always find the right hand of fellowship extended to them. With such a galaxy of talent, it was difficult to know whom to ask to respond. There was one excellent friend present who was on his way from Ireland to distant climes. He referred to Bro. Sir J. Robinson, who on that occasion represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and whatever they might say of Ireland, he was sure that there was no better or more loyal body of men in existence than the Masons in that country. He should couple the name of that brother with the toast; also Bro. Bywater, of No. 19, and Bro. Probyn, of the Queen's Westminster Lodge. He hoped the visitors present on that occasion would visit them again in the future, and assured them they would always be most heartily welcome.

Bro. Sir J. Robinson tendered his most sincere thanks to Bro. Major Lambert and the brethren for giving and receiving the toast so heartily. He had visited them before in the past, and hoped to do so again in the future.

Bros. Bywater, P.M. 19; Probyn, Queen's Westminster Lodge; and Scurrell, P.P.G.S of Works Middlesex, also responded.

"The Past Masters" was given by the Worshipful Master, who said that, being a P.M. himself, he was unable to say very much about that body. But he would only say that the Past Masters, one and all, were willing to do all they could for the Craft and the good of their lodge.

Bro. Dr. Cross, P.M., thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid the P.M.'s. There was joy amongst that body when they saw a worthy brother attain the chair; but that joy was doubled in the present instance, as it was the second time Bro. Rowe had filled that position. He was reminded that when he passed through the chair for the second time the present W.M. was the I.P.M., and he had to thank him for the support he then received. He was also reminded that the first time he occupied the chair he had the supreme honour of introducing into Masonry his dear friend, Bro. Lambert. The manner in which the services of that brother had been recognised that evening had made him proud of that honour. The P.M.'s thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordiality shown, and, in accordance with the usual custom in that lodge, they returned the fire given by the members.

Bro. Major Lambert proposed "Success to the Percy Lodge of Instruction," observing that it was their custom, on one of their "gala" evenings, to entertain the officers of that lodge of instruction. The Percy Lodge of Instruction was the first in England, for the earliest records in his possession, went back as far as 1771. At that time it was meeting near the Strand, the members paying three-pence a night. The buildings of late had been very much altered in London, but they thought the meeting place at that period was in Picketts-street, St. Clement's Lane, or where the Royal Courts of Justice now stand. It had never ceased to work since that time, and at the present date its working was more brilliant than ever. It now has a Preceptor who is an excellent worker, and who cares little about time or trouble so that he carries out the work successfully. He referred to Bro. Cohen, who was supported by other members, many of whom were present that evening. The Percy Lodge of Instruction had rendered good service to the Charities, and the best thanks of the brethren were due to its executive. He asked them to drink to the success of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, hoping that the Worshipful Master of their Lodge would never forget that it was a child of their own and should therefore be encouraged.

Bro. Cohen returned thanks for the kindness and hospitality shown. He thought that their lodge of instruction had as large a number of members as any lodge in England. A comparatively young lodge, the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction, had thrown down the gauntlet to the old established Percy Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections. It afforded him much pleasure to take up that gauntlet, although he did not do so with the expectation that his lodge would excel in working.

"The Officers," having been duly given and responded to, the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast.

An excellent programme of music was admirably rendered, under the direction of Bro. John Read, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; assisted by Bros. Sexton, Prior, Harrison, and De Lacy. Nor must we omit to mention that the worthy hosts, Messrs. C. & A. Painter, proprietors of the recently enlarged and redecored Ship and Turtle, had, as usual, made excellent arrangements for the accommodation of their guests, the dinner being served under the personal superintendance of their manager Mr. Ashby, and well deserved the encomiums passed on the latter. Indeed, the fact of the lodge having held its meetings uninterrupted during the last 40 years, at this famous hostelry, is indubitable evidence that the efforts of the Messrs. Painter to meet the wishes of their customers in every possible way have been successful.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This flourishing lodge met in good strength at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. R. C. F. La Feuillade, W.M.; Lingley, S.W.; Foale, J.W.; George Everett, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Westley, S.D.; Ruffie, J.D.; J. J. La Feuillade, I.G.; Haynes and A. Lundie, Stwds.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Stranger, P.M.; and Plowman, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Meham, J. N. Hearn, and L. J. Lundie were ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The ballot having been taken for Dr. Geo. Millson, M.D., he was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries.

The lodge was then closed, and the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his speech he congratulated the W.M. upon his able working. This was the more creditable as Bro. La Feuillade was so young a Mason. In conclusion he wished him a prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Dr. Millson, in reply, made a most excellent and original speech.

"The Visitors" followed, and gave Bro. Simner, W.M. 177, an opportunity of dilating upon the working of the lodge. He said that the Kennington Lodge was particularly happy in having several well known and very accomplished Masons as Past Masters. Among so many it was difficult to mention any one in particular, but he felt bound to allude to the abilities of Bros. G. Everett, Higgins, Walls, and Webb. In concluding his remarks, he, on behalf of his co-visitors, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitable manner they had been received that evening.

Bro. Plowman responded for the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. G. Everett and W. Stuart replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." The former's witty sallies being highly relished and applauded.

Bros. Lingley and Foale responded for "The Officers." Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. J. La Feuillade, Webb, Lundie, Meham, and Everett.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The installation meeting of this progressive lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 11th ult., when there were present Bros. G. P. Bertini, W.M.; Rev. James W. A. Sturdee, I.P.M.; Carlo Grassi, S.W.; F. W. Cash, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Treasurer; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Secretary; J. D. Graham, S.D.; Henry Wild, J.D.; J. H. Meyer, I.G.; C. N. McIntyre North, Stwd.; Hiram Henton, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; J. W. Grummant, P.M.; J. Faulkner, R. Borrett, L. G. Mella, J. Rowe, W. J. Pegram, J. Lucas, G. Manuel, R. Pratti, J. B. C. Rouard, Cecil Howard, H. Guffanti, A. J. Chescoe, F. Cobler, C. H. Horner, H. W. Mackeham, W. Waters, W. Avenell, and H. Woodham. Visitors: Bros. H. Davies, P.M. 1177, P.P.J.G.W.; J. L. Coliz, P.M. 263; E. W. Halliday, W.M. 1305; F. J. C. Noebles, P.M. 1426; E. L. P. Valleraini, P.M. 1687; J. Schniller, I.G. 1969; T. Calvert, 749; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1604; E. Durrett, P.M. 395; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; D. Rose, P.M. 73; F. Kedge, 749; G. Thistle, 749; E. J. D. Bumstead, P.M. 548; F. Todman and James Woodward, 1614; R. Mackway, Org. 1987; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614; James Garnar, P.M. and Treasurer 975; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and approved. Messrs. C. H. Horner and Francis Cobler were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The P.M. performed the ceremony in a very careful manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. Carlo Grassi, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. P. Bertini, I.P.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; James D. Graham, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Henry Wild, S.D.; J. H. Meyer, J.D.; C. N. McIntyre North, I.G.; W. Cowley, P.M., D.C.; Edward Fry, A.D.C.; Thomas Grummant, P.M., W.S.; J. Faulkner, A.W.S.; and J. W. Rowe, Tyler. The W.M. performed this part of the ceremony in a very clear way. Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., delivered the charges to the W.M., officers, and brethren in a masterly manner, which was much admired by the brethren. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room were, after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, Bro. J. D. Sturdee, the Chaplain, said grace.

The W.M. then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, alluding to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in most flattering terms.

The I.P.M., Bro. G. P. Bertini, in taking the gavel in his hand to propose the toast of "The W.M." said it was his great privilege to do so. The brethren had chosen a good Master, and he was convinced would still continue to be a great credit to the New Cross Lodge. He was excellent in Masonry. Many brethren had occupied the chair before their W.M., but he felt sure there had never been a Master who would take a greater interest in the lodge than their present W.M. He had been unanimously elected by the brethren of the New Cross Lodge, and he was a man whom all regarded, not only as a man, but as a Mason. He had given more time to the lodge than any one present, and by his attention helped to bring the New Cross Lodge into its present prosperity, for this and for many other reasons he would ask the brethren to drink to the health of their W.M. in a bumper wishing him health and a good year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He would not bother them with a long speech. In alluding to what the I.P.M. had just said he felt most flattered. From the first moment he had stepped into the New Cross Lodge he had done all he could in his capacity for the good of the lodge. Freemasonry is good all over the world, and all he could say that during his year of office he would endeavour to follow the footsteps of their worthy I.P.M., Bro. G. P. Bertini, who had worked for the New

Cross Lodge, and improved it in every way, especially financially, and he trusted when his year of office was up there would be the same satisfactory balance, which would be a great comfort to him, and show that improvement in the lodge still continued.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said that the New Cross Lodge always highly appreciated this toast. They were glad to see initiates. They gave new blood to the lodge. Their newly-made brethren had behaved themselves very nicely that evening. They had come amongst them as children, and he knew they were most anxious to become good Masons. One of the initiates was to have been with them two years ago, but from unforeseen circumstances was unable to be with them, but he had not forgotten his promise to be amongst the brethren of the New Cross Lodge. He felt sure that both the initiates would become good Masons and a great credit to the lodge, and he would ask the brethren to drink their healths in a bumper.

Bro. Cobler, in reply, said he was pleased to be received into the Order of Masonry, and was sorry he could not be amongst them sooner. It made his heart glad to be a brother. From his darkness he hoped to see light. He thanked them all for their kindness.

Bro. Horner said he also thanked them all sincerely for the kind manner in which he had been received amongst them. He trusted he should do honour to the lodge. To be amongst them that evening was one of the proudest moments of his life, and it would always be his endeavour to become a good and worthy Mason.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said this toast was a most important one. All the brethren of the New Cross Lodge knew their I.P.M. well. He was a good Mason and a good man, and was of kind disposition. He had devoted a great deal of his time to his duties in the lodge, although his avocation would not permit him to give very much time, but his heart was in his work. The balance of the lodge was the best the New Cross Lodge had ever had, which showed that their worthy I.P.M. had the welfare of the lodge always before him. He was now about to perform the most pleasant part of a W.M.'s duties, and that was to pin a P.M.'s jewel on the left breast of their I.P.M. He had well earned the same, and he felt sure that Bro. Bertini would appreciate it as a great mark of esteem from all the brethren of the New Cross Lodge. He hoped the I.P.M. would be spared many years to wear it, and to be amongst them. It would always remind him of the happy hours spent amongst the brethren of the lodge. There is nothing better for a brother to wear than a P.M. jewel. It showed the love and best wishes of every brother. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of their I.P.M. in a bumper, and wish him health and success in all his undertakings.

