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**The Girls' School Special Court.** THE result of the Special Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held in accordance with the announcements, on Monday, is eminently satisfactory. The preliminary arrangements entered into by the House Committee with Mr. EVILL for the purchase of the two houses and ground adjoining the Junior School for £2500 have been ratified, and not only is there now a greater amount of accommodation for the inmates of the Institution, even if their numbers were considerably enlarged, but the premises have become more compact and isolated from adjoining habitations, the frontage in the Wandsworth-road has been advantageously prolonged, and what is of far greater consequence still, the possibility of there being disagreeable neighbours overlooking the School grounds is now put out of the question altogether. The acquisition of the additional property, with the concomitant advantages we have recited, necessarily enhances the value of the School property, and should the time ever arrive when it is deemed expedient or desirable that the Institution should be located at a greater distance from the Metropolis, there can be little, if any, doubt, that the property will be saleable under more favourable conditions than if the recent purchases had not been made. We do not shut our eyes to the fact that the purchase first of Lyncombe House—now the Junior School—then of a contiguous strip of land, and now of Mr. EVILL'S two houses must have made a considerable inroad on the funds of the Institution and rendered the obtaining of a far heavier amount of subscriptions from the Craft imperative. But the avoidance of judicious and well-placed outlay is not economy and our Girls' School can now boast of as commodious premises and as private with plenty of circumjacent land for purposes of recreation as, perhaps, any other similar Institution in the United Kingdom. The House Committee, in the steps they have recently taken for the enlargement and improvement of the School at St. John's Hill, have deserved well of the Governors and Subscribers, and will receive the thanks of those who are anxious or only waiting a convenient season to become supporters, as well as of those who have already become such. For ourselves, we congratulate the Court on having fulfilled its duty so readily, the few and moderate criticisms that were offered by sundry of the brethren present serving to bring into more prominent relief the advantages of the policy which has been pursued. As for the other resolutions and what befel them, we must refer our readers to the full report of the proceedings which appears elsewhere. Let it suffice to state here that there will be no ballot at the election due next month, as it has been resolved to admit the whole of the 29 candidates—not 23, as mentioned in error last week—whose names have been approved, and that the additional annual outlay thus rendered necessary as well as that incurred by the purchase of Mr. EVILL'S houses, will make it imperative on the brethren generally to support Bro. Sir O. WAKEMAN, Bart, P.G.M. Shropshire, on the occasion of the approaching Festival to a greater extent than in ordinary years. But on these points we shall have occasion to speak more fully a week or two hence.

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**Approaching Boys' School Election.** OWING to the adoption at the Special Court of Governors on Monday of the resolution to admit the whole of the candidates, there will be no election by ballot for the Girls' School next month, but in the case of the Boys' School there will be the usual contest, the list of candidates comprising forty-five names, while the number to be elected is twenty-five. Of these forty-five candidates ten have already stood one or more ballots, while the remaining thirty-five have been accepted since the list was settled for the election in October last. No. 1, hailing from Northumberland, though he has taken part in five contests, has only forty votes to his credit; while Nos. 2 and 3, from London and West Lancashire respectively, have, as the result of three unsuccessful contests, a goodly tale of votes to their credit, No. 2 bringing forward 726 votes, and No. 3 as many as 974 votes. No. 4 (South Africa) and No. 5 (Essex) have had part in two elections, the result being a credit to the former of 235 votes, and to the latter of 1194 votes. Nos. 5 to 10 were candidates for the first time in has October last, but No. 7 (Hants and the Isle of Wight) is the only one that a respectable show of votes to bring forward, No. 6 having none to his credit, and the other three less than sixty votes. Of the other thirty-five candidates, there are four, namely, Nos. 22, 35, 43, and 45, who if they do not obtain

places on this occasion will have their names removed from the list under the operation of Law 53, which fixes the maximum age for the admission of a boy at 11 years, and there is no doubt their friends will use their efforts to get them placed among the successful children. There are also three boys—Nos. 3, 17, and 32—each of whom has a sister in the Girls' School, while as regards the distribution of candidates between London and the Provinces or Districts abroad, we find there are 12 hailing from the former and 32 from the latter, the remaining candidate deriving his interest partly from London and partly from the Metropolitan county of Middlesex. West Yorkshire and Essex furnish each of them three candidates, and Surrey is responsible for two, while Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmorland, Derbyshire, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire (West), Monmouth, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Somersetshire, South Wales (East), Staffordshire, Sussex, Yorkshire (North and East), South Africa (East Division), and South Africa (West Division) send up one each. The claims of the five others are wholly provincial, but are shared by two or more provinces. As regards the prospects of the several candidates, we offer no opinion. Of course, those among them who have already a strong array of votes to their credit are to that extent more favourably circumstanced than their rivals; but, having given weight to this self-evident proposition, we have nothing to add beyond the expression of a hope that the successful candidates may be those most deserving of success, and that, in any circumstances, the strongest efforts will be made to ensure the success of the four boys already referred to—Nos. 22, 35, 43, and 45—as having this one and only chance of obtaining admission into the School. We may state further that of the 45 candidates, 36 are fatherless and three motherless, while one has both parents living and five have lost them both. In the case of 13 of the children, the father, in his lifetime or during his active Masonic career, was a supporter of one or more of our Institutions, while in some 16 cases he had held office in his lodge, and in a few instances had played a still more prominent part in Masonry as either a Provincial Officer or founder of a lodge or lodges. One feature in the list of candidates strikes us as being somewhat more conspicuous than usual, and that is, the preponderance of candidates whose fathers were subscribing members for comparatively short periods. This, however, is a feature which is found to recur at intervals in all similar lists just in the same way and probably to about the same extent as at other times there is a preponderance of candidates whose fathers had been subscribing members for many years.

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**E. Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution.** THE eleventh annual report of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, in so far as it demonstrates that there has been a falling off in the receipts from lodge and individual subscriptions during 1886 as compared with 1885, is unsatisfactory, especially as this falling off amounts to the very considerable sum of £133 18s. 10d., of which, speaking roundly, about one-third is caused by the decrease in subscriptions from lodges, chapters, &c., and the other two-thirds by loss of individual subscriptions. As the Committee very properly point out, it is the diminution on both these heads of receipt which is to be so much regretted, and, though it may be partially accounted for by the "pressure of hard times," it is in "hard times" that greater assistance is needed, and consequently that "greater sacrifices on the part of the brethren" should be made. The falling off, however, in respect of all the heads of receipt lumped together is less formidable, their total having amounted in 1885 to £1133 11s. 5d., and in 1886 to £1080 16s. 11d., the difference as against the latter year being £52 14s. 6d.. This is explained partly by a slight increase in the "Income from Investments," but chiefly by a substantial improvement in the "Proceeds of Masonic Entertainments," which in 1885 realised only £98 15s. 6d., but last year £155 15s. 6d. There is also an item of £14 16s. 6d. in respect of returned Income Tax, for which there is no corresponding item in the accounts of the previous year. In short, the income, including a balance brought forward of £569 15s. 11d., and "Investments Re-paid" £215, amounted in 1886 to £1865 12s. 10d. while the expenditure was £1157 1s. 5d., the balance at Banker's and in hand at the close of the account, being £708 11s. 5d. As to the disbursements, £125 was granted in relief, £256 and a fraction was spent in the education of 26 children, £615 13s. 9d. in the purchase of Stock, £57 in casual relief by the Almoners, £24 5s. 4d. on the Entertainment of Children, and £79 2s. 1d. on Establishment Charges. The investments belonging to the Institution, amount to £6166, or about £400 more than in the previous year, so that, in spite of the reduced total of subscriptions, the Association has expended about the same sum in assistance as in 1885, and has increased its property very substantially. We trust that during the current year our East Lancashire brethren will enlarge their support to this admirable association, and as regards the General Committee, that it will continue its wise administration of the moneys at its disposal.

**Emperor of Germany's Birthday.** WE congratulate the EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany, Protector of the three Grand Lodges of Prussia, and honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on having celebrated, under such auspicious circumstances, and amid such universal manifestations of loyalty and affection on the part of his subjects throughout Germany, the 90th Anniversary of his birthday. Indeed, the whole of Europe, and the rulers and people of many states outside its limits have heartily combined in offering their felicitations on the event to the venerable monarch, and it would ill-become his brethren in Masonry to be behindhand in fulfilling so obvious and pleasurable a duty. The family of Hohenzollern of which his Imperial Majesty is the present head, has done much to promote and protect the interests of the ancient Craft. FREDERICK the GREAT of Prussia was the first of its members to join our Society, having been initiated under the auspices of the Lodge of Absalom of Hamburg, in the city of Brunswick, on the 14th August, 1738, or about a year later than our own FREDERICK PRINCE of WALES received his first insight into our mysteries at his palace at Kew. Since then, several other members of the Prussian Royal Family have joined us, the present King and Emperor of Germany, and his eldest son and heir FREDERICK WILLIAM, Crown Prince of Germany, and brother-in-law of the PRINCE of WALES, Grand Master of England, being the most conspicuous examples of the last 50 years. His MAJESTY was initiated at Berlin on the 22nd May, 1840, and at once became Protector of the three Prussian Grand Lodges, while his son Prince FREDERICK WILLIAM underwent the same ordeal on the 5th November, 1853, and is Deputy Protector of the same Grand Lodges. Thus it clearly devolves on us as a duty to congratulate this illustrious Mason on the anniversary which has been so brilliantly celebrated this week in Berlin, throughout the length and breadth of the German empire, and wherever else among civilised or barbarous peoples, two or three or more of his loyal subjects may have been gathered together. And it is almost needless to say that this duty is one of which the fulfilment carries with it an amount of pleasure second only to that we are experiencing in connection with the Jubilee celebration of her MAJESTY'S reign. May his Imperial MAJESTY'S life be yet further prolonged to the benefit of that empire, which owes its existence to him, and which he has laboured so continuously and successfully to strengthen and confirm!

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering some motions of which notice had been given by various brethren. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas., occupied the chair, and there were also present among other brethren Bros. Robert Grey, Ralph Clutton, Fredk. T. G. Keeble, G. Adamson, Fredk. Wood, John A. Rucker, W. Carter, Chas. F. Hogard, George Sadler, Charles F. Poupard, Thos. Massa, Fredk. Binckes, R. G. Barton, Chas. Daniel, J. Mason, H. Massey, S. H. Parkhouse, John French, W. Vincent, Peter De Lande Long, C. H. Webb, R. Eve, Russell, C. Hammerton, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

Bro. RALPH CLUTTON, J.G.D., Vice-Patron, brought forward the following motion upon the recommendation of the House Committee, "That the negotiations between the House Committee and Mr. William Evill for the purchase of the two houses and grounds adjoining the Junior School of this Institution for the sum of £2500 be approved, and that the Trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect." He stated that from the plan of the property which the brethren had before them they would see that it abutted on the property of the Institution now owned, and if it was acquired it would add to the value and size of the premises in the Wandsworth-road. The House Committee for some years had had in their minds that this property, if it could be acquired, should be acquired whenever a favourable opportunity offered. That opportunity had now arrived. Mr. Evill, the owner of the property, had approached the Committee, and the House Committee had been able, after some negotiations, to enter into a provisional contract, subject to the approval of this Court, to purchase from that gentleman his two houses for the sum of £2500. The two houses were substantial well built houses, and contained considerable accommodation. As they adjoined the Junior School the Committee thought they could be added to that building at not a large cost, and made available for the purposes of the School, thus extending the accommodation of the School without any large outlay in the way of bricks and mortar, which would have to be incurred if they had to build elsewhere. He did not think there was any other point he need bring before the Court except this, that the price the House Committee considered, the Court would concur with them, was between a willing purchaser and a willing seller, a fair one. For himself he certainly did not think the price excessive, and he should recommend the purchase of the property.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.M. and Sec. 205, seconded the motion, and concurred in the observations which had fallen from Bro. Clutton.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND wished to know what was abutting on the premises, or whether there was nothing but an open space.

Bro. RALPH CLUTTON said it was a detached house.

Bro. CUMBERLAND thought that in that case a boundary wall would have to be built.

Bro. R. CLUTTON said there was the original wall there, as described on the plan before the brethren.

Bro. CUMBERLAND enquired what was the total size of the piece of ground they were going to buy for £2500?

Bro. T. MASSA replied that it was about the fifth of an acre.

In reply to another Brother, Bro. CLUTTON said it was freehold.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS asked what was the rental value of these houses?

Bro. CLUTTON said one was put up to let at £75 and one at 70 guineas. The owner, perhaps, might not be able to let them quite so high; but that was the rent he was asking for them.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS reminded Bro. Clutton that he had put the price as one which was fair as between a willing purchaser and a willing seller. If it was £75 a year, it was a good purchase for £2500; but, as a matter of fact, the house which was empty would not let for £75.

Bro. R. CLUTTON said that was a question.

Bro. HUNT said he had been over one of the houses in question. They were very well built, and he valued them to let at £65 a year each. If he was right in that, the purchase money asked was moderate; it was under 20 years' purchase.

Bro. T. MASSA said no doubt it was very desirable that this property should be acquired by the Institution; but it seemed to him that they were going to pay a very large price for it. The houses might be substantially built. He had not been over them, but Bro. Hunt had, and he said they were well built. They were built in 1849, and he thought they could not be built to stand very long; they were built to pull down. They were paying £10,000 or £11,000 an acre for this ground. When Lyncombe House and the other land were bought they had no choice whatever. In the present purchase he thought they were giving 20 per cent. beyond the market value of the houses, and he should therefore, for the purpose of affording an opportunity for discussing the question, move as an amendment that the Trustees purchase the property for £2250.

The amendment not being seconded fell to the ground, and the original motion was put and carried.

Bro. R. GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, Patron, for Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron, moved to add to Law 29 the words: "Provided that no candidate shall be disqualified by reason of her age exceeding 11 years at the time of election in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the election be held on the second Saturday of April of that year." Bro. Philbrick, he said, had taken some little pains about this old law, because of the particular case of the child that stood No. 3 on the list of candidates for the next election, who, if the election had taken place on the usual day, would have been qualified; but because this year the day was appointed a week later, on account of Easter, would be disqualified, as she attained 11 years of age the day before. Her rejection on this account would have been such a hard thing for her, that Bro. Philbrick had formulated this proviso that she might not be injured.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The CHAIRMAN said that Bro. W. P. Brown, Vice-President, who had the next motion on the paper, was unable to be present; but he had written a letter expressing his deep regret at the circumstance, and asking him (Bro. Marshall), as Treasurer of the Institution, to move his resolution for him. This resolution was—"That in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee five further vacancies be declared for the election in April next, thereby admitting of the election of the whole of the candidates on the list without contest." He had great pleasure in submitting this resolution to the generous consideration of the brethren, for they all knew that these candidates were not only eligible according to the laws of the Institution, but every case had been carefully investigated by the General Committee, and was well worthy of being received for the benefits of the School. He was sure there was no better mode of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee than by admitting these children without all the work, worry, anxiety, and trouble of a contested election at the next Quarterly Court. This was carrying out the grand principle of the Order—Charity; and it would make the widow's heart leap for joy. The friends and subscribers of the Institution would respond generously to such an act by answering the appeal that was now being made to them for support to this invaluable Institution at the next Festival in May. He felt convinced that they would respond by supplying additional large funds, which would enable them to utilise the large houses agreed to be purchased, and also enable the House Committee to take in a larger number of children and maintain them in future years, which would involve an extra expense.

A BROTHER having seconded the motion,

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said that he did not rise to oppose it, but he agreed with the Chairman that it would necessitate a large increase of funds yearly for some time to maintain the extra children, but he thought nevertheless it was a bad precedent to be constantly taking all the candidates into the School. The brethren were all determined as far as they could to celebrate the Jubilee of her Majesty as worthily as possible, but when they were dealing with the money of other subscribers than themselves, who could not be present at this meeting, it behoved them to be very careful. Now, he considered the price of the land and houses they had just agreed to purchase was exorbitant. But if they took in these five extra children it meant so much more money required every year capitalised. He did not intend to move an amendment, because he should be very sorry if it should be thought he was opposing the motion in a captious spirit. No doubt, if brethren thought that the present proposition was going to be made there would have been plenty more candidates on the list, but they might rest assured there would be plenty more next year, on the chance of a similar act being proposed to celebrate the Centenary of the Institution. If this system was carried on it would disarrange the whole plan of balloting. He happened to have a candidate from North and East Yorkshire when all the candidates were admitted once before, and a great deal of annoyance was occasioned. An appeal had to be made to ascertain what was best to be done. There were objections on the face of it. It looked on paper very nice, but he

thought that, having agreed to make this purchase, they ought to be satisfied with that. Year by year the Institutions were increasing. He admitted that Masonry was increasing, but the question was whether they were not laying themselves open to many, many applications to be placed on the list which would not be made unless it was thought what a grand thing it must be for our boys and girls. We did not know how many of these candidates were supported by their provinces. It did not follow that because they came from a certain province they were supported by that province.