The Immediate Past Master said that he was at a loss to find words to reply to the kind expressions which had come from the lips of the W.M., and also for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. It affected him much. It was a great pleasure to him to feel that he had the handsome jewel on his breast, and he should look at it always with gratitude to the brethren of the New Cross Lodge. It made his heart rejoice. It was a great thing for a foreigner to be initiated in a lodge and become its Master. Since he had been amongst them he had made many friends, and was always made welcome by them. He could well remember seeing their worthy Secretary, Bro. E. Smith, P.M., at his initiation. The sight of him gave him great encouragement. Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., proposed him as I.G., and since then he had made progress in the lodge, and performed his several duties to the best of his ability. He was equally sincere in his duties to the Craft as an Englishman, by all of whom he had always been well received since he had come to England. He could assure the brethren that whatever he had omitted to do in the past for the benefit of Masonry he would in the future endeavour to rectify. He thanked them all again most heartily for their kindness and goodwill towards him.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said it was one that was always well received in the New Cross Lodge. They were always glad to see visitors and make them welcome. A great many visitors were always with them. That night they had a large number. He hoped they had all been pleased with the hospitality of the lodge. It was entirely their own fault if they had not made themselves at home. They had 22 visitors that evening, and he felt it was his duty to thank them all for being amongst them, as it showed sympathy to him in his office as W.M. He should never forget the evening, and he felt quite happy. The W.M. named all the visitors, paying a compliment to each, and he asked the brethren to drink the health of the visitors in a hearty manner.

Bro. H. Davies, P.M. 1177, P.P.J.G.W., said he thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with other brethren, to return thanks for the visitors. He was sure all had enjoyed themselves much, and had felt thoroughly at home. It was his first visit to the New Cross Lodge, which he should always remember with pleasure. He had come from a great distance; but he had been well repaid by a most enjoyable and instructive evening. Wise men came from the East; but he had come from the West, and it had given him great delight to be amongst them that evening at the installation of their W.M. The W.M. had appointed and invested his officers in a most creditable manner, and he should carry back to the West recollections of a happy evening in the New Cross Lodge. He wished the lodge every success.

Bro. Montgomery said, although this was his first visit to the New Cross Lodge, he trusted it would not be the last. Great proof had been given that evening that the W.M. could do his work, and felt sure he could hold his own. He had been much pleased with the sweetness of the voices of their W.M. and I.P.M. It gave a great charm to the working. The visitors had been received in a most hospitable way, and all had enjoyed themselves much, and he thanked them on behalf of the visitors and himself.

Bros. Halliday and C. Keeble also spoke, endorsing all the expressions which had fallen from the lips of the previous speakers.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s" said they helped much to the success of the lodge. Without them no lodge could exist. They all worked well and gave great strength to the lodge. He knew they encouraged him in his work, that he could rely upon their support and help, and would call upon Bros. Bertini and W. Cowley to reply.

The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of the P.M.'s of the lodge. He himself

while occupying the chair, had received great support from the P.M.'s of the lodge, and the W.M. would find as he went on with his work that assistance at times was needed from the P.M.'s, which he knew would always be given to the W.M. with pleasure. He thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of the P.M.'s.

Bro. W. Cowley said he thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions which had come from his lips. He himself would always assist the W.M. to the best of his ability, and was sure all the other P.M.'s would do the same. He wished the W.M. a most successful year of office.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," spoke of their high qualities and abilities, to which Bros. Thiellay and Ernest Smith replied.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers," and said to him it was a great relief to feel that during his year of office he should be well supported. They all knew their work well. He often saw them at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, where, with himself, they worked well together, which was a great thing to do, as they were no strangers to their several duties when they met. He would ask the brethren to drink the Officers' healths heartily.

The Officers replied, thanking the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of their several abilities, assuring him they would do all in their power to support him well during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a conclusion, to which Bros. J. H. Meyer, D. Spurgin, G. P. Bertini, Carlo Grassi, R. Mackway (who presided at the piano, as well as sung), Bumstead, L. Clerk, and others contributed much by their vocal abilities.

The W.M. had thoughtfully provided two saloon carriages, which brought the brethren down and up to London, and which added much to the comfort of all. The meeting altogether was a great success.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. Collick, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Strong, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Wing, S.D.; Wright, acting J.D.; Oliver, Stwd.; Sandalls, I.G.; Bowler, acting Tyler; Pardoe, I.P.M.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Mansell, P.M.; Whitley, P.M.; and Page, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Maples, P.M. St. Luke's Lodge; Johnson, Asaph Lodge; Bond, Wolsey Lodge; Beard, Temple Lodge; Stokes, Alfred Lodge; and 19 other brethren members of the lodge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. C. W. Munslow, H. Warlow, and G. Washington Moore were balloted for and duly initiated as E.A.'s. Bros. Saville, Bosworth, Tildesley, and Fayers were passed to the Degree of F.C. After the by-laws had been read, the ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year was taken. Bro. Williams, S.W., declining to stand, Bro. Strong, J.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Strong having thanked the lodge, Bro. Watkins, who has been Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Walkeley was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Bosworth, Cannon, and Coombe were re-elected Auditors. It was unanimously resolved that 25 guineas be voted to Bro. Whitley, P.M., for the Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Institution. Also that the usual P.M.'s jewel be awarded to Bro. Collick, W.M., to mark the lodge's appreciation of his conduct during his year of office. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

At 8 p.m. the brethren assembled, and with great zest discussed the excellent menu provided by the worthy host, Bro. Page, P.M., which was served in his usual excellent style; and, needless to say, after the somewhat lengthened labours of the evening, the repast was done full justice to. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were heartily received.

The I.P.M. took the gavel, and in a few well-chosen sentences proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on the very successful year he had had, and complimenting him on his very strict and careful rendering of the various ceremonies.

Bro. Collick replied, thanking the lodge for the manner in which they had drunk his health, and for the general assistance he had received from his officers, and from the brethren generally, during the year.

In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. expressed the pleasure it had been to him to have so much work allotted to him, and made a few well-timed remarks to the new brethren.

Bros. Munslow, Warlow, and Moore returned thanks.

The next toast was "The Visitors." Bros. Bond and Stokes responded; as also did Bro. Maples, who remarked that he was surprised in a Putney lodge to see so few Putney men.

Replying to "The Past Masters," after Bros. Pardoe, Robinson, and Collings had spoken, Bro. Whitley made some of his usual jocular remarks, which were received by the brethren present with roars of laughter.

To the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary" Bro. Robinson responded, apologising for Bro. Watkins, Treas., who had been compelled to leave earlier.

In proposing "The W.M. Elect," the W.M. spoke in high terms of the ability of Bro. Strong, and congratulated him on coming into the chair a year earlier than had been anticipated.

Bro. Strong, in replying, deprecated the congratulations, saying he thought he ought to be pitied for having to follow so illustrious a leader.

To "The Officers," Bro. Strong replied briefly on behalf of himself and the S.W., who had left. Bros. King, S.D.; Collings, D.C.; and Oliver, Steward, also replied, and the Tyler's toast closed one of the most enjoyable evenings imaginable.

The toast list was enlivened by Bros. Page, Coleman, Whitley, the W.M., Bro. Strong, and others. Bro. Price gave a recitation.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. Sir Charles Warren, W.M.; R. F. Gould, W.M., Bywater, W. Simpson, G. W. Speth, Major Pratt, Professor Hayter-Lewis, Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Jno. Lane, P.M. 1402; J. Liddell MacGregor Mathers, 195; W. R. Woodmann, P.G.S.B.; Otto Helmer, J.D. 238; R. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238; C. F.

Hogard, P.M. 205; and Jos. Da Silva, P.M. 205. The following brethren having applied for admission to the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle were proposed and elected, viz.: Bros. S. Richardson, W.M. 183; Wm. Watson, Leeds; Professor Pierre Nippel, Neuchatel, Switzerland; B. Cox, Weston-super-Mare, P.P.G.P. Somerset; Col. J. R. Bramble, Bristol, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol; Harry Wells, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Dr. W. Bege-mann, Rostock, Mecklenburg; J. C. Robinson, Chester, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; William Logan, Durham, P.G.R. Durham, Historian of the Marquis of Granby Lodge; J. H. Goddard, Dublin, Rep. of G.O. of Portugal; Rev. J. B. Craven, Kirkwall, P.G.C. of Caithness, Orkney, and Zetland; William Kelly, Leicester, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, Historian of the provinces; Rev. H. B. Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Durham, D.P.G.M. Durham; C. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Chairman of Library Committee of the G.L. of Pennsylvania; C. K. Francis, Philadelphia; R. Hughes, Hastings; C. E. Ferry, London, Historian of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65; J. Newton, Bolton, P.P.S.G.D. Lancashire, Historian of Nos. 37 and 146; H. Lewis, Bristol, Editor of the *Bristol Mercury*; J. S. Cox, Caterham Valley, P.D.G.R. of Hong Kong and South China; O. Helmer, London, J.D. 238; C. Kupferschmidt, Finsbury Park, P.M. 238; B. Cramer, Berlin, Editor of "Latonia"; J. Todd, York, P.P.G.R. N. and E. Yorks.; C. P. MacCalla, Philadelphia, Editor of *Keystone*, D.G.M. of G.L. of Pennsylvania; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler of England; A. H. Bateman, Belvedere, Kent; E. W. Cross, jun., Bournemouth; E. F. Whitley, Truro, M.R.I. of Cornwall, P.G.O. (R.A.) Cornwall; H. J. Atkins, Bournemouth, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, Honor Oak; P. C. Dutt, Calcutta, P.D.G.D.C. Bengal; R. C. Beck, Dresden; V. W. Maughan, St. John's College, Oxford; J. F. Last, Shipley, Yorks.; S. R. Baskett, Evershot, P.P.G.R. Dorset; and G. B. Pearce, Hayle, P.J.G.W. Cornwall, Librarian of Coombe Masonic Library, Hayle.

The proceedings of the lodge to date were ordered to be printed, and a Committee appointed for the purpose. Committees were also appointed to consider the dates of meeting of the lodge, and to take measures for issuing the first volume of the special publications—i.e. manuscripts, and reprints of scarce Masonic pamphlets. The three Committees are as follows: For dates of meeting, Bros. Woodford, Bywater, and Westcott; for publishing the transactions, Bros. Simpson, Pratt, and Whytehead; and for publishing the reprints, &c., Bros. Gould, Hughan, and Hayter-Lewis, the W.M. and Sec. being, of course, "ex-officio" members of all three.

The Secretary announced valuable presentations to the Lodge Library by Bros. E. T. Budden, W. Simpson, and B. Cramer, of Berlin. The following brethren were proposed as joining members: Bros. John Lane, of Torquay, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, author of "Masonic Records, 1717-1886"; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Dublin, LL.D., member of Senate of Dublin University, P.G. Sw. Br., and present G.S. of Grand Lodge of Ireland, &c., author of several educational works and handbooks; E. T. Budden, Wimborne, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset, Hon. Sec. of Dorset Masonic Charity, and author of a treatise on secondary education, composer of Masonic songs and hymns, and a contributor to the *Freemason*, &c.

The W.M., Sir Charles Warren, read a paper entitled "On the Orientation of Temples," in which he traced their position with regard to the cardinal points from the remotest antiquity to the present day, pointed out the several changes which from time to time had occurred, fixed the approximate dates of such changes, and suggested a theory governing the reasons which had led thereto. The paper derived additional interest from the fact that it was largely based upon the lecturer's own experience and observation in many lands. Towards the conclusion, Sir Charles applied the ascertained facts and his own deductions to an elucidation of a remarkable legend of the Craft, contending that its origin was not Jewish but Phœnician, and pointed out that the details of temple construction contained in the legend could not apply to Solomon's Temple, with which they were at variance, but did correspond with those of Phœnician erection in most important particulars. He fixed the date for the origin of the legend as subsequent to the return of the Tyrian builders from Jerusalem.

The paper was listened to with deep attention, and evoked a marked expression of general admiration at its conclusion; but the ensuing discussion was scarcely less instructive, as the lodge possesses amongst its members two brethren—Wm. Simpson and Hayter-Lewis, Emeritus Profess. of Circuit—both great travellers and experts on this subject, remarkably well qualified to sustain the interest of the topic, whilst the two visitors who spoke were, from the circumstances of their favourite studies and in one case of birth, eminently fitted to instruct their hearers. For full reports of their speeches, as of the paper itself, our space is too restricted; but brethren will be able in a few weeks to purchase the annual transactions of the lodge, when all will be given at length.

Bro. Hayter-Lewis felt himself almost unable on a first hearing to discuss so vast a subject, in spite of the lucidity of the W.M.'s exposition; but, as an architect, he bore testimony to the great value and general correctness of the paper. Whilst, however, agreeing with it in the main, he referred to some exceptions and buildings not taken into account by the lecturer, and added much information from his own vast store.

Bro. Simpson also adduced arguments pro and con. from buildings which had come under his observation in regions where the W.M.'s steps had not led him. In conclusion, he agreed with the paper as a whole; but was inclined to think the subject by no means exhausted, and, having his own views on the matter, announced that he would at some early date favour the lodge with a second paper thereon.

Bro. Da Silva, amongst other remarks, desired as a Hebrew to thank the W.M. for his lucid explanation of the probable reason of the peculiar Orientation of the Tabernacle and Temple; but wished to know why the Jews of the present day turned to the East in prayer.

Bro. Sir C. Warren was of opinion that this only happened West of Jerusalem, and that in the far East the Jews turned to the West—that is, always towards Jerusalem.

On this arose a further subsidiary and general discussion, in the course of which it transpired that in Morocco the Jews turned some East, others South, this point receiving finally no satisfactory settlement, although the consensus of opinion was undoubtedly with the W.M.

Bro. Mather continued the discussion by a series of most learned and interesting allusions to the Cabala and the

bearing of this mystical philosophy on the subject matter of the paper, and on Freemasonry in general. Reverting in passing to heathen mythology, he pointed out a curious analogy between the contest on Mount Ida, in which Minerva, Juno, and Venus took part, and the columns W., S., and B.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M., and it was generally felt that, in spite of the interest always attaching to the meetings of the lodge, and the many valuable papers always read, that evening must rank as a red-letter occasion in the history of the lodge, thanks being scarcely less due to the brethren who took part in the discussion than to the reader himself.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment; but even here the discussion was continued in knots of two and three in a most earnest, although less formal, manner till towards half-past 10, when the party broke up.

DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the grand saloon of the Drury Lane Theatre. Present: Bros. Augustus Harris, W.M.; Henry Neville, P.M.; Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W.; Admiral Sir Edward A. Inglefield, C.B., J.W.; Rev. Charles J. Martin, P.G.C., Chap.; J. S. Fleming, Treasurer; A. M. Broadley, P.M. 1717 & 1835, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary; James Fernandez, S.O.; S. B. Bancroft, J.D.; Harry Nicholls, I.G.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Org.; Thos. Catling, Stwd.; Thos. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; J. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D. of C.; Hon. F. W. Hanbury Tracy; C. I. Phipps; C. J. Smith; Lord Alfred Paget; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; W. Pitcher; H. Sutton; Admiral A. A. Cochrane, C.B.; Herbert Campbell; R. Grey, P.B. of B.; Lionel Brough; Alfred Meadows, P.G.D.; C. W. Mathews; C. M. Duplany; G. F. Bashford; F. Leslie; Hon. W. M. Mainwaring; W. M. Lutz; Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Charles Coote; and others. Visitors: Bros. Lord Robert Montagu; S. Johnson, D.; J. W. Gottlieb; D. James, H. Kemble, E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; D. G. Macleod; J. Ward; H. Elliott; C. Powell; J. While; W. J. Fisher; G. Jacobi; C. F. Hogard; J. A. Lees; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; C. Harding; G. Swd. Br.; Richard Eve, Grand Treas. elect; W. Lake; J. Stedman; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; J. Langton, and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Harris, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the installation meeting, the following candidates for initiation were unanimously approved by ballot, H.H. Prince Ibrahim Himey Pasha, of Egypt, and Messrs. Beerbohm Tree, Gilbert Farquhar, and Arthur Yates. The following joining members were also elected: Bros. the Right Hon. Earl De La Warr, Captain George Alexander Peers Williams-Freeman, Alred Caldicott, Colonel Sir Robert William Harley, K.C.M.G.; William Ferriss, Right Hon. Lord Robert Montagu, and George Augustus Sala. The following propositions were received for joining members, Bros. H. H. Lawson, M.P.; F. H. Gottlieb, Col. Peters and Frank Statham Hobson. The following proposals of candidatures for initiation were then read: Messrs. Robert Sidney Brough, Edward Jesse Lonnen, and G. Harris Heywood. At the request of Bro. Harris, Bro. J. C. Parkinson assumed the chair and initiated in a very impressive manner H.H. Prince Ibrahim Himey Pasha, Messrs. Beerbohm Tree, Gilbert Farquhar, and Arthur Yates. Bros. F. W. Hanbury Tracy and Leslie were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, expressed the great satisfaction which he felt at the admirable way in which the duties of their offices had been carried out by the junior officers of the lodge; and while commenting on the excellent work and proficiency shown by Bro. Bancroft, strongly impressed upon the brethren the advantages of attending the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and there profiting by the teaching of Bro. Fenn.

Bro. Henry Neville, as the first honorary Past Master of the lodge, expressed the great pleasure which he felt in visiting it for the first time during his membership. He complimented the brethren, in laudatory terms, on the progress that had been made, and offered to present the lodge with a banner, on which the names of the Past Masters should be properly inscribed.

Bro. Augustus Harris expressed the hope that during his year of office he should receive from Bro. J. C. Parkinson the same valuable assistance in working the ceremonies which had been extended so generously to his predecessor.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said that, as far as he was able to, he should have great pleasure in complying with the request of the W.M.

There being no further work before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, W.M.; W. F. Smithson, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Masters, J.W.; F. J. H. Wright, P.P.S.G.D. Derby, Treas.; J. L. Cooke, Sec.; W. H. Bullock, S.D.; J. L. Potter, I.G.; T. W. Lew, Prov. G.M. West Yorks.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; W. Atkinson, J.W. 1712; S. B. Bolas, Theo. Carr, G. J. Wood, P.M. 1028; F. Wright, E. Carr, P.M. 1170; and C. R. Lec. Visitors: Bros. J. Wordsworth, P.P.G.W. West Yorks.; H. Slade, W.M. 1479; G. J. McKay, P.P.G. Sec. Cumberland; R. Townsend, S.W. 1984; E. St. Clair, J.W. 2060; Henry Smith, Dep. P.G.M. West Yorks.; G. P. Gillard, P.M. 659; Neville Green, P.M. 1962; E. Flint, 33; R. C. Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; M. Silver Hall, P.M. 253; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Wm. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings confirmed. Bro. Wm. Masters, J.W., on behalf of his wife, asked the lodge to accept a banner, which the W.M. unveiled. Bro. Masters said it had been worked by Mrs. Masters, and had been a labour of love. He asked the brethren to accept it from her as a Mason's daughter and a Mason's wife. The Worshipful Master said he could scarcely find words in which he could adequately express the thanks of the brethren, for they all owed a deep debt of gratitude to Mrs. Masters and also to Bro. Masters. To his knowledge, the work had been considerably impeded by ill-health, and it showed the interest taken by her in Freemasonry. He moved that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded to Mrs. Masters for the

beautiful present. Bro. Smithson, S.W., seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. C. R. Lee, on behalf of Bro. G. Swinburne, then presented the lodge with a case of instruments, bearing the inscription "Presented to the United Northern Counties Lodge by Bro. George Swinburne, initiated in the St. Mark's Lodge, and passed and raised in the United Northern Counties Lodge on his leaving for Australia, October 1886, in recognition of the brotherly feeling shown by the members." Bro. Lee in making the presentation said that Bro. Swinburne had arrived safely at his destination, and desired to be remembered to all. Bro. Cumberland, W.M., said he was asked by the W.M. of the lodge in which Bro. Swinburne was initiated to pass and raise him, which he had had great pleasure in doing. He moved a cordial vote of thanks to the donor, for the kindly feeling which prompted the gift. Bro. Masters, J.W., seconded the proposition, which was carried. Bro. J. L. Cooke, Sec., then asked the lodge to accept from him a bound and engrossed copy of the by-laws, and said he should be glad if the members would subscribe their names to it, so that it should be an official copy of those laws. The W.M., in accepting the gift, said the lodge was delighted to receive these kind presents. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Bro. Cooke for his kindness. Bro. C. R. Lee was next successfully balloted for as a joining member. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.P.J.G.D. West Yorks, having been presented as W.M. elect, was impressively installed into the chair. Bro. Smithson, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Masters, P.M., S.W.; J. L. Cooke, J.W.; F. Wright, P.P.G.S.D. Derby, Treas.; W. H. Bullock, Sec.; J. L. Potts, S.D.; Theo. Carr, J.D.; S. Lamb, P.M., D.C.; S. B. Bolas, I.G.; H. J. Giller, Stvd.; G. B. Davis, A.W.S.; E. Mills, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in an excellent and impressive manner by the Installing Master, Bro. Cumberland, I.P.M. The W.M. next rose, and said that a very pleasurable duty devolved upon him—to present the I.P.M. with a token of the sincere regard of the members. Bro. Cumberland, as they were all aware, was the first W.M. of the lodge, and had by his labours earned a high distinction in Masonry. On the removal of that brother to London, it was his idea to form a lodge composing the brethren from all the Northern Provinces. In consideration of his valuable services, the brethren had subscribed and voted a sum to present him with the handsome jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. It afforded him great pleasure to make the presentation, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to wear it. Bro. Cumberland, I.P.M., in returning thanks, said he need hardly tell them how much he appreciated their kindness. He almost wished the money had been expended in some other way. The present they had given him would always be looked upon as a memento of one of the pleasantest years of his life. Whatever work he had done had been a labour of love, and he was indebted to them for their kind assistance.

Propositions having been received, the lodge was closed in the usual manner. The brethren then adjourned to the Inns of Court Hotel, where ample justice was done to a substantial banquet, and the usual toasts duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" was first given by the Worshipful Master, who said that amongst her Majesty's subjects there were none more loyal than those who composed the body of Freemasons.