The CHAIRMAN said that each of these candidates was not only qualified according to the laws of the Institution, but was worthy of the benefits of the Institution, and, beyond that, every case was investigated by the General Committee and was found to be fit for our bounty.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said he knew the best information was given before a candidate was put on the list. But even then some of the candidates could obtain only 40 or 50 votes, and yet had no sympathy from their province. He knew a case of this kind from York. It was no criterion because they were on the list that they would receive support from their province.

Bro. SAMUEL H. PARKHOUSE observed that Bro. Cumberland had said it disarranged all the matter of voting and the exchange of votes, but in this case there would be no votes issued, because there was to be no election; the cost of the election alone would pay for the maintenance of five girls for a year, and that was an argument against having the election. With reference to the question of election where the child did not get returned because the province did not support the candidate, on that ground alone he should vote for this scheme. He thought if the case was recommended by the province it must be a good case. It was, no doubt, a great pity they did not get elected.

Bro. RUSSELL said he had talked to Bro. Brown on the Stock Exchange on this subject, and they said what a fine thing it would be for the Institution to be able to take in the whole of the candidates; they thought it would be one of the finest advertisements the Institution could possibly have. Bro. Brown said it would pay them over and over again, because they would get increased subscriptions. The brother who had just spoken had brought forward the argument they had used to each other. If they could pass the resolution in time to avoid the expense consequent upon an election, they would do a very good thing. Although he did not wish to say anything which would savour of humbug or Pecksniffianism, he and Bro. Brown determined to leave no stone unturned to bring this about.

The CHAIRMAN said he himself was associated with other orphan establishments which were making a vigorous attempt to celebrate her Majesty Jubilee by taking in extra children. At the London Orphan Asylum the Grand Master presided, and one of the reasons of his doing so was that they were going to take in one hundred children instead of seventy. Another Institution presided over by a member of the Stock Exchange got £4800 upon the same ground, and they were taking in one hundred children against the sixty-five in previous years. There was not a philanthropic Institution in the metropolis that was not going to take in an extra number, to give advantage to deserving candidates of the benefits of the Institution. He was sure it would be the desire of the liberal subscribers to this School on this occasion, especially when they were taking in only an extra five, to do such an amount of good by saving the anxiety and trouble which must arise at a contested election. He did not agree with Bro. Cumberland; he hoped there would be many occasions when the same thing would be done again. There were always evils in every contested election. The most deserving did not always win; it was he one with the most friends got in, and the most deserving frequently went to the wall.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, Patron, moved that the following law (No. 56) be rescinded, viz.: "No girl shall be eligible for election or for admission by purchase, or otherwise, who has a sister in the Institution unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." He said he knew there was a difference of opinion on the point, but the House Committee had unanimously come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing if the law were rescinded, as they had practically seen in the School the great amount of good it did to have two sisters educated in the same establishment. Having personally some connection with other Institutions, he thought it was a system that did not obtain in them to have sisters separated. They had the remedy in their own hands if it should ever seem to them not advisable to admit two of a family, because if a petition was brought up to the General Committee of a girl who had a sister in the Institution if the number of candidates was so large that, although the child was eligible, her admission would be doing an injustice to others, she could refuse to put her on the list. In the last fifteen years he had seen twenty-four instances of sisters being in the Institution. That only made an average of about one at each election. The spirit of Masonry was that its benevolence knew no bounds but the bounds of prudence; then, was it not better to have sisters educated under the same roof than to have a hard and fast line by which they were to be separated, and not allowed the same privileges?

Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, P.M. 172, said he brought forward these same arguments five years ago when the rule was altered; why should their hands be tied by a hard and fast line when an opportunity was afforded of doing good?

Bro. C. H. WEBB said this law was passed some years ago owing to many cases occurring up to that time of several members of one family being in the Institution at one time. Many deserving cases were consequently kept out in the cold. He thought the benefits of the Institution should be distributed as widely as possible, and not confined to one family. It would, he thought, be detrimental to the Institution to have more than one child of a family in the School at the same time. The more the circle was increased the wider would the Institution be supported. If more than one girl of a family was in the School at the same time, why not also have

more than one boy of the same family in the Boys' School? There was a very large number of distressing cases. There were some influential parties to whom it was not a difficult matter to get a child in. It was not very long since a lady succeeded in getting a child in the Institution, and she gave 300 votes to the Boys, and the boy got in. The object of the Masonic Institutions was to extend their benefits to the largest circle possible, and to the most deserving cases.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.M. and Sec. 205, was sorry to have to differ from Bro. Grey. The strongest argument against this alteration had been announced from the chair. The Chairman said it was not always the most deserving cases, but those that had the most friends, got into the Institution. He agreed with that. Friends who could push in one candidate could push in a second. He should not object to the admission by purchase of a child, but beyond that he could not go. There were so many applications for the Girls' but more particularly for the Boys' School, that he did not think they would be acting fairly to the other candidates if they took in more than one member of the same family unless there were more vacancies than candidates.

Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G. Stwd., Secretary Boys' School, said he stood in a peculiar position, being Secretary of the Sister Institution, and did not usually attend these meetings, or take part or interfere in them, but on the present occasion he did not think himself out of place in being present and entering into discussion upon this motion. The law which was proposed to be rescinded was not one of detail applicable to one school and not to the other; he regarded it as embodying an essential principle, and if altered, no doubt notice of motion for altering a similar law in the Boys' School would be immediately given. These rules had been framed with great care, maturely considered some years ago when the question arose as to the desirability of extending the benefits of the Institution as widely as possible, and not allowing too many of a family to be in the Institutions to the exclusion of the many other candidates. It was a matter of the gravest importance and should have serious consideration before the law was altered. The present law had worked advantageously to the distressed members of the Craft at large. There had been isolated or peculiar cases where it had been considered an absolute cruelty, and had borne hardly on deserving cases which by the existence of this law, had not been able to gain admission to the School; but he thought the general principle obtained, and that they must look to what he might call imperial interests rather than to the interest of special or isolated cases. It had occurred to him that there might be some grounds for making a limitation that where a family exceeded a certain number this law should not obtain, because there were cases where there were 8, 10, or 12 children dependent on a widow or her friends to support, and in such case the distress of it commended it more nearly to the brethren than where there were only one, two, or three children. If the notice of motion could be amended in that way the benefits of the Institution might still be extended—some member might be affected; but after all it appeared to him that the principle embodied in the law was one so important that a hasty decision was unadvisable, and as the laws of each of the two educational Institutions were the same and were adopted after very mature consideration by joint Committees, it was a question whether it would not be better to adjourn this to another meeting, say six months hence, to see whether it might not include an exception in favour of families where there was a large number of children.

Bro. ROBERT GREY said he was prepared to delay the matter for six months as proposed, when a resolution could be formulated embodying the suggestion of Bro. Binckes.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that it be referred to a joint Committee of the House Committees of the Girls' and Boys' Schools to bring up a report thereon six months hence.

Bro. RUSSELL said it struck him that one point had been omitted. It might do to alter the rule as far as the election stood, because a child who had sufficient friends to get in No. 1 might not have the same friends to get in No. 2, whereas No. 2 might get in by means of purchase or by presentation. He did not see why if it was a deserving case it should be shut out entirely. If they were allowed to come in by purchase or presentation it might be meeting the difficulty, and by a sort of compromise they might benefit children and not be detrimental to the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said he should like to move that the consideration of this resolution be adjourned, and that it be referred to the House Committee of the Girls' School and the House Committee of the Boys' School to consider the same, and bring up a report thereon at the October Court this year.

Bro. ROBERT GREY seconded.

Ultimately it was resolved that the report should be presented to the General Committee in July.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPT. PHILIPS, P.G.D.

Bro. Capt. Philips, P.G.D., was on Saturday last, the recipient of a very interesting presentation, at the hands of Bro. Theo. H. Tilton, Past District Grand Master of New York. It consisted of a handsome jewel of the Society of Masonic Veterans of New York, of which Bro. T. H. Tilton is a member. During the past summer the then representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of New York, Bro. Goodall, whose death we last week had the melancholy duty to announce, was in company with Bro. Tilton, the guest of the Master and officers of the Drury Lane Lodge, and at that meeting he expressed a desire to propose Bro. Capt. Philips as an honorary member of the Society of Veterans. Election followed, as a matter of course, and one of the last Masonic acts of our worthy Brother Goodall was to send the certificate of membership with an intimation that the jewel of the Society would follow. Bro. Tilton, to whom the duty of presenting the jewel was confided, carried out the wishes of his deceased friend by procuring a very handsome jewel, on which was the following inscription: "Presented to Ven. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., by Ven. Bro. Theo. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York, Dec. 14, 1886."

Bro. TILTON, in making the presentation, congratulated Bro. Philips on becoming identified with American Freemasonry, and expressed the pleasure he felt in having the privilege of being the medium of conveying to him, not only the emblem of their Society, but the hearty good wishes of the members.

Bro. Capt. PHILIPS expressed his thanks for the honour conferred, and said he should place it amongst his most valued Masonic treasures.

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"Glances at our History."  
**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**  
"Sunday Times" (London), "La Revista Masonica del Peru,"  
"United Service Gazette," "Court Circular," "Hull and East  
Yorkshire Times," "La Perseverancia," "Royal Craftsman,"  
"Natal Mercury," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "New  
York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Lancaster Daily Examiner,"  
"Sunday Times" (New York), "Die Bauhütte," "Freemasons'  
Journal" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "Freemasons'  
Repository," "Masonic News" (Montreal), "Proceedings of the  
Twenty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of  
Knights Templar of the United States of America, 1886," and  
"Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New  
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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 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.]

**JUBILEE BOYS' SCHOOL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
Would it not be possible, in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and in the interests of the Boys' School, to admit all the boys without an election?  
Such a fact as this would speak impressively to many who perhaps may be wavering as to supporting the Jubilee Fund of the School.  
It seems a pity for the Boys' School to lag behind the Girls'.—Yours fraternally,  
A VICE-PRESIDENT.

**THE PAST MASTERS' COLLAR QUESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
Would not a collarette of narrow blue ribbon with a small Past Master's jewel attached, suspended round the neck, solve the difficulty? It would be distinctive, would not clash with the officers of the lodge, and would be a very pretty and effective decoration.—Yours fraternally,  
LENNOX BROWNE, W.M. 2108.

**PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
I see from your columns last week that several Provincial Calendars for the year have recently been published. With most of them I am acquainted, but there are two of which I have lost sight for some time past, and perhaps Bro. Hughan or some other of your correspondents will kindly state if they are continued or not. One of them is for the province of Northants and Hunts, and the other for the province of Devon, which, in the copy I have by me, contained likewise a large amount of information about Cornwall. Neither of these have I seen for some eight years.  
Perhaps also, Bro Hughan would kindly provide a list of those Provincial Calendars which are published regularly, and have become indeed almost an Institution.—Fraternally yours.  
BETA.



**"MEMORIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS."** Officially published by the GRAND SECRETARY.

An excellent report of the "Memorial Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois," in commemoration of his labours for the Craft of the lamented M.W. Bro. T. T. Gurney, Past Grand Master, has been officially published by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Munn. The funeral obsequies were of a most extensive character, indicative of the love so long felt for the departed veteran, who was initiated in 1848 in the Union Lodge, Michigan, and from that year, until the end of his active life, wherever he was domiciled he became an active Masonic worker. Save the years 1879-80, when Grand Master of Illinois, from 1875 he acted as the "Committee on Masonic Correspondence," his annual reports being amongst the most racy and valuable of the many issued by nearly 50 Grand Lodges in the United States. The special report (of M.W. Bros. De Witt C. Cregier, Joseph Robbins, and Daniel M. Browning), truly states to Grand Lodge that "It is not rare for men in their published utterances to set up a high standard of life and duty. It is rare for them to realize the standard in their own purposes and works as fully as Theodore T. Gurney did his own ideal of Masonic character." Cleveland Lodge (to which Bro. Gurney had long belonged) with the active and honorary pall bearers, on November 11th, 1886, "proceeded to the deceased brother's home, and conveyed the remains to the First Congregational Church in the City of Chicago, where the services were conducted by the Pastor and another Minister, who paid high tribute to the moral worth and Christian character of the deceased. The great edifice was crowded, the large audience including the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State, a large number of Masons from the various Masonic bodies of which deceased was a member, also city officers, prominent citizens, friends and relatives." Numerous floral tributes were contributed. The sad memorial service was observed during raw and unpleasant weather, the elements being unpropitious, but else there was no lack of sympathetic surroundings, and many were the brethren who attended "To whisper but one word—farewell."

The Excelsior City Musical Society's Concert at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday evening, was about the greatest success of the season. It had been set apart as the Ladies' Night, and consequently the great hall of the hotel, in which it was held, was crowded, and the audience gave proof every now and then of the pleasure they derived from the successive performances. There was a strong array of musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, engaged under the able direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, who occupies the post of Musical Director to the Society, and who, in addition to his valuable services in this capacity, sang a humorous song so effectively that it was encored. There was an excellent programme well carried out, and punctually, and when the audience dispersed, there is no doubt they did so at the close of one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season.



**Craft Masonry.**

**NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Weeden. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Perl, S.W., and W.M. elect; F. Perl, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Stevens, Chaplain; J. C. Stilwell, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Harper, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Chubb, S.D.; C. H. Ockleford, I.G.; P.M.'s T. Bartlett, H. J. Gabb, T. J. Cusworth, W. Pierpoint, L. C. Haslip, and A. J. Potter; R. White, J. B. Smith, A. Levesque, E. Levesque, J. Downing, T. R. Richards, L. Brown, H. L. Alaridye, T. Cammack, J. Arnold, L. Wild, J. A. Cox, R. Gosherson, F. M. Wenborn, J. Bond, T. Woods, H. Milson, A. K. Turbefield, Tyler; and others. The visitors included Bros. C. M. Gray, P.M. 1920, P.G.O. Surrey; Joseph Driscoll, P.M. 30; B. Haynes, I.P.M. 27; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; R. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; E. Kerr, 24 (New York); H. John, P.M. 749; E. H. Barrett, 1519; C. Reichelman, 177; G. A. Weston, 177; Jas. Rowe, 1559; J. Simpson, 1076; J. F. Saunders, 1507; W. Welsford, 1321; H. Parkin, 1319; H. W. Schartau, 1549; F. F. Clive, 1319; W. Coates, 1922; and others.

Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the lodge to be in a sound and flourishing condition, was submitted and unanimously approved. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being worked in the most admirable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers. Subsequently Bro. Augustus Perl was presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the rite was impressively performed by the Immediate Past Master, and the manner in which Bro. Weeden acquitted himself in this important part of the day's proceedings elicited the unqualified approbation of all present. The newly-installed Master, having been proclaimed and saluted with customary Masonic honours, invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. Weeden, I.P.M.; F. Perl, S.W.; E. Chubb, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Stevens, Chap.; J. C. Stilwell, P.M., Treasurer; R. R. Harper, P.M., Secretary; C. H. Ockleford, S.D.; J. R. Cordell, J.D.; J. B. Smith, I.G.; H. Milson, D.C.; J. Bouton and T. B. Richards, Stwds.; and A. K. Turbefield, Tyler. The charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were most ably and impressively delivered, and after the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed amidst the utmost harmony and good feeling.

The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the Throne Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so observed that Bro. Perl had done credit to every office he had filled in the lodge, and that those brethren who had had the good fortune to have seen his work that day in the investiture of his officers and so on, must have been abundantly pleased with him. He felt convinced that Bro. Perl would, during his term of office, show the brethren that he was thoroughly capable of discharging the important duties of the office, and of rendering the ritual in a way that would be a credit to himself and satisfactory to the lodge. They all held Bro. Perl in very high esteem and regard, and their W.M. reciprocated fully that sentiment by studying the best interests of all the brethren in the lodge. With the heartiest good wishes, he hoped his successor would enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with acclamations.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and Bro. Weeden for the kindly expressions he had used towards himself. It was just six years ago that very night that he sat on the right of the then W.M. as an initiate, and he really must admit that he felt exceedingly proud to find himself in the position to which by their kindness he had that day been exalted. That honour was due entirely to the kindly feelings of the brethren towards him. He had always endeavoured to do his best in any of the offices they had placed him in, and he felt delighted to be there as the Master of the lodge, in which he had so many friends. He could scarcely say how deeply gratified he was for their many acts of kindness towards him. He had never regretted joining Freemasonry, and especially the New Concord Lodge; he was always pleased that he had done so, and had ever had the utmost good feeling shown towards him, which he could not fail to appreciate. He concluded by again thanking them for the great honour they had conferred upon him.

In proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," the Worshipful Master alluded to the excellent work which Bro. Weeden had done during his term of office, his kind and courteous behaviour towards all the brethren, and his readiness to do anything that promoted the interest of the lodge. In the name of the brethren he then presented to Bro. Weeden a handsome Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the zeal and assiduity displayed by him as Past Master, and trusted he would live many years to enjoy the respect in which he was now held by the brethren.