Bro. I. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorks, said the W. Master had left the next toast to his hands. It was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He was convinced that all present would be gratified at the manner in which his Royal Highness was proposed and unanimously elected as M.W.G.M. at the Grand Lodge meeting on the preceding day. This would commend itself to their warm consideration, and they would all receive it with loyalty and enthusiasm. The members of the Craft were deeply attached to his Royal Highness, whom they were proud to have at their head. He hoped, in connection with this toast, he might mention the important letter received from the Earl of Carnarvon in reference to the Jubilee festival, and more especially to the Imperial Institute. He hoped with all his heart that that letter would be cordially taken up by the Craft, and that the scheme which his Royal Highness had approved would be supported. He believed it would be warmly taken up in his province, and he looked upon it as a matter that would put to the test the true loyalty and affection of the Craft to his Royal Highness. He hoped that when the meeting in London took place he should have the honour of including their lodge under his banner, in addition to the lodges of the Province of West Yorkshire, over which he presided. Whatever programme he might see fit to bring out on that occasion would be communicated to them, and he hoped they would all accept his invitation to meet him afterwards for refreshment. He then came to another matter. The Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorks, the Earl of Zetland, intended to celebrate the Jubilee year by a Masonic meeting at York on the 14th July. A circular to that effect had, he believed, been received by their lodge as representing the Northern Counties. The details of the arrangement were that after a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodges, the brethren should march in procession to the Minster, where a special Masonic service would be held, and a sermon preached by the Dean of York, P.G.C. On that occasion he hoped to see them all, accompanied with one or more ladies. There would afterwards be a reception by the Lady Mayoress and other festivities. He hoped that as long as his Royal Highness was at the head of the Craft it would increase in loyalty and affection. He asked the brethren to drink the health of their M.W.G.M.

"The Grand Officers" was given by Bro. F. Wright, P.P.S.G.D. Derby, who said it was a great surprise to him to be called upon to propose this important toast. They were all aware how much the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master had done for Masonry. He regretted there was not a Grand Officer present to respond, but he would assure them that the M.W.G.M. appointed his officers without fear or favour.

"The Prov. Grand Master of the Northern Provinces" was next introduced by Bro. Gillard, who said the brethren were all heartily pleased to welcome the P.G.M. for West Yorks and the Deputy P.G.M. for West Yorks. Of Masonry in Yorkshire he would say very little, but assure all present that they would at all times receive hearty hospitality from the Yorkshire brethren.

Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks, tendered his sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast, and

assured the brethren on behalf of himself and the P.G.M.'s of the Northern Counties that they discharged their duties to the best of their abilities. He trusted the Northern Counties would rally round the proposition of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and that they should have a grand loyal demonstration.

Bro. Cumberland, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that when he first entertained the idea of forming their lodge, the W.M. was one of those who belonged to lodges in West Yorkshire to whom he looked for support. Having known him as a dear friend, he felt gratified that he should accept the position of S.W. It had been his privilege to instal Bro. Smithson into the chair that evening, and he knew he could claim for him the kind support which had been shown to himself during the past year. He heartily wished the W.M. as much happiness as he had experienced, for there had not been a single cloud to mar the happiness of the past year. He was convinced that their brother whom he had had the pleasure of placing in the chair would help them to make their lodge second to none, not only so far as the ritual was concerned, but also in that true spirit of Masonry and brotherly feeling so essential in a prosperous lodge. He wished the W.M. every happiness and prosperity, and hoped he would be blessed with health and strength, so that he would leave the chair with the same acclamation as he had received on entering it.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had placed the toast before the brethren. He felt highly complimented by the expressions of good feeling exhibited towards him. It was with great diffidence that he entered upon the office of W.M., not that he felt he was unable to carry out the work, but from the multiplicity of his Masonic duties. After consideration, he consented to become W.M., knowing he should receive the support of them all during the forthcoming year. Under these circumstances he felt sure he should be able to carry out the duties in good spirit. He pledged them his word to carry out his duties to the credit of the lodge. He could say no more but thank them for their kindness.

"The Installing Master" was given by Bro. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks, who said he hoped he should not be trespassing too much on their kindness by accepting the responsibility of proposing this toast. He hoped that no brother from the other provinces would be jealous of his proposing this, as he introduced it to them as a member of the lodge and in no other capacity. He had known Bro. Cumberland and had experienced his friendship for many years. He had seen him in many provinces, and in various offices and degrees of Masonry, but whatever work the I.P.M. had undertaken, he had been struck with the accuracy of his memory and his knowledge of the ritual. He considered him one of the most experienced Masons he had ever met. He was on that occasion the I.P.M. of the lodge, and he asked them as such to drink to his good health, and render him an acknowledgment of the creditable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year. To him was due the establishment of the lodge, and had it not been for his pertinacity and industry it would never have progressed so successfully. Considering the large amount of members, the lodge had a bright future before it, for it would grow in popularity. In recognition of the great and many services rendered by the I.P.M., and to testify the appreciation of the brethren, it had been their pleasure that he (Bro. Tew) should not only propose his health, but that he should also offer him a testimonial of a more substantial character. He would ask Bro. Cumberland to accept a little pocket book, which was of a most unpretentious character. It had a small silver clasp, and also, he was pleased to say, a small golden lining. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him long life to enjoy the appreciation he had so deservedly earned.

Bro. Cumberland, I.P.M., in response, said he was sure they would acquit him of any want of respect if he could not find words to adequately express his feelings. He thanked them for their beautiful present, which he did not deserve, and certainly did not expect. Whatever work he had done, he had carried it out to the best of his ability, and for the benefit of the lodge. He could not properly thank them for their kindness, which was, he believed, prompted by a desire to pay a compliment to his wife. He did not know what it contained, but thought the best speech he could make would be "Thank you."

Bro. Wordsworth, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks, in reply for "The Visitors," congratulated the W.M. on reaching the chair, and the brethren for the manner in which the proceedings were conducted.

Bro. W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, also replied, and said he was sure that under the rule of the W.M. the prestige of the lodge would not suffer. The W.M. had one of the best Masons in the world to follow, and had a fine example of excellence in the I.P.M.

Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, responded for "The Masonic Charities," and said that in such an intellectual gathering of Masons he would not be expected to make any lengthy remarks. He could not help drawing their attention to the successful festival of a few days ago, and they would all congratulate the Benevolent Institution on its success. The Institution which he represented had gone through a series of crises. They had just completed the preparatory school, and would shortly have an addition of fifty boys, making a total of 258. There had been some brethren who had censured them for their expenditure, but he would say they had endeavoured to administer to the wants of the boys in a liberal spirit. By the help of past experience they had been able to reduce the expenses by £5 per head per annum. That economy would be maintained and the reproach wiped away. They were all living in difficult times, so that it was advisable to give the boys a good sound education, and instil into them those principles which, he hoped, they would maintain in after life—Loyalty and Charity.

Bro. J. L. Cooke, J.W., on behalf of "The Officers," assured the W.M. of their support during his year of office. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

During the evening Bro. Cumberland rendered some excellent songs in very efficient style.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—The installation of Bro. A. J. Crane as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The ceremony of installation was duly performed by Bro. G. L. Hart, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Dunk, S.W.;

F. Francis, J.W.; G. Spurgeon, S.D.; F. Hall, J.D.; H. S. Roberts, Org.; H. G. Clements, Asst. Org.; J. Kennett, P.M., Secretary; S. Joseph, P.M., Treasurer; J. D. Goddard, Asst. Secretary; W. Griffin, I.G.; L. Banks and J. Sherwood, jun., Stwds. Bro. Stock, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. A. Petts, the I.P.M., with a jewel, whilst a similar compliment was paid to Bro. A. H. Holbein, the late Treasurer. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

A banquet followed, to which about sixty of the brethren sat down.

The usual list of toasts was duly honoured, whilst the proceedings were enlivened at intervals by singing, contributed by Bros. H. J. Clements, W. Dunk, W. Prebble, W. Major, G. Peden, and Dr. Perry. Bro. H. S. Roberts superintended the musical arrangements.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., W.M.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., S.W.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., as J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P., Secretary; L. Warren, jun., as S.D.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.D.; T. Hood, Org.; R. G. Dempster, I.G.; B. Thomas and A. Vandeword, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. R. Dawson, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; G. Berry, P.M.; J. Heath, C. W. Barnard, T. J. Cumine, C. W. Cooke, J. R. Brightwell, E. F. Wood, and N. de S. Zucco, Visitors; Bros. G. Thomas, S.W., and W. Smith, 1817.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. Heath, C. W. Barnard, and F. J. Cumine were passed to the Second Degree. A candidate for initiation was proposed. The lodge was closed.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The members of the above lodge held their annual installation ceremony and banquet on Wednesday night, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel. The officers present at the opening of the lodge were Bros. W. J. Rix, P.G.S.B., W.M.; P. Robertson, I.P.M.; James Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; S. G. Noakes, J.W.; J. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; H. H. Thompson, Sec.; W. Stephens, S.D.; H. J. Dodd, J.D.; T. Gowers, P.M., D. of C.; A. McMahon, I.G.; F. Adnet, Org.; J. Northover, Steward; and W. Burns, Tyler. The brethren present were Bros. R. Eve, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Harrison, W.M. 723; H. Knapp, W. Roberts, E. F. D. Turkington, T. A. Charnbury, W. Cockburn, J. Dunne, F. J. T. Kearns, T. McBride, G. Harding, J. Sanderson, J. Blowey, H. Wedge, and W. Collins. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Foster, 1971, P.S.G.W.; J. Devlin, 1049; A. Gibbs, S.W. 1564; J. Eades, 153; A. Dougall, 204; A. R. Prescott, W.M. 1971; W. H. Baths, 730 (I.C.); T. G. Timbrell, W.M. 2016; T. Flynn, 660 and 295; G. Murray, 788; G. H. Swansborough, S.W. 2016; J. W. Barlow, J.W. 2016; A. G. Y. Biggs, J.W. 1971; R. Nicholls, W.M. 1714; H. Gee, P.M. and J.W. 723; Jefferson, 215; W. Kennedy, 180; J. T. Broderick, J.W. 1564; J. P. Russell, 153; C. H. Knight, J.W. 1046; W. H. Blyth, Sec. 1714; W. Sice, J.D. 1714; W. Hilton, 1714; J. Watt, 500; A. Hart, 1046; J. Sheridan, 215; J. W. Bradley, 98; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Pomeroy, P.M., P.S.G.D.; G. V. Knight, W.M. 1046; J. Gording, S.W. 1536; J. Bradshaw, P.S.W. 398; R. Harris, 730; W. L. Coulson, I.P.M. 723; A. Wallace, 333; W. Hitchcock, 1714; Edgar Goble, P.G. Sec.; J. S. Hickey, P.M. 723, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Hacker, P.M. 723, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Carlisle, 333; W. Finn, 665; and R. H. Tibbatts, 730.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the ballot was taken for Bro. Joseph Watts (Sergt.-Major R.A.), Aldershot, of Lodge St. Andrews, No. 500, and proved unanimously in his favour. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and showed a balance in hand of £103, which was received and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded with the installation of Bro. James Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect, which he performed in an exceedingly impressive manner. Bro. James Taylor, W.M., in suitable terms, thanked the brethren present for the honour they had conferred upon him, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Noakes, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; Hall, P.M., Treasurer; Thompson, Secretary; Dodd, S.D.; McMahon, J.D.; Gowers, P.M., D.C.; Kearns and Cockburn, Stwds.; Adnet, Org.; Turkington, I.G.; and Burns, Tyler. Bro. John Hall proposed, and Bro. W. J. Rix seconded, that the sum of thirty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, which was carried unanimously. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, then presented to Bro. Rix, I.P.M., a life subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities in appreciation of the most excellent work he had performed during the past year. Bro. Rix suitably acknowledged the handsome present. The W.M. next presented Bro. H. H. Thompson, Secretary, with a Secretary's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the past year, and thanked him for undertaking those onerous duties again. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren present, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet provided by Host Bro. Stone in the excellent manner which has gained for him such golden opinions among members of the Craft. The banquet over,

The W.M. first proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally and Masonically received.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was the next toast, and in proposing it the W.M. said he need not remind them of the great amount of interest H.R.H. takes in the Craft, but he had much pleasure in informing them that Bro. Stone intended to try and get H.R.H. down to Aldershot during the Jubilee year to a grand banquet, and if these sanguine hopes were fulfilled, he was sure on that occasion there would be a large number of illustrious visitors to Aldershot. The toast was received with Masonic honours.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, and officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past." There were very few of those officers known personally to the speaker, but at the same time he had the pleasure of knowing some of them, and he could conscientiously say of them that they were good Masons, and Masons of long standing. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, first expressed his pleasure at the honour done him in inviting him to the banquet, and his pleasure in accepting that invitation; secondly, he demurred at his right in responding to the toast, but must give way to one of the first duties imposed upon a Mason—absolute loyalty and obedience towards the W.M.; thirdly, having satisfied himself that in the absence of any other Grand Officers he was in order, he proceeded to speak in eulogistic terms of the Pro Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past. Lastly, the brother taught a useful lesson in obedience to those present. He said he had over and over again remarked to men who may have fancied that they had claims equal to or superior to many of those honoured by the Grand Master, that they were bound to acquiesce in the judgment of those who ruled over them. It was not for them to grumble in any way, but to yield in every way to those who were placed in position over them and had the responsible duties to perform. There were two estimates formed of every man in this world—the one formed by himself, and the other formed by others, and he would undertake to say, as a man of experience—a disappointed man if they liked—that in 99 out of every 100 cases, the opinion formed by others was the truest and better estimate of the two. Let them be satisfied with the position they occupied. Speaking in a military lodge, they all knew what disappointment was, and how they were all called upon sometimes to suppress their feelings to that "esprit de corps" without which no body could long flourish or prosper, and he would appeal to them to always remember it.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and P.G. Officers, Present and Past, of Hants and Isle of Wight." In doing so he said they were very highly honoured that evening in having no less than seven Provincial Grand Officers present. He had much pleasure in coupling with that toast the name of Bro. E. Goble, P.G. Secretary.

Bro. Goble, in response, said he could assure them he looked with a great amount of pleasure on the large number of brethren present that night in lodge, and he might also say that he heard with a certain amount of pleasure of the number of brethren present at the last regular lodge, when the election of the W.M. took place. He found they had as many as thirty or thirty-five brethren of the lodge present on that occasion, as well as some fifteen visiting brethren. He begged leave to say that he might go to any part of that province, and he did not think among the four and forty lodges he would find one so numerously attended, or one in which so much interest was taken in, and thrown into, the proceedings. He was really pleased with the manner in which the work was done; it was, of course, great satisfaction to him, attending as he did so many lodges, to attend one where the work was done so entirely in the ritual. He must congratulate the I.P.M., Bro. Rix, on the manner in which the installation was performed that night; and he thought he might say that no brother travelling in that province or outside the province would find the work done in a more thoroughly effective style, or so Masonically, as it was by the I.P.M. that night. On behalf of the R.W.P.G.M., and P.G. Officers, present and past, he begged to thank them most heartily for the manner in which it had been received. They knew that in Bro. Beach they had a Mason thoroughly well up in Masonic ritual; they knew that he was a master of the art, and they knew that Masonry was beloved by him. He had Masonry at heart, and was always ready and willing to come forward and help Masonry in its pure and unsullied state. He might say his interest in Masonry was shown at the present moment, because it was only recently that he was asked to preside at the Festival of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons, and, although his duties at Winchester were very great, he immediately consented to act. They knew that Bro. Eve intended to go up, that the W.M. would also go, and, therefore, he had no doubt that on that occasion Bro. Beach would be well supported.

Bro. Rix said the gavel had been placed in his hand, and they knew for what purpose. The next toast was that of "The W.M. of the Camp Lodge." He would say from experience that the office of W.M. was not altogether a bed of roses, as many of the younger brethren might suppose it to be. It was a position that had a certain amount of difficulty, and he did not know whether he might be right in saying danger, and it was an office which if undertaken by any brother a large amount of responsibility fell upon him. He remembered some years ago reading an article entitled the "Model Master." He read it with a great amount of attention, and when he had read it over again he came to the conclusion that such a man never existed and never could exist. Their W.M. that night was better known to many members of the lodge than he was to himself; but he could speak for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of J.W., and had delivered the charges and explained the working tools to the candidates. Although they had a W.M. who was not altogether a brilliant luminary in the Craft, they had at any rate a W.M. who would spare no pains to perfect himself in the working of the ceremonies of the different Degrees.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, said he could scarcely find words to express his appreciation of the way in which Bro. Rix had proposed, and the way the brethren present had accepted, that toast. He could assure them all that he had taken the office of W.M. with the intention of carrying it out, if possible, with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. He felt confident he should be supported in the ensuing year by the officers in the same cordial manner as the I.P.M. had been supported in the past. If labour would forward his work, and, at the same time, the interests of the lodge, he would give that labour, whatever it may be. He was gratified to find that his past labours had been satisfactory to the lodge, and he hoped at the end of the year, when he had the honour and pleasure of installing his successor, they would be as pleased with his work as they had been in the past.

Bro. Eve said the W.M. had placed the next toast in his hands, and it was one he had much pleasure in bringing before their attention, because it was one, he was sure, they would receive with equal pleasure. There was no brighter gem in the Masonic crown than that of the Masonic Charities. Those Charities had done great good in the past, were doing great good in the present, were still capable of greater extension, and of doing more good in the future. They had three Charities—the first one was for aged Freemasons and widows, and was one they would have to dwell upon that night, because it was one in which their Provincial Grand Master had kindly undertaken to serve as President at the Festival of that Institution. It was part and

parcel of their duty to do all they could to support him in enriching the funds of that Charity, and he was sure that lodge had evinced by their conduct that night in voting 30 guineas, to be placed upon the W.M.'s list, their earnest desire to support the Provincial Grand Master, besides which they had done more by their action with regard to Bro. Rix that night. Having alluded to the increase in the funds of the Charities from the time he (the speaker) first became a Mason, he said it must be a great satisfaction to think of and know that if by means of sickness, disease, or other misfortune they should be reduced to the lowest possible ebb of distress, it was very possible to be placed upon the roll of that Institution, and so be able to end their days with something like an approach to comfort and peace. They hoped no brother present would ever be brought to such a position; and if they valued their Masonic ritual they would keep away from that position as far as possible, and maintain their health and happiness, and not be thrown upon what may be termed the cold hand of Charity. Having also alluded to the excellent work done by the other two Institutions (the Boys' and Girls'), Bro. Eve admitted that the Province of Hants had drawn largely upon the benefits of them all; but he could also say that that province had done as much as any other, if not more, towards their support, and had done it willingly. Bro. Eve referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Binckes and the Charities, and coupled his name with the toast.

Bro. Binckes, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent response, spoke of Freemasonry as not being a benevolent institution, though one of its great and peculiar charms was benevolence. Their great principles were unity and concord, and long may they continue; and may it be the duty of each and all of them whilst seeking happiness for themselves to do also what they could for the happiness of others; and how could that duty be better performed than by relieving the distress of those who were less fortunate than themselves?

Bro. Gowers, in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. Rix, in response, said he had endeavoured to the best of his humble ability to be impartial, and to administer the duties of his office properly during the past twelve months, and if in doing so he had met with their approbation he was pleased, and he valued it very much.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," observing that they had had illustrious officers in times gone by, and they had handed down the charter pure and unsullied, besides leaving marks that would never be erased.

Bros. Hall, Gowers, Rix, and Eve responded.

Bro. Hall proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Hacker.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Host," complimenting Bro. Stone on the sumptuous repast provided, which must have cost himself and Mrs. Stone infinite pains to provide.

Host Bro. Stone suitably responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, and it was responded to by the respective officers present.

The toast list was brought to an end with the Tyler's toast, which was honoured in true Masonic style.

During the evening harmony prevailed, Bros. Eve, Dodd, Noakes, Kearns, and others singing, with Bro. Woods at the piano, and Bro. Prescott relating in his well-known style a remarkable crustacean story.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. There were present Bros. R. B. Seddon, W.M.; J. Browne, S.W.; H. J. Boucher, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, Sec.; W. Rigby, S.D.; W. Holt, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; R. P. White, I.G.; Thos. Knowles and C. A. Cronshaw, Stwds.; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; W. Patterson, Tyler; W. Johnson, I.P.M.; C. Snape, P.M.; C. Beazer, P.M.; H. T. Byrom, P.M.; R. O. Burland, H. Ackerley, John Buchanan, A. Craston, W. Simpson, J. A. McGregor, A. H. Monks, W. Rogers, R. Layland, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. Rogers was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by Bro. W. Johnson, I.P.M. Mr. William Woods, who had been previously balloted for, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. W. Johnson. The name of one gentleman was submitted as a candidate and the lodge was closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The fifteenth anniversary of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Merton-road, when a large gathering of members and friends met under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Robert Scott, supported by his officers and P.M.'s as follows: Bros. Job Clarke, S.W.; Dr. H. Taylor, J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Wyatt, P.P.A.G. Sec., Secretary; John Alexander, J.D.; R. L. Vaughan, I.G.; J. G. Forsyth, Org.; Councillor Isaac Platts, P.M.; R. Harley, P.M.; J. C. Patterson, P.M.; Councillor J. Clemmy, P.M.; H. Mollyneux, P.M.; Councillor John Duncan, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. (who afterwards installed); Dr. Sprakeling, Rev. E. Neep, Chap.; Rev. W. H. Neep, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Worrall, P.M. 1225; C. Birch, P.M. 203; A. Cross, P.M. 1713; C. J. Caddock, W.M. 1547; Jos. Shield, W.M. 1085; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1086; W. S. Warhurst, S.W. 1756; A. Kirkpatrick, W.M. 1502; A. Waterhouse, S.W. 580; H. H. Smith, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.R.; and others. The W.M. elect Bro. Job Clarke, S.W., was presented by Bros. Platts, P.M., and Scott, W.M. After the installation the new W.M. appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. Robt. Scott, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Taylor, S.W.; J. G. Forsyth, J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (re-elected for twelfth time); Harold Wyatt, P.P.A.G. Sec., Sec. (re-appointed); J. Alexander, Assist. Sec.; Rev. W. H. Neep, Chap.; R. C. Vaughan, S.D.; J. M. Hogarth, J.D.; S. Hale, I.G.; J. Gill, Samuel Pope, and R. Rawlinson, Stwds.; Isaac Platts, P.M., D.C.; and W. Blake, Tyler, was re-elected.