Bro. Weeden, I.P.M., in the course of his response, thanked the brethren for their kindly expressions towards him, and also for the present of the jewel, which he hoped long to wear. Thanking them for the handsome gift, he said, the greatest jewel anyone could have was to be held in the appreciation of those with whom they had been associated for so long a time.

The Worshipful Master next extended a cordial welcome to "The Visitors." He said he was delighted to see so many present.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Grey, Jones, John, Haynes, J. Driscoll, R. Pierpoint, and others. Several other toasts followed, including "The Past Masters," responded to by Bros. Bartlett, Gabb, Pierpoint, Haslip, Stilwell, and Potter.

Bro. Haslip then proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was followed by the Worshipful Master giving "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," expressing regret that their respected J.D., Bro. Cordell, was absent through illness.

The Wardens having suitably returned thanks, the proceedings were closed in a fitting manner by the Tyler.

During dinner an excellent selection of music was performed by the members of Mr. Stanley's Orchestral Band, and the toasts afterwards were interspersed by choice selections of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by several friends, with Bro. Carl Riechelmann, Organist of the Domestic Lodge, presiding at the pianoforte.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—Bro. W. Watkins, the popular Master of the above lodge, must be congratulated on the array of Masons, brethren, and visitors, who assembled around him at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Thursday, the 10th inst., and they must have been and were gratified at the admirable manner in which he carried out his duties both in the lodge and at the social board. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for a candidate, Mr. W. Davidson, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bro. Ragub was then raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M. in good style. It was then decided, after debate, that the proposition of the Pro G.M. respecting the Imperial Institute should be left to the brethren for them to subscribe or otherwise as they chose. Bro. Taplay, P.M., announced his intention (with the consent of the lodge) to stand Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Schools, and it was resolved that the sum of 50 guineas from the lodge funds should be added to his list, for which handsome start Bro. Taplay returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a nicely served dinner, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Harris, I.P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; F. Brian, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; H. Taplay, P.M.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Temple, J.W.; J. Still, S.D.; A. Dale, J.D.; J. Tytheridge, I.G.; J. White and F. C. Ward, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; A. K. Tuberville, Tyler; Fankhurst, Callcut, Amos, Daw, Spencer, Temple, Brown, Taylor, Robertson, Barret, Yates, Pearson, Lewis, Cramphorne, Davidson, and Sayers, all of the lodge; Shaw, P.M. 834; Twinn, W.M. elect 1306; Capt. Dowe, 2029; Cairn, 1772; C. Jolly, P.M. 1742; and others.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Harris said they had seen the admirable manner in which Bro. Watkins had that evening performed the ceremonies of the First and Third Degrees, and he was convinced that their W.M. would thus, to the end of his year of office, prove himself worthy of his exalted position. The toast having been drunk with cheers,

Bro. Watkins, in response, thanked the brethren for their cordial and hearty reception of his name, and assured them that as long as he retained that proud position he should do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge. He hoped they would go on and prosper in the future as they had in the past. They had been associated in Freemasonry for many years, both in and out of the lodge, and he trusted that association would long continue, for nothing he knew of brought men into a firmer bond of union and good fellowship, or did more for the poor and distressed than Masonry, and it was his earnest desire that the harmony and brotherly love now existing in the lodge might not only crown his rule over them, but his successors for all time. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid well-earned applause.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," and in so doing expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many good Masons around him in their capacity of Past Masters. Without their aid it was impossible to carry on the work of the lodge, and they did their utmost for its success and prosperity. He instanced Bro. J. Dorton, P.M., and asked where would they find one who took greater interest in his lodge than that brother did, not only as their Treasurer, but as the Preceptor of their lodge of instruction. He was simply indefatigable, and they were proud of him, and not only of him, but all their Past Masters; and he asked them to give the toast a hearty good fire.

Bro. Harris, I.P.M., responded, and bore his testimony to the help he had received, and to the earnest manner in which Bro. Dorton laboured to instruct those desirous of rising to office.

The Initiator having returned thanks for the toast of his health,

"The Visitors" were honoured, and Bro. Jolly, in responding, spoke of the splendid Charity of the lodge, and trusted the fifty guineas on Bro. Taplay's list would swell to hundreds.

Bros. Shaw, Twinn, and Dowe also responded.

Bros. Still and Dale responded for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which were most pleasant and hospitable, to a close.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The March meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bros. Edward Anderton, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, I.P.M.; George Vickery, S.W.; Joseph Renals, J.W.; Alfred Brookman, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Sec.; Arthur B. Hudson, S.D.; Frederick Crookford, J.D.; George Rawlinson, Steward; E. F. B. Fuller, Steward; John Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel Benton, P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; John S. Jarvis, J. Shotter, P. Saillard, and Thomas Benskin. Visitors: Jas. S. Haddon, S.D. 1966; J. Bergmann, P.M. 1671.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A Committee was formed for the purpose of arranging a complimentary banquet to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe. The brethren dined together, the W.M. presiding.

**HASTINGS.**—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; F. H. Hallett, I.P.M.; W. Glenister, P.M., as S.W.; F. Duke,

J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foord, J.W. 1184, S.D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; P. M. Skinner, Org.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; T. J. Rubie, P.M.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Steward, P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; Peter Robinson, P.M.; W. Cooper, R. J. Langley, J. Stace, G. Randall, R. Jones, H. A. Muscatt, G. H. Gaze, J. F. Edmed, Henry Kimm, W.M. 1184. Visitors: Bros. B. M. Bradbury, P.P.J.G.W. Suffolk; Hugh W. H. Eleves, P.P.S.G.D. Suffolk, P.M. 1452; Thos. E. Bathard, P.M. 1287; T. A. Raby, 44; Robert Hughes, S.W. 1184; Ernest W. Dabell, 1829; H. Leslie Hunt, 1884; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then raised Bro. Geer in a very able manner. Several gentlemen having been proposed as candidates, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, lodge was closed.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; S. Border, J.W.; C. Linley, acting Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; T. Archer, acting S.D.; J. B. Sampson, J.D.; S. G. Crummack, D.C.; G. K. Hitchcock, I.G.; T. Watkinson, Steward; W. Y. Calvert, Tyler; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; J. Sykes Rymmer, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, R. E. Triffitt, H. S. Hopton, M. Bryson, D. Lockwood, A. W. House, and T. J. Russell.

The business consisted of a passing, rehearsed by Bro. Todd, P.M., in his usual admirable manner, and a raising, undertaken and most creditably carried out by the W.M. The lodge then proceeded to consider the circular of the M.W. Pro Grand Master relative to the scheme of the Imperial Institute, when it was resolved, on a motion proposed by Bro. Todd, P.M., seconded by Bro. Buckle, P.M., "That this lodge approve of the scheme, and that a subscription list be opened, and the brethren invited to contribute through the lodge to the Imperial Institute. The lodge was then closed.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487).—The installation of Bro. J. W. Boughton, lessee and manager of the Theatre Royal, on Thursday, the 10th inst., as W.M. of the above lodge, was a day to be remembered in the annals of that lodge. The lodge holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, which on this occasion was profusely decorated with crimson cloth on the floors of the approaches to the lodge room, and the staircases and corridors were one bed of beautiful exotics, which gave a radiant perfume over the whole building. The lodge having been opened, amongst those present were Bros. Capt. J. T. Thackara, W.M.; H. E. Loader, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; J. W. Boughton, S.W.; G. Whitehall, W.M. 1069, J.W.; A. M. Rae, Sec.; W. Bates, S.D.; J. Jenkins, J.D.; H. P. Holley, P.M., D.C.; G. Pearman, Org.; G. C. Sanderson, I.G.; J. Perry, Steward; W. M. Outridge, P.M.; R. W. Beale, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br.; M. E. Frost, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Woodhouse, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Atkins, P.M.; G. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Alderman A. Cudlipp, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Warne, A. Lewis, C. H. Hardy, W. H. Gigg, J. Reid, J. H. Franckweiss, J. D. Antill, E. Wolstenholme, W. Mayborn, A. Bramble, J. Exell, and G. Smith, members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. Alderman W. D. King, Mayor of Portsmouth, W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; R.W.P.G.M.; Rev. J. A. Alway, P.G. Chap.; G. L. Lancaster, 903, P.G. Reg.; R. J. Rastrick, 1069, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, 399, P.G. Sec.; H. Lashmore, 394, P.S.G.D.; J. Lowe, 175, P.J.G.D.; F. Powell, 2153, P.G.D.C.; H. Kimber, 804, P.G.S.B.; J. Jackson, 1428, P.G.P.; F. Sanders, 342, P.G. Stwd.; J. M. Foster, 1776, P.G. Stwd.; J. Palmer, 2068, P.G. Stwd.; W. G. P. Gilbert, W.M.; J. Griffin, J.P., I.G.; E. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.S. Works, A.D. of C.; and A. Addison, of 257; W. A. Hill, W.M.; D. G. Gilmour, I.P.M.; J. W. Gieve, P.M.; W. H. Bolitho, and G. Miller, 309; W. Beutell, W.M.; J. W. Willmott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Croucher, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Col. M. G. Totterdell, and F. H. Fay, 342; J. J. Bascombe, W.M. 804; G. Whitehall, W.M.; Dr. B. H. Mumby, S.D. 1069; E. Pratt, W.M. 1428; J. S. Senior, W.M. 1705; L. Levy, 1766; J. G. Niven, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., 1776; J. S. Gardner, W.M.; G. I. Cunningham, I.P.M.; G. Farney Brown, and A. E. Bone, 1834; H. J. Long, I.P.M. 1903; P. H. Emanuel and M. Porter, 2068; W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G.P., 2074; W. Green, 2153; G. L. Green, and J. H. Bridell.

The lodge was opened in due form and harmony. After the usual business of the lodge had been concluded, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, occupied the chair of K.S., and Bro. J. W. Boughton, S.W., was presented for installation, and after the preliminaries had been concluded, Bro. Boughton was duly installed W.M. of the lodge, before a Board of nearly 40 Past and Installed Masters. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively rendered by the P.G.M. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. T. Thackara, I.P.M.; J. Jenkins, S.W.; W. Bates, J.W.; T. P. Palsgrave, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Holley, P.M., Sec.; A. M. Rae, Asst. Sec.; G. Whitehall, S.D.; G. C. Sanderson, J.D.; Horace E. Loader, P.M., P.S.G.D., D. of C.; G. Pearman, Org.; E. Wolstenholme, I.G.; J. D. Antill and G. E. Curtis, Stewards; J. Exell, Tyler; G. Smith, Asst. Tyler. Bro. Capt. Thackara, I.P.M., referred to the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Alderman Peters, who had been a member of that lodge for 22 years, and moved that a vote of condolence be accorded to the bereaved wife and family. Bro. R. W. Beale, P.M., seconded, and it was supported by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the P.G.M. for his kindness in attending that day and performing the beautiful ceremony. The P.G.M., W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., returned thanks, and expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in visiting them, and finding that the officers were doing their utmost to maintain the reputation it had previously attained. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Boughton, presented to Bro. Capt. Thackara a P.M.'s jewel, and asked him not to accept it for its intrinsic value, but as a token of the very high esteem in which the officers and brethren held him. Bro. Thackara, I.P.M., responded, and thanked the brethren

for the assistance rendered him during his year of office, and their strenuous endeavours to improve the lodge. Bro. Thackara presented Bro. A. M. Rae with a Past Secretary's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary during the past year, and thanking him for the heartiness and ability with which he had performed his duties, and also acknowledging his unvarying willingness to assist him and other brethren. He wished him long life and happiness. Bro. Rae briefly and suitably responded, "Hearty good wishes" were given from all the visitors, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

About one hundred brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, which had been elaborately and tastefully decorated for the occasion. The walls were perfectly hidden with scarlet cloth, festooned and upholstered in Oriental style, while the tables were adorned with massive plate and a profusion of beautiful foliage and flowering plants. The banquet itself was of a most recherché style, and was admirably catered for by Bros. Antil and Co., Albany Hotel, Landport, and under the personal superintendance of Bro. H. P. Holley, P.M. The menu comprised all the delicacies of the season, and the wines were of the choicest quality. The string band of the Royal Marines, under the personal direction of Bro. George Miller, the talented and popular bandmaster, were stationed in the vicinity of the banqueting hall, and during the banquet, and subsequently, executed the subjoined programme, their finished instrumentation being highly appreciated by the company: March "Militaire" (Schubert); overture, "Fra Diavolo" (Auber); aria from "Satanella"; cornet solo (Balfe); "Albion," a fantasia on National melodies (Baetens); valse on German love songs (Hartmann); selection, "Faust" (Gounod); the "Entered Apprentice," march (traditional); piccolo solo, "Tin Whistles" (Le Thiere); reminiscences of England (Bro. F. Godfrey); galop (vocal), "The Parting Toast" (Bro. G. Miller); "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

After full justice had been done to the tempting viands, &c., the W.M., who presided, supported by the P.G.M., the Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. Alderman W. D. King), and others, said he would have to be very brief with the toast list. The first he had the honour of proposing was that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," and one which was always received with the utmost enthusiasm; it was unnecessary for him to comment on the merits of so illustrious a lady, representing as she did a model Queen of the world, and he asked them to drink to the health of her Most Gracious Majesty, coupling with it the Craft.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., &c.," and made warm attachment to every Charitable Institution, made remarked that his devotion to the best interests of his people, him beloved by all.

Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., P.P.S.G.W., gave "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge." He referred to the connection between the province and Grand Lodge, mentioning that Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, the first W.M. of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, was now a Grand Warden, Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Grand Chaplain, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, a Grand Deacon. He also adverted to the Earl of Carnarvon's connection with Hampshire, adding that their P.G.M. had initiated that distinguished brother.

The Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. Alderman W. D. King, who was warmly applauded, thanked the W.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him by inviting him to that magnificent banquet, and for having requested him to propose the toast of "The R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." He should not be doing his duty if he did not draw attention to the many rôles which he filled in the province. First, they saw in him a good landowner, who thoroughly understood the wants of his tenants, because he had studied the times, and, recognising the great agricultural distress, felt that the tenant must live on the land as well as the landlord. They recognised also in him a very distinguished patron of sport and a master of foxhounds, and therefore they were proud to greet him as a thorough-going Englishman of the typical old school. Thirty years ago he was chosen to represent North Hants in Parliament, a position which he had occupied ever since with honour to himself and credit to the division which he had so well and worthily represented. He was a safe and reliable man, who did not, like some, obstruct business, but who when he was wanted was always in his place to do his duty as a member of Parliament, a class of whom he should not be sorry if more were produced in a future House of Commons than were at present to be found there. But they were specially called upon to recognise him as a very distinguished Mason, who, 19 years ago, took upon himself the office which he had since worthily filled. He had heard him say at a recent meeting that it was his duty and pleasure to visit lodges in the province as frequently as possible. That was one of the best traits they could have in a P.G.M., and so long as he took cognizance of the lodges, so long would Masonry flourish in Hampshire.

The Prov. Grand Master, who had an enthusiastic reception, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the very kind way in which they had received the toast, and also the Mayor for the manner in which he had introduced it. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure to attend on an occasion so interesting as the present. It was very agreeable to attend the anniversary of one of the great lodges of the province, and if it was the duty of the Prov. Grand Master to make himself acquainted with the qualifications of those holding offices in the various lodges, he could not possibly do so better than by attending on occasions such as that, and seeing them perform any duty devolving upon them. It was very pleasurable to come into Masonry from the strife to which the Mayor had alluded as occurring in another place. There they did not find that all were perfectly amenable to order, but there were unruly spirits whom the gavel of the W.M. would bring to order if they were within the precincts of their lodges. But he was afraid that the Speaker did not quite wield that power which a W.M. possessed, although the Speaker had those qualities that he might be trusted to act fairly and impartially with any further powers that might be delegated to him by the House of Commons. He hoped that the results, if not as satisfactory as could be wished for, would be a little more so than they had been. The Mayor had alluded to those sports in which he had engaged, and he would not refer to them further than to say that he was very happy if he contributed to the pleasure of others. He regarded those sports not merely from a selfish point

of view, but as being for the amusement, and he hoped the gratification, of those living around him and others who came from a distance, and he believed they contributed largely to the development of that manly spirit which existed in this country. With regard to his connection with Freemasonry, he wished to express his most sincere thanks to the brethren of the province for the noble way in which they had come forward and contributed so largely to that great Charity over whose festival he had the honour to preside. It was not only gratifying to him personally, but it was specially gratifying to those charged with the administration of that Charity, and they appreciated the noble way in which the brethren of this province came forward. He had the pleasure of going down to visit the Institution a few days after the festival, and saw the regular quarterly allowances distributed. He had the opportunity of seeing the inmates of the Asylum, and of hearing the very great pleasure afforded them by the very magnificent result which had accrued from the festival. If it gave them pleasure, how much more pleasure must it give to those who were waiting to know if they could possibly be placed within the precincts of the Charity. It must have gratified many an aching heart to hear that through the liberality of the brethren the number of annuitants would be considerably increased. This would come home to every Masonic heart and be a sincere gratification to those who had contributed so largely to its support. He could only hope that this magnificent result was an indication of the manner in which the Masonic Charities would be taken up by the various provinces, and particularly by this province, where they had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the liberality which had been shown.