The brethren afterwards dined together. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged. An entertaining selection of music was given by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, O. J. Rowlands, and H. J. Nicholls, under the direction of Bro. Forsyth, J.W.

SHANKLIN (I. of W.).—Chine Lodge (No. 1854).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; J. Bailey, I.P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Rayner, S.W.; J. H. McQuizen, P.M., J.W.; F. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; Lewis Cotenutt, Sec.; A. F. Swayne, S.D.; W. Deeks, D.C.; W. Thompson, Reg.; R. Young and G. H. Matthews, Stwds.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; J. W. Cantelow, and Harry Lisle. Visitors: Bros. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Conner, P.M., J.W. 1869; Capt. Menzies, P.M. 698; Major Monckton; A. F. Firth, I.P.M. 1869; H. Izod, 1869; Anslie, Sec. 551; Williams, 551; G. Pack, P.M. 175, P.P.G.D. Hants and I. of W.; Charles Carter, W.M. 175; Tenison Smith, P.M. 175; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; and W. Cluett, 1869.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Harry Lisle was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham.

The W.M. then briefly introduced Bro. James Stevens, P.M., and said he felt sure from all that he had heard respecting his lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," and from notices which had appeared in the *Freemason*, not only every attention would be given to the lecturer, but an intellectual Masonic treat was in store for all.

On Bro. Stevens rising he was greeted with applause, and having, in a few introductory sentences, dwelt on the objects of the lecture, and the opportunity afforded him of visiting the Chine Lodge, of which he knew something, having corresponded frequently with the W.M. concerning the Masonic Exhibition, proceeded immediately to point out that in all matters pertaining to the ritual of to-day, a "common sense" view should be taken, and an intelligent reasoning brought to bear upon such points as were not only open to criticism, but which looked at free from prejudice, could only be considered anomalies. "I am not," said Bro. Stevens, "desirous of introducing into the ritual innovations of my own, but while I am contending for a greater uniformity in this country, I am for preserving and restoring those ancient landmarks which from time to time have been departed from." The lecturer very early in his remarks alluded to the date when Speculative Masonry commenced, placing it not earlier than 1700, and said no article was found either in the Worcester or Shanklin Exhibitions relating to Speculative Masonry earlier than this, he therefore based his remarks from that time and alluded to the schisms which arose in 1717 between the rival Grand Lodges of that day, but in 1813 the Lodge of Reconciliation was held, and subsequently a United Grand Lodge formed. At that time there existed the "Stability" ritual and what is known now as "Emulation" working. In days gone by he pointed out that each officer answered for his own duty, even the Tyler being called within the lodge, and it was not until 1800 that the Deacon's office was founded. The lecturer then passed in review the opening and closing of lodges, pointing out the many digressions that had been made in the words, which not only did not convey any fuller meaning, but failed entirely to convey the intention, as adequately as the ritual in use at that time. The First Degree was then minutely dissected by Bro. Stevens, who pointed out the variations which, even within his own recollection had been made, and he pleaded earnestly and eloquently for the retention of all that would make it solemn and impressive to the candidate, and deprecated the introduction of that which would be inconsistent with solemnity or mar the effect of the serious obligations about to be entered upon. He then gave a description of the ritual which he found in a West of England lodge, and which he thought was calculated to have the most opposite effects, giving a most graphic account of some parts of the initiation, which proved amusing as well as interesting. The Fellow Craft's Degree did not furnish the lecturer with so many points for his remarks, but for an hour-and-a-half Bro. Stevens spoke without intermission, and without notes of any kind, on points impossible to give an account of, holding the attention of his audience with a keen and lively interest, as each innovation was forcibly argued upon, and ably reasoned out to its logical conclusion; although perhaps it would be only just to state that while in the main those would have been substantial accord, there were statements made by the lecturer startling in some degree, which without a further opportunity for argument were not unanimously endorsed. The last half-hour was devoted to the Master Mason's Degree, Bro. Stevens quoting several authorities. The position of the square and compasses, one of the propositions laid down by the lecturer, being very fluently combated by Bro. Capt. Menzies, P.M. Bro. Stevens then brought his lecture to a close. It had been listened to with profound attention, and could not fail to interest, seeing that he clothed his ideas not only with eloquent language, but impressed all with the earnestness of his manner, asking for a full consideration of all that he had said, and thanking them for the very kind reception he had received, and for the attention given to him.

The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, before inviting any remarks or criticisms on the lecture, said he must take exception to the date of 1700 as the beginning of Speculative Masonry, and that no article was found either in Worcester or Shanklin Exhibitions of an earlier date than that referring to non-Operative or Speculative Masonry. He must refer Bro. Stevens to those two old and valuable MSS., kindly lent and entrusted to his special care by Bro. G. Taylor, viz., the Inigo Jones MS. of 1607, and the Wood MS. of 1610, with those ancient charges, which he certainly thought proved Speculative Masonry drew largely from.

Bro. Stevens admitted having not seen them; but thought they had reference to Operative Masonry.

The Worshipful Master then would remind Bro. Stevens of another old book exhibited by Bro. G. Taylor—"Dr. Plot's History of Staffordshire"—published in 1686, which contains allusions to Freemasons, and which he had carefully read. Dr. Plot pointed out the increasing number of Masons and lodges springing up over the country in different parts, and indicating very clearly that Speculative Masonry existed in his day.—(Bro. Hughan, writing on this work, says: "His statements alone of the esoteric features of the lodge meetings are of special value in proving the Speculative or non-Operative character in part of the Craft in the seventeenth century.")

Bro. Conner, P.M., referred to old minutes of lodges having been found in Scotland in the sixteenth century earlier than any in England, and gave an interesting account of old lodges in the Province of Lanarkshire.

The Worshipful Master proposed—"That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Stevens (and the same be recorded on the minutes) for his admirable, lucid, and interesting lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," and the object the lecturer has in view in promoting uniformity of ritual is cordially supported by the members of the *Chine Lodge*." Seconded by Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M., J.W., and carried unanimously.
Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks, and the lodge was then closed.

HARLESDEN.—Harlesden Lodge (No. 2098).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the National Schools, on Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Major C. A. Cooper, W.M.; Arthur Ball, S.W.; G. Goldney-Cary, J.W.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Long, S.D.; Rev. Dr. Atwood, J.D.; F. Levick, P.M., D.C.; O. C. Robson, I.G.; W. O. Wedlake, C. L. Field, C. Butler, Bell, H. Cross, and R. T. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Niagara Falls, 70; Stanyer, 197; Hughes, 404.
The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. T. Harley Jones, and John Farrer, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. F. M. Staples, which was unanimously in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance he was introduced, and received the privileges of Freemasonry at the hands of the W.M. The circular of the M.W. Pro Grand Master was, pursuant to notice, then considered, when it was decided that the lodge did not agree to the proposal contained therein. Nothing further offering, the lodge was duly closed.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; E. P. Ferris, S.W.; J. Laurence, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; W. A. Hart, I.G.; J. Rossdale, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; Dr. Ingelby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D. G.S. of W. Punjab; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; W. Chapple, W. Thomas, J. H. Taylor, and W. Death. Bro. M. Rosenberg, 1425, was a visitor.
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Rosenberg was elected a member, and Bro. Ferris was elected W.M. for next meeting, who appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The working for the evening was the installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. Potter, was very ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by the installing Master, Bro. B. Williams, and the addresses were ably given by Bro. Paddle. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Potter occupying the chair. The brethren present were Bros. B. Williams, F. Potter, J. K. Pitt, F. Rush, W. Paddle, A. Jardine, H. Whitehouse, J. Tattersall, A. Walker, E. Pugh, H. Gaskin, and W. J. Ball, Hon. Sec.
We are asked to mention that the smoking concert, to be given on Thursday, 24th inst., will have the support of a large number of professional brethren, who have very kindly volunteered their gratuitous assistance. A large gathering and a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 3rd instant. Present: Bros. Wright, W.M.; Squire, S.W.; Gill, J.W.; Higerty, Preceptor; Beddoes, S.D.; Collick, J.D.; George, I.G. and Sec.; and Edwards.
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. Beddoes being the candidate. The lodge then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Higerty, Preceptor, gave the Lecture on the tracing board in his usual efficient manner, and received the hearty thanks of the brethren at its close. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. Squire, P.M. 3 and 889, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. elect announced he would work the First and Third Degrees. Bro. George proposed, and Bro. Higerty seconded, a very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wright for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction; carried unanimously. Bro. Wright suitably replied. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, 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 24th ult., when there were present Bros. F. Dusterwald, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; F. W. Cash, J.W.; G. Marsden, S.D.; L. Gunzel, J.D.; H. Sammons, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; G. H. Reynolds, Sec. pro tem.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; B. Holeyman, G. Smith, W. Richards, C. E. Walker, H. Crookes, C. Corby, J. Woodward, J. Rowe, R. M. Surridge, A. H. Scurrah, C. Lambert, F. Guilford, C. Richards, W. Hancock, J. D. Graham, and W. Lincoln.
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. C. Corby, offered 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 Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Woodward having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. R. M. Surridge, J.W. 2048, was unanimously elected a joining member, proposed by Bro. A. H. Scurrah, and seconded by Bro. C. Corby. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, 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. Brindley proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. F. Dusterwald for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair that evening for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Brindley, P.M., added that he was sure the brethren would support the vote as really earned, and not as an empty compliment. He had never heard the working done better by so young a Mason—it was a credit to his instructors, and an example to others. Bro. C. Corby, in seconding the motion, fully endorsed the appreciative remarks of the proposer. Carried unanimously. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. 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 4th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Lane, W.M.; Green, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; Green, P.M., acting Preceptor; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Wombell, S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Brindley

P.M.; R. Taylor, P.M.; O. D. Ward, Brandon, Taylor, Purnell, Roberts, Louby, Clarkon, Butler, and Edwards.
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. Brindley being the candidate. The chair was vacated by the W.M., and taken by Bro. O. D. Ward. Bros. W. and R. Taylor, candidates to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and were entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bros. W. and R. Taylor being the candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Butler, 1604, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Green, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Golphawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Hardy, W.M. 201, W.M.; Cochran, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Austin, W.M. 1791, Treas.; Speigel, P.M., Sec.; Sims, P.M., S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Cubitt, Strout, Van Dyk, Ridgley, Cavers, Benton, Cotton, Higginson, Head, and Lindfield.
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of passing. Bro. Strout, as candidate, answered the usual questions, and the lodge opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in this Degree. Bros. Higginson and Cotton, both newly initiated, answered the questions of passing. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Higginson being the candidate. The 7th Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Higginson was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Cochran was elected W.M. for next week. Bro. J. Davies proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able working of the W.M. for the first time, which was seconded by Bro. Cochran, and carried. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, "Hearty good wishes" being given, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. H. F. Williams, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; Gammell, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, acting as Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; W. G. Coat, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; W. Claghorn, P.M. 1287; J. Wood, Cox, Boswell, J. Brown, J. Davies, S.W. 169; and W. W. Williams.
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. W. Williams, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. W. Williams candidate. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. Brown and W. W. Williams worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of this Lecture. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. J. J. Boswell, 2012, was elected a member, and Bro. D. Stroud elected as W.M. for the 19th instant. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.
The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on the 12th instant.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Esling, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Gibbs, J.W.; Ruffe, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Partridge, Heinke, Crouch, Perkins, Noble, Wright, Rowe, Burnett, Kerry, Lissimore, Walker, Millard, Wildbore, Spencer, Lavington, and Coe.
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Andrews, Ruffe, and Westley respectively, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Esling, with Bro. Rowe as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Westley proposed that a ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of the Charities, in accordance with the by-laws, be taken on the first Monday in April—carried unanimously. Bro. Perkins gave notice of motion to decrease the number of attendances necessary to participate in future draws, as in consequence of the great success of the lodge, the ballots came more frequently than was contemplated when the by-laws were framed. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Glover was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary gave notice that the Fifteen Sections would be worked to-morrow (Saturday) at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, at the Commercial Hotel. There were present Comps. J. Boothroyd, Z.; E. G. Harwood, H.; W. Duncan, J.; T. B. Tong, E.; J. Barrett, N.; Thos. Higson, Janitor; G. P. Brockbank, P.A.G.D.C.; G. A. Mort, P.Z.; Thos. Morris, P.Z.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P. Prov. G. Treas., P.Z.; J. Dickenson, W. H. Brown, and A. Cosgrave. Visitors: Comps. J. Jackson, P.Z. 148; C. E. Hindley, Z. 149; Alex. Weir, 178.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for four brethren as candidates for exaltation, and the same was unanimous. Two of the candidates, Bros. Peter Bradburn and W. Siddorn, being in attendance were exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z., Comp. Duncan assisting with great ability and precision as P. Sojourner. The historical lecture was rendered by Comp. Duncan; the symbolical lecture was delivered by the M.E.Z., Comp. Boothroyd; and the mystical lecture by Comp. G. A. Mort, all the addresses being given with much impressiveness and accuracy. Comp. E. G. Harwood was elected Z.; Comp. Duncan was elected H., and Comp. Barrett, J., for the ensuing year.
"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting companions, and the chapter closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No. 7).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. Edwin Simpson, at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North-Eastern District, was received and saluted. Ill. Bro. W. Ormerod Walker, 30°, was elected M.W.S.; Ex. and Pt. Bro. John H. Procter Leresche, re-elected Treasurer.
The business over, the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Edwin Simpson,

having on his right Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, 33°; Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. W. Wilkinson, 30°; Ex. and Pt. Bro. Major F. Ballantine; Ill. Bro. R. Hopwood Hutchison, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. James Frederick Tweedale, 30°; Ex. and Pt. Bro. Charles F. Woodhall; Ex. and Pt. Bro. James William Woodhall; Ex. and Pt. Bro. Nicholas A. Earle; and on his left Ill. Bro. Peter Royle, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; Ex. and Pt. Bro. Edward Ashworth, 30°; Ill. Bro. Thomas Hargreaves, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. James Hedis, 30°, Recorder; Ex. and Pt. Bro. J. H. Leresche, Treasurer; and Ex. and Pt. Bro. J. Winterbottom Hamilton.

The loyal toasts were successfully proposed by the M.W.S., and duly honoured; also "The M.P.S.G.C., Lord Lathom," and "The Supreme Council, 33°," which were cordially received.

The M.W.S., Bro. Edwin Simpson, in most flattering terms, proposed "The Health of their old friend and Ill. brother, their chief, Charles James Banister, 33°, I.G. of the North-Eastern District," thanking him for coming to look them up, and he hoped that he would soon come again. It looked like old times to have his bright face amongst them again. The toast was received with acclamation.

Ill. Bro. Banister thanked the M.W.S. and the brethren for their great kindness, and he hoped to be present at the installation of the M.W.S. He concluded by proposing every kind and good wish to the M.W.S., which was most cordially received and responded to.

"The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, 30°," were proposed, and cordially responded to; also "The Health of the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Walker, 30°," who responded in a truly Masonic speech for himself and the officers of the chapter.

Other toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—This Rose Croix chapter of the Antient and Accepted Rite was opened at Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, on Friday, the 25th ult., by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. C. R. Fry, 20°, assisted by his officers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Henry Maddison, 30°, was presented by the G.M. to the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Charles Rutter Fry, 30°, who installed him into the chair of his predecessor with great care and impressiveness; giving the address to the brethren. The M.W.S. appointed his officers, addressing each most suitably.

Business over, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall to partake of an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.W.S., and severally responded to with great cordiality, and a truly happy evening was spent by the brethren of this beautiful Christian Degree.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This distinguished and flourishing conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 7th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights George Mickley, M.P.S.; John Mason, G.C., V.E.; H. J. Lardner, I.G.; T. Cuoitt, G.I.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; E. H. Thiclay, G.H., P.M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, G.S.P., I.P.M.P.S.; Shirley, P.M.P.S.; George Kenning, P.M.P.S.; Heard, Keyser, J. Harris, W. W. Codd, N. Prower, M.A., E. A. Harris, H. Harris, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight J. Mason was unanimously elected M.P.S. for the year ensuing; Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, V.E.; Sir Knight I. Cubitt, Treas. (re-elected); and Sir Knight J. Gilbert, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel having been unanimously voted to the M.P.S., letters from absent members were read.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, where they were joined by several members of the Grand Conclave. Among the latter were Sir Knights Dr. Woodman, M.D., G. Treas., and C. F. Hogard, G.R.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, "The Health of the Grand Viceroy, Grand Council, and Grand Senate" was fluently proposed by the M.P.S.

Sir Knight Dr. Woodman, in his reply, expressed his great gratification at the steady progress which the Order was making. He felt proud at again being elected Grand Treasurer, and he would continue to do his utmost to forward the interests of the Order in every possible way.

Sir Knight Hogard then gave a brief resumé of the work of the Order during the past year. He said that he quite agreed with the last speaker as to the gradual, but sure, progress the Degree was making. He had every reason to believe that during the coming year many new conclaves would be established, and several of the dormant ones revived. Since he had had the honour of being Recorder he had endeavoured to bring matters into a clear and serviceable condition, and he should not relax his efforts in the future.

Sir Knight George Kenning, on behalf of the members of the Grand Council, expressed a hope that the Order would again flourish, and eventually become as influential as the Mark, the Temple, and other Grades were. He trusted that every member of the Grand Council would do his best to promote the welfare of the Degree.

Sir Knight T. C. Walls, on behalf of the Grand Senate, expressed similar feelings to the preceding speakers.

"The Health of the M.P.S." followed. Sir Knight Mickley, in reply, thanked the members of the Premier Conclave for the great kindness that they at all times had manifested towards him. He felt exceedingly gratified that his humble services had been thought so worthy of recognition as to warrant the presentation of a jewel. In conclusion, he said that he hoped during the ensuing year to introduce some new members.

"The Past Sovereigns" was coupled with the names of Sir Knights Shirley and Walls, who responded.

"The Treasurer and Recorder" followed. In giving the toast, the M.P.S. touched on the valuable services rendered to the conclave by Sir Knights Cubitt and Mason. They were both worthy men and Masons, and he hoped that for many years they would live to render still more valuable services to the members of the conclave. In

speaking of the latter, the M.P.S. congratulated Sir Knight Mason upon his promotion that day as Grand Junior General, and also upon his elevation as M.P.S. of the Premier Conclave.

Sir Knights Cubitt and Mason having responded, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, V.E. elect, who replied, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most successful and enjoyable nature.

ANOTHER MASONIC EXHIBITION.

It has been decided to hold a Masonic Exhibition for *Devon and Cornwall*, in the "Huyshe Masonic Temple," Plymouth, in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and in aid of the Devon Educational Fund, which is much in need of additional contributions just now. The exhibition will be confined to members of lodges in the two counties named, or to exhibits relating thereto; the object being to discover and describe all the varieties and curiosities in the neighbourhood. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., &c., who has done so much in relation to these exhibits in times past, has promised to edit the catalogue, and will preside at the preliminary meeting which is to be held to-day (Friday) in the Temple, Plymouth.

It is confidently expected that the result will prove most satisfactory to all concerned. The month of May will likely be selected for the purpose, and intending exhibitors can communicate with Bro. John B. Gover, the Hon. Secretary, 5, Grenville-place, Plymouth, on whom much of the heavy labour will fall, but who, fortunately, has always proved equal to any strain, however severe, when the Charity, with which he has been so long and so honourably connected, is in any way to be benefited.



Miss Fanny Leslie's play at the Strand may well be termed a musical comedy drama, for it is a little of each mixed up. We should say that "Jack in the Box" is more fitted for provincial audiences than Londoners. For some years past Miss Leslie has met with much success in the country with the piece by Messrs. Clement Scott and G. R. Sims, who evidently wrote it, not for their own sakes, so much as to fit the clever lady, who is the hero, with a play suited to her many capabilities. At one moment she is a street-arab, like "Jo," and nearly moves one to tears, the next she is in sailor's costume dancing a hornpipe, then she sings a song, and another moment plays on the guitar. Miss Leslie is a veritable "Jack in the Box," springing up here and then there, and always coming to the rescue at the proper moment. She is supported by an able company, amongst whom are Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Arnold, who plays an Italian Padrone to the life, Mr. Yorke Stephens, Miss Florence West, and Miss Sallie Turner, but it is on Miss Fanny Leslie the burden of the piece falls, which, with her innate vivacity, she seems to relish.

We suppose everybody who loves to go to a theatre has seen "Faust" at least once. It is well into its second year, and will, of course, run this season, at the close of which the eminent Treasurer of the Savage Club Lodge, with Miss Ellen Terry and the whole company, pay another visit to America. "The Witches' Kitchen" was added a short time ago, and we advise our readers who have not seen it to do so. The bookings are as great as ever. Every applicant will find their wish complied with as far as possible by the genial Mr. Hurst, who has so long presided in the box office with so much satisfaction to both Bro. Irving and the public, and we hope to himself. It is possible sometimes to get a seat for the same night by enquiring of Mr. Hurst, who seems to spare no trouble, as occasionally a booked seat is returned.

Obituary.