Bro. Alderman Cudlipp proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.D. England, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas., responded.

Bro. Thackara, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in felicitous terms, and congratulated Bro. Boughton upon having been unanimously elected to fill the exalted position of W.M. of that important lodge. He said that Bro. Boughton had, by perseverance and ability, risen to a most flourishing position in the town. He thought that a man who managed well his own affairs could manage well those of a corporation, therefore he considered the management of the Portsmouth Lodge could be safely left in the hands of Bro. Boughton.

The toast was received with considerable enthusiasm.

The W.M., Bro. J. W. Boughton, who was loudly applauded, said he was very proud indeed of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren in selecting him as their W.M., and he was also deeply gratified to see around him such a numerous and distinguished body of Masons on the occasion of his installation. He thanked them heartily for their great kindness and support. They had conferred upon him a very high honour by placing him in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. When he became a Mason in that—his mother—lodge, some 10 years since, he did not ever hope to attain that position, and he did not think he could do better than repeat the promise he made at his election, which was that in carrying out the duties of the office he should endeavour, as far as lay in his humble power, to copy the example which had been set by the many worthy Masters who had passed the chair before him.

Bro. J. Graham Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., proposed "The Installing Master," and having contrasted the position of the province now with what it was when the present Prov. Grand Master assumed its control, he said it would be very gratifying to the Masons of Portsmouth to note that the first great Jubilee celebration of the year had, through the truly Masonic instincts of Bro. Boughton, taken place in connection with the titular lodge of the grand old town.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, responded.

Bro. G. L. Green proposed "The Health of the W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. W. G. P. Gilbert, W.M. 257.

Bro. R. W. Beale, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., proposed "The Visitors."

The Mayor of Portsmouth and Bro. J. Griffin, J.P., responded.

Bro. E. Goble, P.G. Sec., proposed "The Officers," and Bro. J. W. Gieve, P.M., "The Masonic Charities."

The Worshipful Master said that the next toast on the list—"Freemasonry and the Drama"—would, he very much regretted to say, have to be omitted, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bros. Broadley, P.M., and Augustus Harris, W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge. Bro. Harris had fully intended being present, but had found it impossible to do so at the last moment, and had telegraphed to that effect.

In the evening Bro. Boughton gave an "At Home" at the Victoria Hall, which had been decorated in a similar style as the lodge building. The company, who commenced to arrive at nine o'clock, were received at the entrance to the ball room by the worthy host, who was ably supported by Bros. J. T. Thackara, R. W. Beale, H. P. Holley, G. Whitehall, G. H. Dean, J. H. Corke, T. W. Scaddan, and G. E. Gurtis, who officiated as M.C.'s, and were indefatigable in the discharge of their duties. Among the early arrivals was the Provincial Grand Master, who had kindly granted a dispensation enabling Masons to appear in the clothing and decorations of the Craft, which imparted additional brilliance to the scene. The catering, which was entrusted to Bros. Antill and Co., left nothing to be desired. Save during an interval for supper, dancing was kept up unflaggingly until after two o'clock, the music played by the band of the Royal Marines, under the baton of Bro. Band Sergeant Batson, being thoroughly appreciated by all the company, who likewise heartily appreciated Bro. Boughton's considerate and generous hospitality, and we trust he will receive that elevation in Masonry he so thoroughly deserves.

Amongst those present, together with a bevy of the uninitiated fair sex, who were one and all most charmingly attired—Masonic colours, &c., predominating—were the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; Bros. G. Dunlop, G. F. Lancaster, R. J. Rastrick, E. Goble, H. E. Loader, H. Lashmore, F. Powell, H. T. Arthur, T. Bailey, H. Kimber, F. Sanders, J. Palmer, D. G. Gilmour, J. M. Foster, W. A. Hill, W. Beuttell, J. J. Bascombe, G. Whitehall, J. S. Senior, J. S. Gardner, H. J. Long, W. Dart, M. E. Frost, A. Cudlipp, G. Bond, R. W. Beale, W. M. Outridge, H. P. Holley, J. T.

Thackara, J. Woodhouse, A. Addison, J. D. Antill, H. J. Andrews, G. T. Ayles, H. Aylward, John Arnold, G. F. Brown, T. Bailey, sen., Dr. Bland, W. Bolitho, A. Bone, F. J. Baker, W. Bates, F. J. Bolitho, A. Bramble, R. Brown, James Biden, J. J. H. Bascombe, H. Croucher, G. T. Cunningham, J. H. Corke, G. E. Curtis, Callingham, R. W. Curtiss, J. Craven, jun., C. Carter, G. H. Dean, Dunn, Capt. Dunsterville, J. Dudley, S. R. Ellis, Charles Emery, P. H. Emanuel, J. Franckeiss, Fyson, F. E. French, T. Good, W. Gunnell, G. L. Green, J. W. Gieve, O. B. Gabell, J. Griffin, R. Gibbs, E. Hall, T. J. Hooper, W. J. Herbison, Jones, J. Jenkins, A. Jolliffe, Col. Joice, the Mayor, G. E. Kent, F. E. Knott, Dr. C. Knott, L. Levy, Moses, G. Miller, Dr. Mumby, W. H. Matthews, R. W. Mitchell, Marriott, J. G. Niven, F. J. Proctor, G. Pearman, J. S. Parsons, A. M. Rae, W. Rowe, Robins, T. W. Scaddan, G. C. Sanderson, Sweetman, Spurrell, Col. M. G. Totterdell, W. Ward, W. W. Webber, Dr. Keith Welsh, W. White, and W. Ward.

The company broke up at the small hours of the morning.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—This lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The W.M., Bro. H. Kimm, 40, presided, supported by Bros. Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; R. Hughes, S.W.; J. B. Fould, S.D. 40, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.A.G.P., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Raper, Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; T. W. Jordan, J.D.; J. B. Foster, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; Leary, Tyler; R. Avis, C. Martin, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Hallett, I.P.M. 40, and H. L. Hunt, 1884.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed and communications read, a gentleman was proposed as a candidate, and, after several matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed.

**HALIFAX.**—De Warren Lodge (No. 1302).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the private rooms, White Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Sutcliffe Greenwood, W.M., when 20 out of the 25 members were present. The Secretary, Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., read the minutes of the last meeting, which contained a resolution "That an endeavour be made to raise, by voluntary contributions, the sum of 75 guineas as a Jubilee memento, in order to make the W.M. a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with 40 votes in perpetuity." Bro. Curry was raised as a M.M. by Bro. Wainhouse, P.M., the historical lecture being given by Bro. Normanston, P.M., P.P.G.D. Bro. Arquith, P.M., who had taken charge of the matter, announced that the 75 guineas necessary to complete the Vice-Patronship of the Boys' School, had been subscribed, and the De Warren was the third out of the 69 lodges in West Yorkshire, which had attained that proud position. It was decided that the money should be sent towards reducing the debt on the new school. The Treasurer, Bro. Seed, P.M., P.P.G.P., stated that after all accounts had been paid, there was a balance of nearly £70 in the bank. Bro. Whitehead, P.M., in a humorous and poetical speech then presented Bro. Wainhouse, P.M., with a P.M.'s apron and case, as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren for the courteous way he had conducted the business during the two and a quarter years he had been W.M. Bro. Wainhouse, P.M., having returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where a convivial evening was spent. Bro. White, 61, replying for the sister lodges.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—

This influential lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Wheatley, W.M.; Eales, S.W.; Ransford, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; Scholding, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M. S34, D.C.; H. Jones, P.M., W.S.; Kent, Asst. Org.; Culverwell, A.D.C.; Spearing, I.P.M.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bro. G. C. Stafford, 902.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Meacock was impressively raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Conway passed as a F.C. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Fairclough, P.M. 155, as a joining member, and Mr. Foes as an initiate. The latter, being in attendance, was duly inducted into Craft mysteries. The W.M. is to be congratulated on the very excellent manner in which he carried out the working of the three arduous ceremonies. Bro. Walls gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, per W. Bro. H. Wheatley as Steward, at the ensuing Festival."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary toasts were fluently proposed from the chair and duly honoured. The proceedings were altogether of a most enjoyable nature, enlivened as they were by the vocal abilities of Bros. Wright, Piper, Myers, and others.

**DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—

The members of this well-known country lodge held their regular meeting at the Saracen's Head Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when a goodly muster of the local brethren were strongly supplemented by the London contingent. The Rosslyn Lodge is not only an excellent working one, but is a curiously hospitable and social assembly, which, when the labours of the evening are over, becomes a laughter-loving, laughter-producing, good-tempered mixture of town and country "merrie men." There were present Bros. W. Rowe, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, S.W.; A. Rattray, P.P.A.G.S., J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.P.G.R., Treas.; G. D. Clapham, P.P.G.R., Sec.; Robert C. Lyle, S.D.; J. L. Franklin, J.D.; T. W. Noble, Org.; D. Milbank, I.G.; Fred. W. Warner, Tyler; James P. Lewin, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Essex; A. Rattray, P.M., P.G.A.S. Essex; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; John Wright, R. Brazier, Walter Rivers, C. Birt, J. Sergeant, Mortimer Hall, J. M. Welch, John Smith, and H. Wilkie Jones. Visitors: Bros. W. Springett, 1044; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of Wks. Punjab.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting the agenda paper for the evening was read by the Secretary. This contained the names of two brethren who sought to become joining members, viz.: Bros. Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1308, 1974, P.G.D.S. of Wks. Punjab, and John Smith, 1425.

A ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of each, and they were declared duly elected and returned thanks accordingly. The W.M. then opened the lodge. The officers showed how well qualified they are, one and all, to assist the W.M. in the carrying out of the work. A petition to the Supreme Grand Chapter for a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to No. 1543 was presented by Comps. Dehane and Nicols for the consent of the Rosslyn Lodge. Approval of this movement was signified by many members, but it was deemed better to defer the decision until the next meeting, when it is expected a large number of the local members will be present and have the opportunity of expressing their opinion.

There being no further business before the lodge it was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the dining room, where a real old-fashioned, appetizing repast was admirably served. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with enthusiasm. Some humorous and witty speeches were made, and it was observed that a visitor seldom came to the Rosslyn Lodge without expressing at the close of the evening's "labour and refreshment" a strong desire of becoming a joining member, it being remarked that a better tempered or more amusing gathering of Masons met nowhere.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—

A large and important meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 14th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate. Bro. Wm. Brown, W.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; W. Storey, I.G.; J. W. Shonksmith, Steward; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Assistant Stewards; J. Hall, Tyler; J. Starkey, W. H. A. Coates, G. Shepherd, F. N. Halliwell, T. Horsley, G. H. Hebblethwaite, E. Thackray, J. Clark, T. E. Abbey, W. S. Child, J. Smith, N. T. Nance, T. H. Harrison, J. Horner, W. Sharp, A. Archer, R. Ware, J. T. Specht, R. Hayden, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for three candidates. On the motion of Bro. Whytehead, P.M., the consideration of the Colonial Institute question was deferred to an emergency meeting on the 28th inst., and a Special Committee was appointed to consider the question and report.

The following visitors, amongst others who failed to sign the attendance book, were then admitted and took their seats: Bros. G. Chapman, P.M. 47; T. G. Hodgson, W.M. 236; H. Longford, W.M. 1416; C. Greensides, P.M. 1416; G. Garbutt, P.M. 236; W. N. Cheeseman, W.M. 566; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; G. C. Lee, P.M. 1230; G. Newton, P.M. 1019; B. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1991; J. Biscomb, 236; G. Manton, 1991; J. Saville, 236; M. Bryson, 236; J. Martin, 1991; W. H. Wigham, 1991; S. Border, 236; C. Goldthorpe, 242; S. G. Crummack, 236; W. H. Sampson, 236; T. Lawrence, 1001; E. W. Purnell, 236; C. Wardle, 236; A. S. Simson, 123; E. Carter, 236; E. W. Hudson, 566; and others. Altogether there were nearly 80 brethren in the lodge.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, having been announced, the brethren rose whilst he entered, attended by the following Present and Past Prov. G. Officers: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W. (acting as D.C.); Walter Reynolds, Prov. G. Treas.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Todd, P.P.G.R.; Rev. H. Greeves, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.R.; Wm. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; M. Rooke, P.P.G.D.; George Kirby, Prov. G.D.C.; Major McGachen, Prov. A.G.D.C.; A. Sample, Prov. G. Org.; C. G. Padel, P.P.G.O.; and others. The Deputy P.G.M. was accompanied by V.W. Bro. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., and both these distinguished brethren were saluted in the usual manner.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to initiate a candidate into the mysteries of the First Degree, which he did with great accuracy and impressiveness, giving also the tools and charge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the D.P.G.M. complimented the W.M. upon his work, and the members of the lodge upon their commodious premises and splendid furniture, which he regarded as a marvel of success when it was remembered that the lodge was warranted only ten years ago.

The Dean of York then proceeded to give an address on Freemasonry in its moral and social aspects, which was regarded by all who had the privilege of hearing it as one of the most practical and eloquent apologies for the Order that had ever been spoken. At its conclusion, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the Dean. Bro. Whytehead, P.M., proposed as an honorary member of the lodge, for ballot at the next meeting, Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, author of the last great work on Masonry, which was seconded by the W.M. Several apologies for absence were read, including one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, the Masonic author, and the lodge was closed amid an interchange of "Hearty good wishes."

Subsequently, the members entertained their visitors at a capital supper, at which the W.M. presided, and after justice had been done to the good things of this life, for even Masons must eat, in spite of the fact that profane persons sneer at them as a parcel of gourmands, the rest of the evening was spent in honouring the usual toasts, and in harmony to which all the singing brethren contributed.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous provincial lodge was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 14th inst. Among the numerous attendance we noticed Bros. Chandler, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, 1768, P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect; T. C. Walls, P.M. 141, &c., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, P.M., &c., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Bonell, S.D.; Drummond, J.D.; Dare, D.C.; Sapsworth and Grant, Stwds.; Piller, P.M.; Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., Treas. elect; W. C. Page, P.M.; Perkins, Bond, Hunt, Masters, Smith, Gerhold, Spooner, Plambock, Williams, Rice, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, P.G.S. Middx.; Elsam, P.M. 201, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Colbeck, W.M. 1585; Warner, W.M. 1793; Hunt, P.M. 1768; Langley, 228; Bugler, 975; Springett, 1044; Mason, 1328; Radford, 1420; Whitehead, 1425; Greyson, 1426; Gates, 1793; Williams, 1793; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting, and an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and adopted, Bro. R. W. Simpson was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The ballot having been taken for Mr. J. H. Gaunt, he was duly initiated. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, W.M. elect, was presented and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Featherstone, assisted by Bros. Piller, P.M., as S.W.; Walls, P.M. as J.W.; Chandler, P.M., as D.C.; and Page, P.M., as I.G. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers in a most able manner as follows: Bros. T. C. Walls, S.W.; C. Bonell, J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespigny, Chaplain; Featherstone, Treasurer; Peat, Secretary; Drummond, S.D.; Dare, J.D.; Sapsworth, I.G.; Page, Org.; Grant, D.C.; Bond and Spooner, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. F. Chandler, P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a special jewel be presented to Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, on his retirement as Treasurer, as a token of appreciation of the courteous and very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties appertaining to the office. Subsequently the brother thus honoured was presented with a jewel, and acknowledged the gift in a speech of some point. It was also resolved unanimously that Bro. William Hammond, senior P.M. of the lodge, P.P.G.D. Middx., be elected an honorary member of the lodge. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; Woodward, P.G. Secretary Middx.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a well-served banquet. After the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Chandler spoke of the valuable and efficient services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Ockenden in the respective capacities of a founder, Secretary, and Senior Warden for the long period of 10 years. The lodge had chosen well, and he (the speaker) believed that during the coming year the W.M.'s tenure of the chair would be characterised by every conceivable prosperity.

The Worshipful Master having responded in a modest speech, then gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Gaunt having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. Briggs, in reply, congratulated the Wolsey Lodge on its working and its harmony.

Bro. Elsam, in a speech of some length, particularly enlarged on the manner in which the W.M. had given the visitors that day a taste of his quality in so admirably investing the officers. He (the speaker) had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and it pleased him to see how well it had prospered since then. In conclusion, he spoke of the strong and efficient staff of officers invested that day, some of whom were Masons of no ordinary ability.

Bro. Warner and other visitors having spoken, "The Health of the Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Chandler, who responded, came next in order.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. In giving this toast, the Worshipful Master touched eloquently upon the services of Bro. Featherstone, as an officer of the lodge, and trusted that in his new capacity of Treasurer his efforts would be redoubled. Bro. Peat, as Secretary, had really worked very hard, and was worthy of every commendation.

The pledge having been acknowledged, "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, and "The Masonic Charities," with the name of Bro. Sapsworth, terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Hunt, P.P.G. Organist Surrey; Page, Grant, and others contributed some pleasing instrumental and vocal harmony.

**CARSHALTON.**—Wallington Lodge (No. 1892).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. Alfred Bishop, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, I.P.M.; F. Carter, S.W.; W. Russell Crowe, P.M., Treas.; L. A. Mesrouze, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Filmer, S.D.; H. D. Aslett, J.D.; J. A. Taylor, I.G.; Pile, P.M.; Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Casson, P.M. 850, P.P.G.O. Derby; A. R. G. Carter, W.M. 1728; J. P. Joaquim, P.M. 508; E. Crutchlow, 1385; J. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891; J. Kilvington, S.D. 1790; H. M. Hobbs, W.M. 2096, Prov. S.G.D. Surrey; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; G. Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; W. R. Church, 1347, P.P.G.P. Surrey; C. Everist, P.M. 720; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; H. J. Tallentire, 1320; H. G. Vickers, J.W. 1632, P.G.O. Surrey; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. A. Bishop on his retirement from the chair, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the year 1886-7. The sum of five guineas was next voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge to be placed on Bro. Pile's list as Steward for the Girls' School. A Committee was appointed to consider, and, if necessary, revise, the by-laws, and the Audit report was received and adopted. Bro. J. W. Jones was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. M. Coates raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, both ceremonies being beautifully rendered by the W.M. Bro. Francis Carter, the W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Alfred Bishop, I.P.M.; G. W. Filmer, S.W.; H. D. Aslett, J.W.; W. Russell Crowe, P.M. 190, Treas.; Wm. Pile, P.G. Std. Br., P.M., Sec.; Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, Chap.; J. A. Taylor, S.D.; F. A. Norton, J.D.; J. Edwards, I.G.; and A. Rowley, Tyler. Bros. J. G. Horsey, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; J. Newcastle, Org.; and W. Harwood, Stwd., being absent, their investiture was postponed. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Alfred Bishop, I.P.M. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), to the I.P.M., Bro. Bishop, as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren at his valuable services as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Bishop, I.P.M., in thanking the members said it would serve to remind him of many happy hours spent in their

society. Bro. Carter, W.M., gave notice of his intention of moving at the next meeting that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. L. A. Mesrouze, P.M., who had so ably performed the duties of Secretary for many years, and who was now obliged to relinquish the post. The W.M. also proposed that jewels should be presented to Bros. Crowe, P.M., Treas., and Harwood in recognition of their valuable services. Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, then rose and said that as ill health would prevent him from accompanying the brethren to the banquet table, he desired to say a few words. He wished to express his admiration of the admirable working he had witnessed, and which proved the lodge to be in a very high state of efficiency. He congratulated the W.M. on attaining the chair, and was convinced that he would maintain the proud position the lodge had so deservedly earned for itself. On the motion of the I.P.M., a vote of thanks was cordially passed to the W.M. for his kindness in presenting the lodge with two handsome kneeling stools.

Propositions having been received, lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of the genial host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

"The Prov. G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the Worshipful Master, who expressed his regret that the D.P.G.M., Bro. West, had been unable, through ill-health, to stay with them. As the brethren were aware, the Prov. Grand Master was a thoroughly efficient brother, and admirably managed the affairs of the province. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey.

Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M. 2096, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, thanked the W. Master and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received. He congratulated the members on having earned the eulogistic remark made by Bro. West, D.P.G.M., in the lodge. He considered it very pleasant for the W. Master, occupying the chair for the first time, to have such commendatory remarks made by the D.P.G.M. He was pleased to find a lodge in such an excellent state of efficiency, and trusted there were many more like it. He again thanked them for their kindness, and assured them he considered it an honour to be a member of the P.G. Lodge of Surrey.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Bishop, I.P.M., who said that after a brother had passed through the chair as he had done, and before he retired to the gilded ease of a P.M., he was allowed to assume the gavel for the purpose of proposing the health of his successor. It was a very pleasant duty on that occasion, for Bro. Carter was the next initiate after himself, and had followed in due order through all the other offices. He was quite sure that in their W.M. they had a brother who would do all in his power to maintain the reputation the lodge had earned. He asked all present to join with him in drinking the health of Bro. Carter, W.M., and wish him a successful year of office.

Bro. Francis Carter, W.M., in returning thanks, said the brethren had evinced a good feeling towards him which he did not know whether he deserved. The D.P.G.M. had made such kind remarks, that he felt he should have to do his best to keep up the standard of their lodge, and he would use his best endeavours to carry out his intentions. Those brethren who, like himself, had been placed in the position of Worshipful Master for the first time, would know that he had more thoughts than words on the present occasion, so he would conclude by again thanking them.

Bro. G. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks, responded for "The Visitors," and thanked the brethren for the kind reception given the toast. He had heard of that lodge, and was therefore pleased to witness the admirable working, and also to hear the compliments that had been bestowed. All the officers were thoroughly efficient, and, as a Mason of 19 years' experience, he had never seen the work carried on more smoothly.

Bro. Kilvington, S.D. 1790, testified to the hospitality shown the visitors, for he had visited the lodge three times previously, and had always been received in a most kindly manner.

Bro. J. H. Casson, P.P.G.O. Derby, also responded, and said that as a friend of the Worshipful Master's he could testify to the efficiency which characterised all the work undertaken by that brother. He had known Bro. Carter, W.M., for eight or nine years in various relations, and was convinced that the devotion and interest evinced by him in all duties augured well for the manner in which he would carry out the position of W.M. Their W.M. had always rendered willing obedience to his superior officers, and the man who could obey well was the man fit to command.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who said the toast would require very few words for the brethren were acquainted with the merits of their I.P.M. Bro. Bishop had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year with marked ability, and had that evening worked two Degrees, besides rendering the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. The kindness and geniality of the I.P.M. had especially contributed to his success, and he had never exerted any authority that was irksome to the members. Bros. Pile, P.M., and Baldwin, P.M., took considerable trouble to see the lodge worked successfully, and altogether the brethren should be proud of their Past Masters.

Bro. Bishop, I.P.M., said it afforded him infinite pleasure to return thanks for the honour conferred upon him by coupling his name with the toast. He had also to thank them for the handsome jewel presented to him in recognition of any services he had rendered. As in the past, he should endeavour to perform any duties that fell to his lot to their satisfaction. He should look upon the jewel as a memento of a year which had been unsullied by any feeling of pain. He took that opportunity of thanking the officers for the kindly manner in which they had assisted him, and assured the W.M. that he would support him during the forthcoming year as far as he was able.

Bros. Pile, P.M., and Baldwin, P.M., also replied. "The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., who appealed to the brethren to support Bro. Pile, P.M., who intended to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School.

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

**LEEDS.**—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The most successful meeting of this lodge since the installation of the present widely-popular W.M. took place on the 12th inst., when upwards of 80 brethren—some of them hailing from other provinces—responded to an invitation to hear an address from that eminent Mason and scholar, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c. The interest of the gathering was also increased by the fact that Excelsior Lodge, 1046, had been officially invited to partake of the hospitality of Prudence Lodge. Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., the W.M., was surrounded by the following officers and brethren of his lodge: Bros. Dr. Smyth, P.M., Prov. G. Chap., I.P.M.; T. Trevor, P.M., S.W.; W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; Abbott, Treas.; Middleton, Sec.; Rev. J. Rosser, Chap.; S. S. Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; M. W. Jameson, I.G.; J. Atkinson and W. Storey, D. of C.'s; Butterworth and Milling, Stwds.; L. Howarth, Org.; Barraud, Tyler; Rev. H. S. Butler, B. S. Bailey, W. Jones, Cryer, K. F. Smithson, and A. Cooke. The visiting lodge—Excelsior, 1042—was represented by many of the officers and brethren, including Bros. T. Flockton, W.M.; W. M. Tyers, I.P.M.; W. T. Carter, J.W.; T. Thorp, Sec.; R. Allison, and T. Sutton. The other visitors included Bros. T. W. Embleton, Prov. S.G. Warden; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.G.R.; Major Moore, Col. Harkey, W. T. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M. 2128; R. Craig, P.P.G.D.; T. Winn, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. France, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G. Purst.; A. Scarth, W.M. 1289; Glover, P.M. 289; Jackson, J.W. 289; E. W. Smith, Sec. 289; Rev. A. B. Coombe, Chap. 1211; Rev. T. Greenbury, Chap. 1304; G. Marshall, 521; W. Matthews, P.M. 1316; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; Jaques, P.M. 1211; H. E. Maynard, 1426; C. Scriven, I.P.M. 1211; Thrippleton, I.P.M. 306; Gernan, P.M.; J. B. Jowell, S.D. 306; E. J. Massie, W.M. 1513; J. Gibbs, 904; H. Oxley, P.M. 495; R. Grahame, 1221; J. Millington, 1221; H. Fitzpatrick, J.W. 495; J. Gerrard, P.M. 154; and many others.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., author of "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual," "Chips from a Rough Ashlar," &c., Preceptor to the Great City Lodge, 1426, then delivered a lecture, entitled "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degree of Freemasonry, 1813-1886." In the course of an address lasting upwards of two hours, Bro. Stevens held the unwearied attention of his large audience, and had he chosen to have spoken longer still he would have been listened to with gladness. In a report here we are unable to do anything like justice to the deep research, the undoubted knowledge, and the felicity of diction which characterised the discourse. It is an address to which every Mason should have an opportunity of listening. Much that is to the young Mason obscure or meaningless in the ceremonial is elucidated, and one cannot but be forcibly struck by the common sense which actuated the compilers of the ritual, for there is abundant reason given for every phrase and every direction. Bro. Stevens commenced by expressing his surprise and gratification that the Leeds brethren were in possession of such a beautiful and convenient Masonic Temple. Such a building must conduce to the well being of the Order, and be no small factor in the good working of the lodge. He knew that he was about to lecture before veterans in the Craft, some of whom might probably entertain opinions divergent to his own upon the ritual and ceremonial of Masonry. He only asked of them to carefully weigh the reasons he adduced for the opinions he held, and even if those reasons did not convince them, they were too good Masons to judge him harshly. He then went on to say that for the purposes of his lecture it was not necessary to stop to determine whether Masonry was antediluvian or whether its origin dated back from the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple, or any other period antecedent to a couple of hundred years ago. Of course, it was very pleasant and agreeable to make archaeological researches and to study the antiquarian facts that might be put before us. On this occasion he had nothing to do with anything antecedent to 1813. The Grand Lodge of England was constituted at that time, and a ritual was prepared by Dr. Hemmings and Dr. Williams and adopted, a rule being passed to the effect that that ritual was not to be departed from. The lecturer, with this preface, proceeded to deal with the ritual in a manner which cannot here be further particularised, but to the Masons present the explanations were thoroughly instructive and interesting. In passing, Bro. Stevens laid great stress upon the necessity for strict caution being exercised in the admission of initiates, holding that both proposer and seconder should be thoroughly and personally acquainted with the candidate. He strongly condemned the practice—not followed in Leeds—of putting candidates' names on the summons by the command of the W.M., such candidates not having been proposed in open lodge. The words "by the fiat of the W.M." had done more harm to Masonry than anything else. He pointed out, too, that in the provinces a more earnest attention was paid to ritual than in London, because the metropolitan lodges had not the supervision of provincial officers. In conclusion, he pointed out that the more Masonry was studied, the more would its beauties be seen, and he urged his hearers not to slacken in their researches after the truths that were symbolised in the system.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Smyth, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously presented to Bro. Stevens, after which the lodge was closed.

There was a large gathering at "high tea," and afterwards, the proceedings in the banqueting hall became, if possible more interesting than those in the lodge, because Bro. Stevens expressed his willingness to answer any questions that might be put to him. This permission was largely availed of both by the Provincial G. Officers and junior brethren, and the amount of information thus pleasantly disseminated was a tribute to the interest taken in the subject by the Masonic students present, as well as to the fund of information possessed by the lecturer. The social circle was not broken until 10 o'clock, when both brethren and visitors briefly acknowledged that they had spent one of the pleasantest afternoons Masonry had ever given them, and Bro. Stevens expressed himself as deeply impressed by the earnestness and desire for knowledge evinced by those brethren of West Yorks he had had the pleasure of addressing. It should be stated that Lodge Prudence, in common with the other eight Leeds lodges, has decided to support the Imperial Institute.

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## INSTRUCTION.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).**—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 21st inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Lawrence, 1937, W.M.; H. Haiday, 2168, S.W.; A. Giddings, 1446, J.W.; J. W.M.; W. J. Hall, J.D.; C. Smales, 1004, I.G.; C. Passington, S.D.; W. J. Hall, J.D.; C. Smales, 1004, I.G.; C. Mulvey, 179, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.; Dr. Powdrell, H. Penn, H. H. Marsden, F. Golding, J. P. Poynter, and H. Banf. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor then worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Poynter offered himself as a candidate for raising, and answered the usual questions, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M. On rising for the first time, Bros. Poynter, 1420, and F. Golding, 1475, were elected joining members. On rising for the second time, the Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. be W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present: Bros. L. E. Wilson, W.M.; Lovell, S.W.; Shelton, J.W.; Rees, S.D.; G. Richards, J.D.; Knightly, I.G.; W. Binie, Sec.; J. Linzell, P.M.; A. G. Fidler, P.M.; J. Garrod, P.M.; Everdell, Preceptor; Barnes, and Parsons. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the Second and Third Degrees in a most able manner, the lodge being opened accordingly. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Lovell, the S.W., occupy the chair at the next meeting. The W.M. elect appointed the officers in rotation.

In consequence of the death of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Maller, P.M., who had filled that office since the foundation of the lodge, Bro. Linzell proposed, and Bro. Fidler seconded, that Bro. J. Garrod, P.M. 754, be elected to that office. Both proposer and seconded testified as to the able support Bro. Garrod had given to the lodge for many years, seven of which he had been their Secretary, and through whose exertions at that time brought the lodge into a flourishing condition. Bro. Everdell, the Preceptor, also supported the proposition, feeling well assured that by conferring the Treasurership on Bro. Garrod their confidence would not be misplaced; but on the contrary—the duties would be carried out faithfully and efficiently. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. Garrod thanked the brethren for the great honour they had done him, and said it would be his earnest desire to discharge the duties in a manner that would maintain the confidence they had reposed in him.

Bro. C. J. Knightly having kindly presented the lodge with new collars, Bro. Garrod proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Knightly for his handsome gift, and he (Bro. Garrod) felt assured the brethren would prize the gift more highly when he informed them those collars were made by Mrs. Knightly, who always took such a great interest in all that concerned Freemasonry.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Linzell, and carried with acclamation.

Bro. Knightly thanked the brethren for their kind expressions and also for the kindly manner in which the name of Mrs. Knightly had been mentioned, who he could safely say took a real pleasure in what she had done, and when he informed her how much the collars were appreciated by the lodge he knew she would be highly pleased and more than doubly paid for the little trouble she had taken.

It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Binie, the Hon. Secretary, for regilding and attaching the jewels to the new collars.

Bro. Binie briefly thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had mentioned his name, and assured them he took a real pleasure in the small service he had done.

No other Masonic business offering, the lodge was closed.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).**—The annual banquet of this lodge of instruction was held at the Sir Sidney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The Preceptor, Bro. Wise, P.M. 1158, presided, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren, who heartily enjoyed the excellent banquet served by the host, Bro. R. Caley. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Hartley, W.M. 1986, Sec., responded for "The Lodge."