BRO. CARLETON JAMES LEWNS, No. 40, HASTINGS.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the brethren of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, were summoned to pay the last sad tribute of respect in the person of their esteemed Bro. C. J. Lewns, who was initiated in Hastings 17 years since, and who died of paralysis of the brain at the age of 40, on the 26th ult., at his residence, 41, Havelock-road, Hastings. He was deservedly respected and deeply regretted by his comrades in the Hastings Artillery, of which he was formerly a lieutenant, and also Treasurer of the Local Fire Brigade. He was buried with military honours at the Borough cemetery, and amongst those who followed his remains to the grave were brothers, sons, and intimate friends of the deceased, and brethren of the Derwent and Abbey Lodges, amongst whom we noticed Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M. 40; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; W. Glenister, P.M.; F. J. Parsons; J. B. Poord, 40, and J. W. 1184; Peter Robinson, P.M.; G. H. Gaze, F. J. Moore, R. Avis, Henry Kimm, 40, and 1184; and others; whilst hundreds flocked to the burial ground. The service was most impressively rendered by Bro. Rev. A. Hodges.

BRO. H. HUGHES.

The funeral of the late Bro. H. Hughes took place at the Parochial Cemetery, Brighton, on Friday, the 25th ult. Deceased was associated for a great number of years with the Fraternity, and about 10 of the members followed him to the grave. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was borne in an open funeral car. There were two mourning coaches, each drawn by a pair of horses. The first coach contained Mrs. Hughes, Mr. H. Hughes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. A. Hughes, and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Fookes, the Prov. Grand Chaplain. In the second coach were Mr. Charles Hughes, Mrs. H. H. Hughes, Mr. W. Williams, Mrs. Annie Hughes, Mrs. Alice Hughes, and Masters Henry and Willie Hughes. Other friends and relatives were also present. Beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, having been sent by the Atlingworth Lodge, 121; Royal Brunswick Lodge, 732; St. Cecilia Lodge, 1036; and Stanford Lodge, 1947. A handsome wreath of Aron lilies

was also sent from Mrs. Nye-Chart's employes of the Theatre Royal. The coffin bore the following inscription: "Thomas Hughes, born April 2nd, 1819; died February 19th, 1887." The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out under the personal superintendence of Bro. H. Kent, P.M. 315.

BRO. WILLIAM LANGDALE.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the remains of Bro. Wm. Langdale, contractor and stone merchant, and one of the oldest tradesmen in Whitby, were interred in the cemetery at that place. The funeral was very largely attended, and the brethren of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, of which the deceased was one of the senior members, assembled to pay a last tribute of respect. Bro. Langdale was the builder of many churches which adorn North and East Yorkshire, designed by the late Mr. George Street, the architect of the Law Courts. He also built for Sir Tatton Sykes. The officiating clergy at the funeral were the Rev. G. Austen, M.A., rector of Whitby, and the Rev. R. J. Cooper, vicar of Fylingdale.



We understand that a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the R.M.I.G. will be held on the 21st inst., at 12 o'clock.

At the last convocation of the Mount Zion Chapter, the Installing Principal, Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., Dr. B. W. Richardson, and Hyde Clarke were amongst the members present at the annual general meeting of the Royal Literary Fund on Wednesday.

Thursday, the 10th inst., was the 24th anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, that auspicious event having taken place at Windsor on the 10th March, 1863.

In the report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge last week, we stated that Bro. James Stevens' motion to repeal Article 153 of the Constitutions was repealed. This we are informed is not correct, as the motion was put to the meeting and lost by a large majority, only a few hands having been held up in its favour.

We are informed that the statement in our report of the Chiswick Mark Lodge on the 26th ult.—"That Bro. J. L. Mather, Grand Treasurer elect, had offered himself as Preceptor," is not correct. Bro. F. Taylor is to be the Preceptor, and Bro. J. L. Mather has kindly offered to lend any assistance in his power.

At a largely-attended regular meeting of the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, it was unanimously resolved to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by promoting a grand ball, to be held in the county town. The Committee, to whom are entrusted the details, no doubt will make such arrangements as will meet the necessities of the occasion.

Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Sir John Nowbray, Bart., G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, Col. King-Harman, Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., C. Dalrymple, and Joseph Dodds were among the guests on Wednesday at the Right Honourable the Speaker's third Parliamentary dinner during the present session.

The officers of the 21st Middx. Rifle Volunteers and several distinguished guests dined at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. Col. J. R. Morris, Major Foster, Major Deane, Major Rolfe, Capt. Heath, Capt. Potter, Capt. Gwinnell, Capt. E. Bowyer, Lieut. Richardson, Lieut. Veale, Lieut. Lurcott, and Lieut. T. C. Walls. Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., and Terry, jun., were among the guests. Bro. Capt. George Potter presided most ably.

The 10th Anniversary Festival of the Earlswood Asylum will take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday the 22nd inst. The Duke of Cambridge has graciously consented to preside, and it is hoped that the response to his Royal Highness's appeal will be of a character to allow of the Committee, admitting at the next election, a Jubilee number of candidates. The Institution is well worthy of public support. Full particulars of the Secretary, Bro. W. Nicholas. Offices: 36, King William-street, London Bridge, E.C.

Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, is slowly recovering from serious illness. His enforced absence from the duties of his lodge ever since his installation in December last has been the cause of much and sincere regret to the brethren of the Gallery Lodge, as Bro. Goldsmith's unflinching courtesy and fraternal helpfulness in all matters appertaining to Freemasonry has endeared him to all those brethren with whom he is associated. He was greatly missed at the annual ball in January, and at the regular lodge last month. His place, however, was ably filled upon both those occasions by the I.P.M., Bro. C. F. Pardon.

Bro. J. D. Langton, P.G.J.W., Surrey, who for five years has held the post of honorary Secretary of the Lancaster Club, Savoy, was on Thursday, the 1st inst. the recipient of a testimonial, on his resignation of that post. The presentation was made by the President, the Rev. H. White, Chaplain of the Savoy, at a dinner held for the occasion. Afterwards a smoking concert was held, several songs and recitations being given by Bros. E. J. Odell, Maitland; H. Dicker, and Messrs. Alec. Marsh, Walter Grace, Mullings, and Walter Pallant; also flute solos by Bro. W. L. Barrett, and several very clever card tricks by Bro. Chas. Betram.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Teaching of Experience.—The united testimony of thousands, extending over more than forty years, most strongly recommends these Pills as the best purifiers, the mildest aperients, and the surest restoratives. They never prove delusive, or give merely temporary relief, but attack ailments of the stomach, lungs, heart, head, and bowels in the only safe and legitimate way, by depurating the blood, and so eradicating those impurities which are the source and constituent of almost every disease. Their medical efficacy is wonderful in renovating enfeebled constitutions. Their action embraces all that is desirable in a household medicine. They expel every noxious and effete matter, and thus the strength is nurtured and the energies stimulated.—[Advrt.]

Comp. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was on Wednesday last installed as M.E.Z. of the Montague Guest Chapter, No. 1900, at the Inns of Court Hotel. Comp. Festa, the Immediate First Principal, performed the ceremony. A report will appear in our next.

At the ordinary meeting of the Marwood Lodge, No. 1244, Redcar, Bro. W. P. Ingham, W.M., held on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., the lodge was honoured by a visit from R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. There were also present several visiting brethren from lodges in Middlesbrough and Saltburn.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Past Prov. Grand Treasurer West Yorkshire, and W.M. of Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry" at the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Saturday, the 12th inst. The lodge will be opened at 3 o'clock, and the lecture will commence at 4 o'clock. A large gathering of brethren is anticipated.

I am pleased to tell you that exceedingly long gloves are no longer considered good style. Gloves now reach below the elbow, and have many bracelets outside. Nothing could well be less graceful than the large baggy tops, which seemed to be a necessity of long gloves, and stood out so uncomfortably beyond the arm, unless tied with ribbon, when they suggested a wounded limb.—From *Cassell's Family Magazine* for March.

The will of Bro. Edward Francis Storr, late of Gresham-street, linen merchant and general warehouseman, and of Mayday Villa, Bartholomew-villas, Kentish Town, who died on November 5th last, was proved on the 22nd ult. by Mrs. Jane Storr, the widow, Mr. Daniel Henry Redhead, and Bro. Albert Storr, the brother, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £8500. The testator, after bequeathing £100 and his household furniture and effects to his wife, leaves the residue of his real and personal estate upon trust for his wife for life, if she shall so long remain his widow, and then for his children in equal shares.

The annual meeting and installation in connection with the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover, was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 21st ult., when Bro. E. A. Marsh was installed as W.M. in a very able manner by the I.P.M., Bro. W. O. Kennett. The following were invested as officers for the year: Bros. J. Wright, S.W.; J. Wellard, J.W.; Adams, S.D.; Burkett, J.D.; C. C. Walter, Treas.; W. A. Smeeth, Sec.; G. Willson, Tyler; and P. O. Potter, Organist. The ceremonies commenced at two o'clock, and at five o'clock the annual banquet was held in the banqueting hall adjoining the lodge.

The "Masonic News," published at Toronto, Canada, has the following paragraph in reference to a contribution by "La Verite" in a contemporary:—"Does 'La Verite' think he can find a single one of his intelligent readers to believe all the fantastic nonsense about Freemasonry which has filled his columns for weeks past? Does he believe it himself? We think he is too sensible a man for that. Why then does he write the nonsense? Because he knows that Freemasonry has an enlightening and an educating effect upon the minds of men, and there are those he would rather see unenlightened and uneducated." On the same page our enlightened editor of the "Masonic News" has the following statement:—"The English Parliament prohibited the assembling of Masons in 1425!" Comment is needless.

THE HOME OF REST FOR HORSES.—Captain Fitzgerald (late 16th Lancers) is to be congratulated on the success of the Amateur Equestrian Entertainment given by him at the Royal Military Riding School, Gloucester-crescent, Hyde Park, a few evenings since, in aid of "The Home of Rest for Horses." An excellent programme was provided, admirably carried out, and witnessed by a large audience, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Lord H. Somerset and Col. Wigham, Col. Blake, Mrs. Seawright, and others. The "Home" has recently been established by several noblemen, officers, ladies, and gentlemen, its object being to provide an asylum for the "faithful servant of man" in its old age, or when temporarily or permanently rendered unfit to minister to the wants or pleasures of its master or mistress. Owners of horses will thus have the gratification of knowing that their pets need not in future be compelled to drag out the remainder of their existence between the shafts of a cab or cart. Funds, of course, are needed, and Capt. Fitzgerald intends, we understand, to repeat his entertainment in aid of the "Home." We wish his endeavours every success.

The ordinary general meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will take place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday next, the 18th inst., for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors for the half year to 31st December last, and the audited statement of accounts for that period, to declare a dividend, and to transact general business. We gather from the report that, owing to the exceptionally mild weather of the last half year, the reduction in the price of gas to 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet, and the continued and heavy fall in the selling price of coke and tar, the revenue account is not so satisfactory as usual, and it has been resolved that a call on a certain proportion of the unpaid "New Ordinary Seven per Cent. Shares" shall be made, payments to be received at the City Bank until the 25th inst. However, the works and plant have been kept in a thorough state of repair, and the directors express their satisfaction with the manner in which the carbonising and other departments have been worked. The dividends they recommend to be declared for the half year will be at the following rates, namely: 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary Seven per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary Ten per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary Seven per Cent. Shares. These, including Income Tax, will absorb close on £12,795 of the net profits to be carried forward to the next half year's account. Such a report speaks well for the business capacity of the directors and the official staff of the company.

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