During the evening a very good selection of songs and recitations were performed. Bro. Sarjeant ably officiated with the accompaniments.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. J. K. Pitt, W.M.; Rush, S.W.; Hills, J.W.; Jardine, S.D.; Whitehouse, J.D.; Eiselmann, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; W. Ball, Hon. Sec.; and numerous other brethren.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pitt, the explanation of the tracing board of the Degree and of several portions of the ceremonial being given by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, when a communication from Bro. Paddle, P.M. and Treas., excusing his absence on account of the serious illness of his wife, was read, and the sympathy of the brethren was earnestly accorded to that worthy brother. The arrangements for the smoking concert on the 24th inst. were completed, and the occasion bids fair to prove a great success. The lodge was then closed.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—A meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Squire, W.M.; Gill, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Collick, S.D.; Cowley, I.G.; Higerty, Preceptor; Cooper, Treas.; George, Sec.; Prince, Wright, 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. Prince being the candidate. Bro. Cooper presented himself to be passed to the Second Degree, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cooper was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. At the request of the brethren present, Bro. Higerty, Preceptor, gave the Lecture on the tracing board in his well-known efficient manner. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Carter was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren, on their return, saluted the W.M. The ceremony took place by desire of Bro. Cooper, W.M. of the mother lodge. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Gill was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., Bro. Squire, P.M. 3 and 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, for his excellent working. The W.M. briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their attention, and stating he would do all in his power to further the welfare of the lodge. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, when a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to Bro. Higerty, Preceptor, for his working of the installation and Lecture. An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Wright and George for their presents of aprons to the lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. A. Austin, W.M.; A. Arrowsmith, S.W.; Ladds, J.W.; Steng, S.D.; Renault, J.D.; Jaquet, I.G.; W. Roots, acting Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Murray, Pullen, Grace, and Osmond. 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. Grace candidate. Bro. Grace, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Grace candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Roots, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mimms, W.M.; Wynn, S.W.; Holden, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Brindley, P.M., J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Hornblower, P.M.; Leslie, P.M.; Brookson, P.M.; Goode, Scott, Ogg, Isaacs, Sims, Clarkson, Wombell, Power, Haseldine, and Simpson.

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. Isaacs being the candidate. Bro. Isaacs answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Goode answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Goode duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. Haseldine, 1604, was elected a joining member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was resolved that the ceremony of installation be rehearsed on the 30th inst. at 7 o'clock by the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Folson. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Lanc, W.M.; Wombell, S.W.; Coleman, J.W.; Gibson, acting Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Gilbert, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Taylor, Musson, Wynn, Jamieson, F. Purnell, Green, jun., Brandon, Brindley, P.M.; Green, P.M.; O. D. Ward, Forscutt, Hill, 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. Jamieson being the candidate. Bro. Ward, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Green, jun. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ward being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bro. Wombell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was also unanimously voted to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, which proved favourable to Bros. McCullagh and Barham.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Sims, P.M., W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; Craggs, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Pardee, P.M., S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Ridgley, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; R. J. Williams, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Lichtenfield, Stroud, Klein, Hardy, Burbrook, Lindfield, Hood, Kennett, and other brethren to the number of thirty-six.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cross being candidate. The W.M. gave the Lecture of the tracing board in this Degree. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Spiegel, P.M., worked the 2nd Section of this Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and also the 3rd Section, assisted by Bro. Hardy. Bros. Hood, Kennett, Cramp, Larder, and Lichtenfield were elected joining members. Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; J. Wood, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; E. Ayling, P.M.; and G. Gardner, P.M.

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 the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked under the direction of Bro. Long. 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 performed, Bro. W. W. Williams candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Spiegel, P.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. W. G. Coat was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. The brethren feelingly expressed their pleasure at seeing Bro. E. Ayling once again among them. Bro. Ayling thanked the brethren for their kindly expressions, and the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. Kerry, W.M.; Partridge, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Russell, S.D.; Cornock, J.D.; Esling, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Heathcote, Noble, Folkard, Steele, Dawson, Ruffe, Gibbs, Rowe, Woods, Glover, Walker, Millard, Harvey, Forster, Luckhurst, and Donaldson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Rowe, being a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Kerry, with Bro. Rowe as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A discussion ensued as to the interpretation of by-law No. 14, governing the ballot for the £5 ss. surplus funds, and it was finally resolved that all members who had attended 15 times from the 15th March, 1886, to 30th November, 1886, should be included in the ballot. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected and found correct. Bro. Murché was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes to Bro. Kerry for his able conduct in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Partridge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Partridge thanked the brethren for his election, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—This chapter held its installation meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Barrack-road, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. W. J. Rix, M.E. Z.; T. H. Gowers, H. (Z. elect); P. Robertson, J.; H. H. Thompson, S.E.; J. Taylor, S.N.; J. Hall, P.Z., Treas.; W. E. Foster, P.S.; A. K. Prescott, P.Z.; W. T. Mathieson, J. G. Harwood, J. Dunne, and E. Craft. Visitors: Comps. G. Payne, P.Z. 723; R. Glasspool, P.Z. 723; J. H. Ashkan, P.Z. 723; H. Stone, S.N. 723; and J. H. Popkiss, 1, Nova Scotia.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The

sum of five guineas was voted from the chapter to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Comp. W. T. Rix then proceeded to install the Principals: Comp. T. H. Gowers was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. P. Robertson, H.; and Comp. J. Taylor, J., in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies of the Order. The whole of the ceremony was performed in a very creditable and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. H. H. Thompson, S.E.; W. E. Foster, S.N.; J. Hall, P.Z., Treas.; W. T. Mathieson, P.S.; J. G. Harwood, 1st A.S.; J. Dunne, 2nd A.S.; and W. Burns, Janitor. Comp. J. H. Gower, M.E.Z., on behalf of the members of the chapter, then presented to the I.P.Z., Comp. W. J. Rix, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), in token of the esteem in which he is held, and as a slight acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the chapter during the last two years. Comp. Rix suitably acknowledged the compliment, and heartily thanked Comp. Gowers and the companions of the chapter for the kindly recognition of his services.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. T. H. Gowers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a very agreeable and pleasant evening was spent.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This provincial chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. G. L. Wingate, M.E.Z.; Elliott, H. elect; C. Stevens, J. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; H. Higgins, P.Z., 1st Asst.; C. H. Köhler, 2nd Asst.; W. Fisher, Dir. of Cer.; Gilbert, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Peat, Sec. 1656, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. T. C. Walls. Comps. G. Elliott and C. Stevens were then respectively installed as H. and J. by Comp. H. Higgins, assisted by Comps. Walls, Wingate, and Köhler.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, Z.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, H.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.G.J. Middx., J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, 2nd A.S. 862, S.E.; G. Gregory, Z. 1538, J. 704, P.S. 2048, S.N.; Chas. Hunt, H. 507, P.S.; W. Radcliffe, 2nd A.S. 3, 1st A.S.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, 2nd A.S.; T. C. Edmonds, 890, 1507, Janitor; H. Purdue, C. J. Perceval, J. 174; J. Cochrane, P. J. Davies, T. Glass, 860; J. Sims, W. H. Chalfont, W. A. Scurrah, P.G.H. Middx., H. 2048; W. M. Stiles, Z. 2048; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; and G. Mordey, W.S. 1507.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cochrane being candidate. Comp. Edmonds gave the mystical Lecture in a very able manner, and received a vote of thanks for his services to be recorded on the minutes. The following companions, upon the ballot proving unanimous, were elected members, viz., Comps. W. Radcliffe, C. J. Perceval, P. J. Davies, T. Glass, A. H. Scurrah, and G. Mordey, all of whom expressed their thanks and determination to attend, commenting very favourably upon the various appointments of the chapter, and congratulating the executive officers upon the success of their exertions. Telegrams were received from Comps. Whitley and Poppleton expressing regret at their inability to attend. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Friday, the 18th inst., at Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, Bro. J. Oddy's well-known Hotel, to present Bro. W. J. Meek, P.M. 199, and P.M. 284, and P.G. Stwd, with an egg tray holding six egg cups, and spoons, and also two muffiners, and an address signed by the W.M., the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of 284—previous to his departure for New Zealand, as a mark of their respect, affection, and esteem for him as a man and as a brother Mason. The address conveyed "The hearty good wishes" of the brethren of 284, to Bro. W. J. Meek, P.M. 284, and 199, P.G.S, the Father, the 1st W.M., and one of the founders of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. G. Fidler, said: Bro. Meek, we have great pleasure in presenting you with this slight souvenir of our affection and esteem for you, and trust that it will recall you to your memory in that far distant land to which you are going, but our pleasure is mingled with regret in thinking that we are parting from you, our first W.M., our Father, and one of the founders of the lodge, and that we are bidding you an eternal good-bye. Bro. Meek, you carry with you the affection and esteem of us all, and we trust the Grand Overseer of the Universe will have you in his good keeping.

Bro. Meek thanked the brethren, and said: W.M. and brethren, I cannot sufficiently thank you for your great kindness in giving me this souvenir, which I shall value more than I can express, and which shall be as an heirloom in my family, and which shall be handed down to my children and my children's children, to show them in what high esteem and respect I have been held by the brethren of 284. Brethren, I shall never look upon any of your faces again, I shall never return to England, but I shall never, I can never forget you, and I shall write every month or so and let you know how I am getting on in New Zealand. I am having about three dozen photographs done in full Masonic costume which I shall send to you, W.M., and to Bro. Major Dunbar to distribute for me amongst the brethren, and I hope the brethren will give me their photos to put in my album, not that I shall want them to recall you to my memory, for brethren, I shall never forget you. I now bid you farewell. May God bless you all. I thank you all for your great kindness to me ever since I have been in the lodge. You have spoken of me, W.M., in a way far above my merits, and I thank you for it. May we all meet, brethren, in the Grand Lodge above, and may we each receive a white stone on which shall be written a name which no man knoweth save he who receiveth it. The egg tray and muffiners were much admired, being a very artistic piece of work.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This excellent lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 16th inst., when there were present among others Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; C. H. Köhler, S.W.; S.W.; Bailey, J.W.; Porter, M.O.; Simmons, S.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., &c., Sec.; Davis, J.D.; J. T. Briggs, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walls gave notice of motion "That the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund per Bro. Henry Higgins, as Steward at the ensuing festival." Letters were read from Bros. D. P. Cama, Thomas, Woodruff, and Von Joel. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Von Joel, W.M., Thistle Lodge, as a joining member, and the W.M. announced his intention of investing him with the collar of I.G. at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned. The members having partaken of an excellent banquet, the W.M. briefly but pertinently gave the customary toasts, which were enthusiastically received. During the proceedings some excellent instrumental and vocal selections were given by Bros. Porter, Bailey, and Davis.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY (D.)**—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights J. B. Glenn, E.C.; J. H. Dodson, 1st Captain; Alfred Tisley, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; H. J. Lardner, C. of L.; J. Dove Harris, H.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C., Prelate; N. Prower, M.A.; W. Maple; and others. Sir Knight Venn, P.E.P. Holy Palestine, was a visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the widow of a deceased member. Upon the recommendation of the Eminent Commander, it was unanimously resolved to hold the summer festival at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Thursday, the 23rd June next. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Sir Knights F. Binckes, P.E.C.; Alfred Williams, P.E.C.; Roebuck, P.E.C., P.G.H.; Capt. Stohwasser, Capt. Freer, Capt. Richardson, Spence, Steele, Slater, and others.

The encampment was then duly closed, and the sir knights adjourned to a well served banquet, under the general presidency of Sir Knight George Graveley, the E.C. being compelled to leave.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**SHEFFIELD.**—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, when the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. S. Kelly, 30°, opened the chapter, assisted by his officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General of the North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. J. West and C. W. Pinckin were perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°. Ill. Bro. Cleaves, 30°, was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. Colver was re-elected Treasurer. Two candidates were proposed for perfection. Business of the chapter over, it was closed in due form.

The banquet, which was held in the dining hall, was all that could be desired under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. S. Kelly, 30°, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°; E. and P. Bros. Dr. Thomas, P.M.W.S.; West, Pinckin, Colver, Tasker, Ill. Bro. Shaw, 30°; and E. and P. Bro. H. Thomas; and on his left Ill. Bro. Cleaves, 30°; R. Arnison, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Roddering, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Drury, P.M.W.S.; Collinson, P.M.W.S.; Bingham, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. H. Voigt, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and others.

The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, and cordially received.

The M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Kelly, proposed "The Health of the Supreme Council," which was duly honoured.

The M.W.S. next proposed "The Health of their dear friend and Inspector General of the District," which was enthusiastically received.

Bro. C. J. Banister, after responding in glowing terms, proposed "The Health, Happiness, and Prosperity of the M.W.S.," which was duly honoured.

The M.W.S. responded, and proposed "The Health of the M.W.S. Elect, Ill. Bro. Cleaves, 30°," who responded in a neat speech.

Bro. Collinson, P.M.W.S., proposed "The Health of the New Members," and both responded in most suitable terms.

Ill. Bro. Shaw proposed "The Health of the P.M.W.S.'s," which was responded to by Bro. Bingham in an excellent speech.

Ill. Bro. Voigt, 30°, also responded.

"The Officers" were duly toasted, and the evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by songs and recitations from Bros. Cleaves, Harold, Thomas, Colver, Shaw, and others.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**MARYPORT.**—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting of the above council was held on Monday, the 14th inst.; Bro. J. Nicholson, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. P. de E. Collin, I.P.M., P.J.G.W. Eng.; Col. F. R. Sewell, S.W., S.G.D. Eng.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W.; J. Dickinson, Treas.; E. B. Penrice, Sec.; Jos. C. Thompson, S.D.; J. Eden, J.D.; John Smith, Org.; J. Paterson, I.G.; and John Messenger, Outer Guard; Jas Gardiner, J. Abbott, J. O. Scott, W. Walker, and others. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. One candidate was balloted for, accepted, and qualified as companion of the Red Cross of Babylon. The ballot was then taken for W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Col. Sewell was declared W.M. elect by a unanimous vote, and Bro. P. de E. Collin, Treasurer. The council was then closed in due form.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1804.

The fourth annual supper of the above lodge was held at the eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 21st inst., where the weekly Monday meetings of the Lodge of Instruction are held. The chair was taken by Bro. A. Souch, W.M., 1804, who was supported by Bros. J. H. Brown, S.D. 933; Kennett, P.M. 1716; Tijou, I.P.M. 1804; Tholander, P.M. 1457; and about 40 brethren.

Supper being served by the host, Bro. W. Dorton, in his usual style, and ended,

The CHAIRMAN rose to propose the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. Walter Latter, R.A.M. playing and singing the National Anthem.

The second toast, that of "The M.W.G. Master," was proposed by Bro. Tijou, after which Bro. Tomlinson sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. ELLERTON then proposed "The Grand Officers." The toast of "The President of the evening," was given by Bro. KENNETT in an amusing speech, and suitably replied to.

Bro. GREEN next rose to propose that of "The Preceptor, Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. 753," who had given the brethren his services in that capacity since the formation of the lodge, always zealous for the welfare of the brethren, always willing to render any help in his power to any brother, and especially young Masons who evinced the desire to work up the ritual. The success of the Lodge, and the number of brethren young in the Craft, yet able to carry out the duties of W.M., were practical proofs, Bro. Green thought, that Bro. Preceptor Taylor's advice and teaching were not in vain.

Bro. PRECEPTOR in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception of his name, and drew the attention of those present to a Charitable Association the Lodge is now forming.

"The Secretary and Treasurer," were proposed by Bro. J. H. BROWN, and responded to only by Bro. TIJOU, Treasurer, Bro. E. Brown, Secretary being away through illness.

"The Health of the visitors" was given by Bro. BERTRAM, and responded to by Bros. BALME and WISEMAN.

"The Supper Committee," proposed by the CHAIRMAN and replied to by Bros. J. H. BROWN and GREEN.

Bro. PRECEPTOR concluding with the Tyler's toast.

Songs were sung during the evening by Bros Ellerton, Tomlinson, Johnson, Donovan, Kennett, Green, and Walter Latter, who acted as accompanist.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1614.

The annual supper in connection with this lodge of instruction took place in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 8th inst., Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. 1614, occupying the chair, in the absence of Bro. Dickson, W.M. of the mother lodge, who was absent through ill-health; Bro. H. W. Kedgley acting as Vice-Chairman. The Stewards were—Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, G. H. Marsden, J. D. Graham, F. M. Noakes, F. Kedgley, W. Hancock, J. B. Greaves, C. C. Mulvey, W. Richards, and G. H. Reynolds. The following brethren, amongst others, were present—Bros. Lincoln, Brewer, C. E. Oxan Walker, E. J. Dyne, H. Tildesley, Rayner, John Skinner, W. Winnett, E. Evans, Cass, Greenway, W. Smith, J. Phillips, Blum, P.M.; A. Bullen, Wilhelm, F. Gulliford, J. Woodward, J. Rowe, Chas. Hurt, P. M. Dudley, R. A. Kircaldy, S. Renault, G. P. Bertini, J. Macway, W. Fendick, and many others.

After ample justice had been done to the good things placed before them by Bro. G. P. Bertini, the energetic manager of the Criterion,

The CHAIRMAN gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were honoured in the usual grand style.

Bro. HARRY W. KEDGLEY, I.P.M. 1614, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and, in doing so, regretted the absence of their W.M. through ill-health. In Bro. Coleman, who had kindly consented to fill his place, they had a Mason who was well known to them all, and who not only performed any duty that might be allotted to him in a most efficient manner, but was always pleased to fill any office that he might be called upon in a time of need. He asked them to drink his health in a bumper.

Bro. G. COLEMAN, P.M., in returning thanks, regretted their W.M. was not able to be present, as he filled the chair with so much greater ability than he could. He was also sorry their genial and energetic Secretary was not able to be with them that night, a kind mission having taken him away to a foreign land, from which he wished him a safe return to renew his labours amongst them. He was such a pushing man that he trusted they would do all they could to assist him in making the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction a success. He thanked them most heartily for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of Bro. Mario Pagani," who had that night been initiated in the mother lodge. There was no toast they drank with more satisfaction than that of "The Initiates;" the infusion of new blood was necessary to the stability and prosperity of the lodge, it supplied new branches to the old tree, and thus kept it ever green. He trusted they would drink his health in the usual hearty manner.

Bro. MARIO PAGANI, in returning thanks, said that being the first night of his entrance amongst them, he felt somewhat at loss how to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, but begged them to believe that if his words could not speak his heart did.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the CHAIRMAN said it was always a pleasing duty to propose that toast, especially so at the supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, where he hoped to see their faces on future occasions. He was sure they would be pleased at the working they saw in the lodge, and also induce many brethren to accompany them. He would call on Bro. Jackson to respond.

Bro. JACKSON, in reply, said he was one of the most modest among them, and it was his own fault that he was not a member; he had attended the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction supper several times, and had always received a hearty welcome and thoroughly enjoyed himself. He was

captain of a large cycling club, and if at any time he could render them any assistance he should be most pleased to return their kindness.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "Success to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction," said it was a great honour to him to be allowed to propose that toast. He had known it from its commencement; it had seen many ups and downs, and at one time was almost becoming extinct, but had been resuscitated and brought to its present flourishing condition mainly through the untiring exertions of Bro. Reynolds, their indefatigable Secretary, who he regretted was not able to be with them that evening, having gone a long journey to fulfil a duty. Their thanks were also due to Bro. W. C. Smith, their Preceptor, who he was sorry to say was not in his place to respond. The lodge during its career had many different shifts, but was now safely housed in the Criterion, which was a criterion of its success.

Bro. WOODWARD, in replying, said he could not conceive why he was called upon to respond, the only reason being, he supposed, that he was one of its oldest members. He was proud to belong to such a lodge, and trusted that it might long continue to flourish. He regretted Bro. Reynolds was not there that evening to respond. He thanked them in the name of the lodge for the very hearty way in which the toast had been drunk.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge, the Preceptor, Secretary and Treasurer," the CHAIRMAN said it was rather unfortunate they were both away, as he was sure they had a good account to give of the condition of the lodge; they had funds in hand, and were altogether in a satisfactory state. He would call upon Bro. Mulvey to reply for the Preceptor, as he was always ready to lend his valuable assistance when Bro. Preceptor was absent.

Bro. MULVEY, in reply, thanked them for the very kind way in which they had spoken of his humble services, and assured them that he was always ready to render them any assistance he might be able to afford.

Bro. G. H. REYNOLDS thanked them on behalf of his father (Sec. and Treas.), who was at Lisbon, for the very kind way in which they had drunk his health. He knew his heart was with them, and his one regret at going away was that he could not be present that evening, which he always looked forward to with so much interest.

The toast of "The Stewards" was responded to by Bros. Kedgley, Richards, and Hancock.

In reply to the toast of "Vice-Chairman," Bro. HARRY KEDGLEY said he had great pleasure in occupying that position. He much regretted their W.M. was unable to be with them that evening through illness, but trusted he would soon be restored to health. In his absence Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., had kindly taken his place, for which he deserved their best thanks.

During the evening a selection of songs was given by Bros. C. Ralph, S. Renault, J. Macway, A. Bullen, F. Gulliford, H. Kedgley, W. Richards, Winnett, F. Noakes, and a beautiful rendering of a barcarole, entitled "Un sogno d'amour," by Bro. Bertini. Bro. S. Renault ably presided at the pianoforte.

The menu cards, which were of a Jubilee character, were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

### DINNER OF PRINCE IBRAHIM HILMEY TO THE OFFICERS OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE.

Bro. H.H. Prince Ibrahim Hilmey, brother of the Viceroy of Egypt, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Drury Lane Lodge a fortnight since, entertained the officers of the lodge and some of its members at a magnificent banquet, which took place last week in the Bristol Restaurant. The menu on this occasion was an exceptionally good one, and it is very doubtful if the dinner has ever been surpassed even in the notable gastronomic annals of that famous establishment.

His Highness was supported by R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., and W. Bro. Augustus Harris, Master of the lodge. The vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, C.B., D.C.L. The other guests present were Bros. Colonel F. Hughes-Hallett, M.P., Lieut.-Col. Kirby, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, T. Dixon Hartland, M.P., Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer elect; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England; J. C. Parkinson, J.P.G.D.; Dr. Robson Rose, T. H. Bolton, W. H. Russell, LL.D., Herbert Campbell, C. J. Phipps, Lionel Brough, Harry Nicholls, Alfred Meadows, P.G.D.; W. A. Baskcombe, Jas. Fernandez, Henry Sutton, T. Catling, C. Martin, Jacobi, S. B. Bancroft, L. M. Wynne, Malcolm Morris, G. F. Bashford, C. Burleigh, and Vassif Effendi, Aide-de-Camp to the Prince.

The table was magnificently decorated with flowers. At the conclusion of the dinner,

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON proposed, in feeling terms, "The Health of the Prince," and expressed, on behalf of the lodge, the pleasure it felt in numbering Prince Ibrahim amongst its members. He alluded to the Prince having been wholly educated in England and under English tutors, and said he felt sure that he would always appreciate the many excellences of English Freemasonry in general, and the Drury Lane Lodge—his mother lodge—in particular.

His HIGHNESS, in response, said that one of his brothers was popularly called in Egypt "the Frenchman," and another "the German," and that he was very proud to bear the name of "the Englishman." He had long wanted to become a freemason, and the pleasure he felt at joining the ranks of the Order, in which he hoped in the future to do good service, was certainly enhanced by belonging to so general and representative a lodge as that which bore the name of the National Theatre. While thanking them for the honour they had done him in drinking his health, he would ask them to join him in the toast of "Prosperity to the Drury Lane Lodge," which he coupled with the names of Bro. Augustus Harris, the Master, and his friend, Bro. Broadley, the very hard-working Secretary.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS returned thanks for the toast, and said he should certainly do his utmost to promote the welfare of the lodge of which he was so proud to be Master.

Bro. BROADLEY thanked the Prince for the honour he had done him in associating his name with the toast, and said that he had little fear but that the future of the Drury Lane Lodge in the able hands of Bro. Harris and their killed and indefatigable Preceptor, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, would be in every way as brilliant as its beginning.

The whole of the guests then adjourned to the Drawing Room, where songs and recitations by Bros. Lionel Brough, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Col. Hughes-Hallett, M.P., T. H. Bolton, J. Fernandez, and Richard Eve filled a couple of hours, which will always be pleasantly remembered by those who were present at this interesting gathering.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, took the President's chair. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. W. H. Perryman, G.P., was in the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Col Shadwell H Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, also attended. There were also present Bros. David D. Mercer, W. P. Brown, F. R. Spaul, Henry Garrod, G. P. Britten, George Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; George Read, A. C. Woodward, J. E. Le Feuvre, J.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, Charles Dairy, R. J. Taylor, Thos. Cull, James Kench, P.G.P.; L. C. Haslip, W. Greenwood, T. Duffield, W. Sanderson, W. Silver Hall, H. Naime, John Whaley, W.M. 172; Alphonse Hardy, A. Barfield, W. Radcliffe, R. W. Eden, R. Barham, F. S. Graham-Moon, Edward Terry, J. H. Wood, Baron D. Barnett, Chas. Graham, C. H. Webb, G. S. Woodwork, Geo. W. Larter, Chas. Cooper, L. R. Walker, T. W. Whitmarsh, Thomas John Zell, Stephen Richardson, F. Silverton, Fred. W. Potter, H. Massey, G. Skudder, W. H. Baker, S. E. Fountaine, James Stevens, and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the February meeting to the extent of £230. There were 44 cases on the new list, from the following localities:—London, Cape Town, Hyde, Sunderland, Exeter, Worthing, Brigg, Lichfield, Jersey, Dover, Halifax, N.S., Derby, Huddersfield, Alnwick, Warwick, Lucknow, Boston, Harrogate, Bungay, Wokington, Bridlington, Lynn, Woodbridge, East Grinstead, Malton, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Liverpool. Two of these cases were dismissed and five were deferred. The total amount awarded to the remainder was £1125. There was one recommendation of £150, two for £75 each, two for £50 each, six for £40 each, and seven for £30 each. Nine grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

#### EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

At the ordinary meeting of this lodge held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., a handsome illuminated commemorative diploma of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition was presented to the lodge. It was similar to those presented to the Commissioners, but bore a special inscription that it was sent as an acknowledgment of the hospitality shown by the lodge to the Colonial and Indian Masons last June, at which it will be remembered the guests included one or more representatives of every colony and dependency of the British Empire.

The I.P.M., Bro. Sir PHILIP CUNLIFFE-OWEN, reported that it was at the especial and unsolicited suggestion of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, that this interesting and gratifying souvenir was accorded.

At the same meeting the I.P.M. received a P.M. jewel; it consists of a handsome enamel medallion of St. George and the Dragon, with the P.M. emblem appended, and the ribbon is similar to that of the Colonial Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER announced that either in May or at an emergency meeting in April the lodge proposed to entertain so many of the distinguished delegates and representatives of the colonies at the forthcoming conference, as might be Masons, and the S.W., Bro. TRENDELL, C.M.G., reported that Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Under Secretary for the Colonies, had promised to attend and otherwise to assist in the success of the gathering.

#### THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT YORK.

A meeting of the Committee appointed to make preparations for the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee at York met on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst. There were present the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Bros. W. Reynolds, Prov. G. Treas.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W.; J. Todd, P.P.G.R.; G. Kirby, Prov. G. D.C.; Major MacGachen, Prov. A.G.D.C.; and T. G. Reynolds, W.M. 236.

Bro. REYNOLDS read a draft of the proposed scheme and regulations by which it was proposed to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire on the 14th July, in the Fine Art Exhibition, and there to receive the Province of West Yorkshire as visitors. A procession to be formed, to proceed thence by way of the Philosophical Society's Gardens, Museum-street and Duncombe-place, to the Cathedral, where a special service will be held at 3 p.m., and a sermon preached by Bro. the Dean of York, an offertory in aid of the Provincial Fund for the education of orphans of Masons; a return of the procession by way of Duncombe-street and St. Leonard's-place to the Exhibition, and in the evening a grand conversazione and concert in the Exhibition building. The details of the arrangement were discussed, and it was decided to hold another meeting of the Committee on the 6th May, at York. It is anticipated that from 1500 to 2000 Masons will be present.

#### LECTURES BY BRO. ROB MORRIS.

Our old and respected friend and brother, Dr. Rob. Morris, is again on the "war path." This time it is 90 lectures in 90 days, in the same number of towns, &c. This is pretty good work for one close on 70 years of age. The following sketches will serve to describe the character of his addresses. Under the new character of the crowned Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, and as Past Grand Master of Kentucky, his reception should be most hearty, as doubtless it will be, wherever he sojourns.

"The Masonic Memories of Forty Years."—Programme of subjects:—1st. His Masonic initiation in March, 1846; why he became a Mason; his extravagant notions upon the subject of Masonry; recitation of poem, "The Level and the Square."

"We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square, What words sublimely beautiful those words Masonic are." 2nd. His consecration for life work as a Masonic teacher; the ten designs upon his Trestle-Board; recitation of poem, "Our Vows." (This production is strictly esoteric.)

3rd. His Masonic discoveries in Holy Land; cordial reception in Europe, Asia, and Africa; grand gatherings at Smyrna; greetings by Bro. Mohammed Reschid, Governor-General of Syria; the seven Masonic localities of Holy Land; tomb of King Hiram; foundation walls of King Solomon's Temple; midnight initiation into Oriental forms of Masonry; exhibition of coins, specimens, and his Masonic flag, which has kissed the breezes of the Syrian hills in four successive expeditions; recitation of poem, "The Five Points of Fellowship"—

"Listen, Craftsmen, while I tell you,—  
Write it on your memory now."

4th. The Morgan affair; who was William Morgan; what he attempted to do, and what was done to him; recitation of poem, "Tying the Heart"—

"Tyle the door carefully, brothers of skill,  
Vigilant workers in valley and hill."

5th. Freemasonry during the war; the Masonic pledge of fidelity; recitation of poem, "The Unbloodied Apron."

6th. The poetry of Freemasonry; his early attachment to the Muse; themes of Masonic verse; sketch of labours in this department; his coronation as Poet Laureate in December, 1884; recitation of poem, "Symbolisms of the Apron"—

"This fair and stainless thing I take,  
To be my badge for virtue's sake."

Following these six numbers a social occasion is now had, in which the veteran Mason, sitting as interlocutor, cudgels his memory for Masonic anecdotes, serious and humorous, drawn from reminiscences of two score years, in which he has visited nearly three thousand lodges, and almost every Grand Lodge in the world!

"Suggestions—1. No lodge need be opened, nor Masonic badges assumed, but Master and Tyler will occupy their respective places, and see that none under the grade of Master Mason are admitted. 2. Bro. Morris has nothing to sell, neither books, coins, nor specimens. 3. The lecture is free. A collection will be taken at the close."

#### BRO. ALEXANDER MEYRICK BROADLEY.

A recent number of the "Journalist" contains the following sketch of Bro. Broadley's career, which we have much pleasure in transferring to our columns:—

Mr. Alexander Meyrick Broadley was born nine-and-thirty years ago, at Bradpole, in Dorsetshire (which is also the birthplace of the late Mr. W. E. Forster), where his father—who is one of the Canons of Salisbury—has been for three-and-forty years the vicar.

Mr. Broadley was educated at the Warminster and Marlborough Grammar Schools, and when sixteen years of age went to Vevey, in Switzerland, where he acquired the knowledge of modern languages which has proved so useful to him. He entered as a student at Lincoln's Inn in 1866, and in Trinity Term, 1869, was called to the Bar. Three years later he went to Tunis, where at that time a colony of more than ten thousand souls was amenable to the jurisdiction of the British Consular Court. He successfully defended the rights of the English Railway Company recently established on the shores of North Africa, and speedily acquired a large and lucrative practice, pleading frequently in French and Italian before the tribunals presided over by French and Italian judges.

Mr. Broadley's beautiful house in Tunis will be remembered by many people who visited the site of ancient Carthage prior to the stirring events of 1881, in which Mr. Broadley found his opportunity. In January of that year the conduct of the celebrated Enfida case was entrusted to his care. On arriving in England he published a pamphlet on the Tunisian Question, interested influential members of both Houses of Parliament on the side of his clients, and obtained the sending of two ships-of-war to Tunis in order to counteract the preponderating influence of the French Consul-General, the afterwards well-known Mons. Roustan. The political horizon, however, became darker and darker; the French troops were massed on the Algerian frontier, and Mr. Broadley returned to Tunis as special correspondent of the *Times*. He immediately interviewed the Bey, with such effect that he became the chosen adviser of the Tunisian Government, assisted at all the cabinet councils, drafted the various protests which the Bey published in answer to the attacks of the French, and induced the Tunisian Ministers to send his principal communications to the *Times*, as well as their own appeals to the Courts of Europe, by special steamers to Sicily.

Europe was speedily convinced of the justice of the position taken up by the unfortunate Bey; but active intervention was difficult, and within a month he was forced to sign the treaty of Kasr-es-Said at the point of the sword. It is now an open secret that if he had held out as Mr. Broadley advised him, he would have been safe, as the remonstrances of England and Italy had secured a promise from the French not to advance on the capital if the Bey persisted in his refusal to sign the proffered convention.

His political functions at an end, Mr. Broadley threw himself, with all the energy and enthusiasm of which he is capable, into his work as a correspondent. Once more the *Times* revelled in exclusive information. Its correspondent was the first to enter the holy, and hitherto unexplored, city of Kairwan after its capture by the French, and his graphic and interesting letters, as well as his articles in *Blackwood's Magazine*, were read at the time with great interest.

He devoted the spring of 1882 to writing the story of the conquest of the Regency, for Messrs. Blackwood, who published in that year his first book, "Tunis, Past and Present; or the Story of the last Punic War,"

which was very favourably received by the press, and brought its author into communication with Mr. Wilfred Blunt, as well as others who were interested in the Egyptian question.

Tel-el-Kebir was fought, Arabi Pasha surrendered, and when Mr. Blunt determined to defend him his choice very naturally lighted on the zealous correspondent of the *Times* at Tunis. Mr. Broadley's adventures in Egypt are a matter of history. He succeeded in saving the lives of his clients by a compromise, which was at the time warmly commended by the whole of the press, and which was generally regarded as displaying a rare combination of wise discretion and forensic skill. In Egypt Mr. Broadley strengthened his relations with the press, and found time to write an article in defence of the fallen Nationalist chief for the *Nineteenth Century*.

No sooner had Mr. Broadley returned to Tunis than the ex-Khedive of Egypt, whom he had interviewed a few months previously on behalf of the *Times*, asked him to become his legal adviser. Mr. Broadley accepted the invitation, and finally quitted Tunis, where he had just been nominated by the decree of the President of the French Republic to the rank of *Advocat Défenseur*.

On his return to England, after another brief visit to Egypt in defence of his new client, Mr. Broadley took up his residence in the Temple, and just three years ago figured as a celebrity "at home" in the pages of the *World*. At Christmas, 1883, he published his second book, "How we defended Arabi," which went through two editions in England, and one in America, and was perhaps more successful even than his volumes on Tunis. In this book Mr. Broadley gives proof of that brilliant power of description and keen sense of humour which he has since shown in his numerous contributions to contemporary literature.

In 1884 he wrote two articles for the *Fortnightly Review*, and early in 1885 he became a member of the staff of Mr. Edmund Yates, who found in the defender and historian of Arabi Pasha a devoted *collaborateur* after his own heart. During the last two years Mr. Broadley has won his spurs as an accomplished and amusing paragraphist in the columns of the *World*, and is commonly supposed to have contributed almost the whole of the striking and widely-read "Celebrity" articles which have for so long been one of the most attractive features of that bright and entertaining journal. The descriptive pen of Mr. Broadley is uniformly successful in dealing with subjects of the most varied nature. The Duke of Abercorn, Lord Malmesbury, and Lord Lathom have been painted "at home" quite as graphically as Madam Katti Lanner and Mr. E. L. Blanchard. He has passed in rapid succession, with the same power and happy appreciation of individual character, from Mr. Oliver Wendell Holmes to the Abbé Liszt—from Mr. Henry Chaplin to Madame Marie Rose; and from the Master of Trinity to Anton Rubenstein. He is still the confidential adviser in legal matters of Ismail Pasha, and, moreover, he has been for two years the close friend and secretary of Mr. Augustus Harris, and Mr. Broadley's skilful hand is clearly traceable in the Soudan exhibition, the Colonial reception, and many other of the pleasantest gatherings which have lately taken place within the walls of Old Drury. He is also an ardent Freemason. Ten years ago he founded two English lodges in Tunis, became Deputy District Grand Master of Malta—found leisure during the Arabi trial to revive the Bulwer Lodge in Cairo, and was for three years District Grand Master of the Mediterranean. He has also held the office of Grand Chamberlain of England, and Provincial Grand Prior of Canada in the Knights Templars; and he has written a most readable history of "Freemasonry in Malta." Twelve months since he assisted Mr. Augustus Harris in founding the popular Drury Lane Lodge, and may fairly claim a certain amount of credit for the splendid meeting of last week, which has been pronounced on all hands to be the most imposing ceremonial ever attempted by a private lodge.

Mr. Broadley is endowed with an amount of activity and energy which few men can lay claim to. He is to be seen everywhere; and he devotes himself from the earliest hour in the morning to the latest hour of night to the varied and arduous occupations which engross every minute of his time. He never takes a holiday; his house, overlooking Hyde Park, is full of striking mementoes of his career, and his drawing-room, which is hung with Cairo and Kairwan tapestry, is during the season often the scene of very pleasant "Musical Afternoon" gatherings. The last instalment of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" contains an excellent signed article by Mr. Broadley, on the subject of "The Knights of St. John and Jerusalem," and he has also agreed to furnish chapters on Tripoli and Tunis in the forthcoming volume. Some day or other it is probable he will compile an exhaustive history of Drury Lane Theatre, in the welfare of which, he seems to feel almost as much interest as he does in the complicated claims of the ex-Khedive Ismail, and the continued prosperity of the *World* newspaper.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The great variations in temperature, the fogs and the foul vapours which permeate the atmosphere, try the respiratory channels terribly; hence arise Hoarseness, Quinsies, Loss of Voice, Bronchitis, and the whole train and endless variety of Throat and Chest Affections which now prevail. Neglect of these in their early stages is almost criminal, as many a life might be saved through early and prompt treatment by means of Holloway's well-known remedies. This treatment can be readily and easily carried out, and soon disposes of the attack in a most satisfactory manner, by restoring the balance between the circulation and respiration, by lessening the inflammation, atating the febrile symptoms, and by soothing the irritability of these organs. —[Adv't.]



Mr. Thomas Thorne's lease of the Vaudeville will expire in about four years, for which he pays now £2100 a year. It is unlikely that the landlord will increase the rent to such an excellent tenant as Bro. Thorne, though to anyone else he intends charging another £400 per annum. It is probable that a play of a poetical description will be produced here in due course.

Bro. Edward Terry's last week of the Olympic management begins on Monday, when he will act (by desire) "In Chancery," which he played at the Gaiety some three years ago with great success. We sincerely trust that his first tenancy of a London theatre has been so encouraging, notwithstanding the large outlay, to warrant our popular brother appearing again soon in a similar capacity. We do not like losing talent from the Metropolis.

Bro. Beerbohm Tree, who was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft at the last meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, is about initiating himself into the mysteries of running a theatre, having leased the Comedy from Miss Melnotte for a term. Mr. Tree has gathered a good company, including such well-known artistes as Miss Marion Terry, Lady Monckton, Mr. Pateman, Mr. Brookfield, and Mr. Sugden. Mr. Tree will open with a comedy-drama, entitled "The Red Lamp—a Russian Scene." He has done well to have retained the able services of Mr. Knox Furtado as manager.

To-morrow (Saturday) night Miss Kate Vaughan produces "Masks and Faces," in which the former plays Peg Woffington. Triplet will be represented by Mr. Fernandez. Miss Julia Gwynne will play Mrs. Vane; Mr. Lionel Brough, Colley Cibber; Mr. Lewis Waller, Ernest Vane; and Mr. Forbes Robertson, Sir Charles Pomander. A gavotte will be introduced into Act II., in which Miss Vaughan will dance. We are anticipating still seeing the more unknown of the old English comedies which Miss Vaughan promised.

"Monte Cristo, Jr.," still continues to draw as crowded houses as it did at Christmas at the Gaiety, and seems fair destined to run into the summer, when we believe it will go on tour as did "Jack Sheppard" last year. Of burlesque melodramas, "Monte Cristo, Jr.," is the best we have witnessed for many years. No one seems satisfied with seeing it once, a third and fourth visit being quite agreeable, and no wonder, when Miss Nellie Farrer and Bro. Fred Leslie act and sing with such exceptional ability. The clever imitation by Bro. Leslie of the various leading theatrical lights is alone worth going to hear and see. Miss Marion Hood has now joined the company, and her sweet voice is another source of attraction. Mr. Edwards has quite won back the fading glories of the "sacred lamp" of burlesque. Since he took up the reins of management it has burnt brighter than it ever did. It is quite worth while going in good time to see the farce "Dimity's Dilemma," by Mr. Salaman, it is far more entertaining than first pieces generally are, and is cleverly acted by Miss Billee Barlow, Messrs. Honey and Stone, and Miss Florence Beale, whom we are glad to see again, and playing in her usual careful and spirited manner. Miss Beale, a few years ago at the Criterion and elsewhere, played good parts and won much popularity, which we are sure she will do in "Dimity's Dilemma."

Mr. Lytton Sothorn's funeral, in Brompton Cemetery would have been attended by a much larger gathering of friends but for two facts. The weather was so severe, the ground being covered with half-a-foot deep of snow, which was still coming down in appropriate silence and gentleness during the funeral. Mr. Sothorn had also desired that no one should be invited formally. A very promising career has been cut short by the incomprehensible will of the G.A.O.T.U. Four days before his death young Sothorn was playing at the Royalty, and afterwards (Saturday) went to the Green Room Club, and appeared to be as well and merry as possible. The next day he felt ill, and died the following Thursday from peritonitis. He was laid to rest in the same grave as his mother, who died in 1882. The coffin, of polished oak, was literally covered with wreaths and flowers sent by loving friends. Amongst those who paid their last sad tribute of respect to departed merit were Bros. David James, Alfred Bishop, Henry Wright, Walter Joyce, Mr. E. Maurice, and Mr. Bellringer (representing Bro. Chas. Wyndham), Miss Eva Sothorn (his sister), and Miss Agnes Hewitt. Several mis-statements have appeared in the press respecting the deceased, which we will set right. Mr. Sothorn was 31 years of age, not 35. He was not married. He leaves, besides Miss Eva Sothorn, two brothers. We are sure his loss will be felt for a long while.

The popular W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge announces the last nights of his splendid pantomime; but we believe he intends to run it until 23rd of April, which Bro. Harris tells us will be longer than any pantomime yet has continued. Since its production it has been worked up in many ways, and certainly is much more funny than on the first night. Bros. Harry Nicholls, the esteemed I.G. of the lodge, and Herbert Campbell can be heard time after time without getting in the least tired of them. They may be said to bear the greater portion of the burden, though it does not appear to them to partake at all of a burden, unless in the way of salary, which must be heavy. These two brethren have played for so many seasons, that the pantomime of dear old Drury Lane would not be so acceptable without them. Miss Constance Gilchrist has quite won the hearts of the audiences by her pretty face, her tasteful dresses, and graceful dances and her acting, even the ladies are smitten with her good looks. We hope that now she has re-appeared on the stage there will be no more retirements, but that she will pursue her profession and maintain her popularity as Miss Gilchrist. The Captain of the "Forty Thieves" has a splendid representative in Miss Edith Blande Brereton—(in future to be known as Mrs. Austin Brereton),—whose massive presence

is a great attraction to the already attractive pantomime. As Miss Blande she will be remembered at the Alhambra some years ago, since which we do not recollect seeing her. She then gave great promise in comic opera, and doubtless she, too, will often delight London audiences in the future. Miss Edith Bruce, as Ganem, is as vivacious as when she made such a big hit at the Strand in the clever burlesque "Silver Gilt." We shall not be surprised, but agreeably pleased, if this bright and smart young lady is re-engaged next year. Mr. Charles Lauri, jun., and Mr. Martinetti as the monkey and the donkey, are so very clever in their sphere of true pantomime, that the gravest must laugh at their antics. Mr. Victor Stephens, as Ally Sloper, is a grand feature. He never loses an opportunity of making old Sloper popular. The children of Madame Katti Lanner make another big draw by their pretty and effective dances. The scene in the cave of the "Forty Thieves," and the Jubilee procession are the grandest of the many grand sets which Bro. Augustus Harris has produced. We suppose that nowhere is such a pleasing sight of its kind to be witnessed as in this Jubilee scene. The Harlequinade now precedes the other portion of the pantomime. Our first impression of the "Forty Thieves" was that it was not quite up, taking it all round, to its predecessors. A second visit has altered this idea, and another which we hope to make will, we are sure, impress upon us that Bro. Harris's last production surpasses those gone before. We understand that Druriolanus has got a good programme for the summer and autumn seasons, and we hope he will be handsomely supported. The theatre closes during the ensuing week until Saturday.

It is not often that in London West-end theatres in these days the programme consists of three pieces—yet such is the case now at the Globe, two of which are well worth going to laugh over. "After Many Days" is an inoffensive curtain-raiser, and calls for no comment, except for the clever acting of Bro. Lestocq. "The Snowball," which saw the light some eight years ago at the Strand, is most amusing, if not of great credit to its adapter, Mr. Sydney Grundy, from a French play. Mr. Penley being still unwell, Mr. Hawtrey decided to play the part himself, which he does in his brisk style, though we are of opinion that Mr. Penley would have made even more of it. The plot is another case of woman outwitting man. Mr. Featherstone tells his wife he is going out to dinner, but instead, he takes himself off to see "Pink Dominoes." The wife, suspicious, plays a similar trick on her husband, and, of course, they see each other at the play. The wife determines to teach her spouse a lesson, and with the aid of disguising her handwriting, and the help of a servant maid—Penelope—who is prepared to say or do anything she is paid for, the man has an unhappy time of it, he being convinced that he is suspected of carrying on an intrigue with the domestic. Featherstone's uncle John, who is staying in the house believes that his nephew has compromised himself, hence some ingenious complications arise, and confusion becomes more confounded, when, Felix Featherstone, thinking his wife after all knows nothing, tries to teach her a lesson. The humour is not too extravagant, and the acting so excellent that the farcical comedy produces a continual roar of laughter. Bro. W. J. Hill is the Uncle John and acts with his usual funny style. Mr. Hawtrey never overdoes the part of the husband which keeps it from becoming too absurd. Miss Fanny Brough, as Penelope, scores tremendously, and acts with the care, and makes all the points of the piece, for which she is so well known. The musical farce—"Crazed"—follows, in which Bros. Hill and Lestocq, and a Miss Gray each distinguish themselves. This has often been played before, but on its revival it loses none of its "go," and is as amusing as ever. Altogether, for a short while, Mr. Hawtrey's programme should draw the public who like the light form of amusement. We believe a new play is in rehearsal, in which the clever little Mr. Penley will have a good part.



Bro. the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., was installed as W.M. of the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, Altrincham, at the Town Hall on Monday, the 7th instant, in the presence of a strong muster of provincial officers and brethren, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. C. G. Boraston, the retiring W.M.

The Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, Dover, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Snargate-street, this (Friday) afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, assisted by Bro. J. S. Eastes, his Deputy, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, and afterwards Bro. Surgeon G. F. S. Smyth, of the Medical Staff, will be installed as the first W.M. of the new lodge.

Their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Marchioness of Londonderry, paid a visit of inspection to the Masonic Orphan Schools, Bull's Bridge, Dublin, on Monday, the 14th inst. They were received by the members of the Board of Management, and having visited the dormitories and class rooms, and seen the girls go through their drill, the Vice-Regal party retired, after expressing their great delight with all they had seen.

Warrants have been granted for the constitution of two new conclaves of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, of which Sir Francis Burdett is Grand Sovereign. They will both be located in Jamaica, one to be called the Jubilee Conclave, at Port Royal, and the other—the Ninnis Conclave—at Kingston. The petitioners in each case are seven in number, Sir Knight George Bate being the M.P.S. designate, and Sir Knight George Patton Myers, Viceroy designate, of the Jubilee Conclave; and Sir Knight John Charles Macglashan, M.P.S. designate, and Sir Knight James Ogilvie, Viceroy designate, of the Ninnis Conclave. We wish both bodies a long and prosperous career.

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We understand that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M. Sussex, will be installed District Grand Master of Bombay at the Masonic Hall, Bombay, on Saturday, the 9th April prox.

Bro. Sydney Hodges has been commissioned to paint the portrait of R.W. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, which the brethren of that province have resolved on presenting to their distinguished and respected chief.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, has appointed Eminent Sir Knight Lieut. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.S., Grand Examiner, &c., as Deputy Intendant General of the important Province of Middlesex, vice Eminent Sir Knight Hyde Pullen, deceased.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, gave the tracing board of the Second Degree in French at the meeting of the La France Lodge on Monday, the 21st inst., and was congratulated by Bro. Jules Bué, P.P.G.W. Oxfordshire, and Taylorian Teacher of French at the University of Oxford, for the admirable manner in which he acquitted himself of the task.

We understand that the installation of the Earl of Zetland, as Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire, will take place in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, York, on the 6th May. On the same day the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter will be held under the auspices of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m., by Bro. Henry Folsom, the W.M. of the mother lodge. Brethren are respectfully invited to attend. Bro. George Musson, Hon. Sec., 1, Lower Grosvenor-place, S.W.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Nottinghamshire is to be held at Newark, on Monday, the 28th instant. The R.W. Bro. John Watson, J.P., is the P.G. Master, the V. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Newton, Dep. Prov. G.M., and W. Bro. E. E. Patchitt, Prov. G. Sec. The meeting is to take place in the Savings Bank Premises, and the banquet is to be served at the Clinton Arms Hotel.

The Glass Decoration Company (Limited), of 82, Hatton-garden, London, E.C., have on view some beautiful specimens of their crystalline glass, plate and sheet, of all kinds, coloured and tinted, silvered and gilded, suitable for the decoration of mansions, clubs, hotels, restaurants, saloons of ships, theatres, and, in fact, for any purpose where glass decoration is required.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has very kindly undertaken to preside at a festival dinner to be held at the Hotel Métropole, on Wednesday, the 4th May next, in aid of the funds of the Work Girls' Protection Society, New Kent-road. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. designate of Cheshire, is President of the Dinner Committee, and as the Society is one that effects a large amount of good, we trust the support it will receive on the occasion will be generously bestowed.

The fund for presenting a testimonial to Bro. V. P. Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary for Sussex, has reached nearly £700. It is intended to have the subscribers' names illuminated in an album and to present him with a cheque for the balance. Intending subscribers should send in their names at once to Bro. Daniel, Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, as the list will be closed in a few days.

The Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, having received the Grand Master's sanction to remove its quarters to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, the ceremony of installing Bro. Alfred Bannister, S.W., W.M. elect, will take place at that Hall on Monday next, the 28th instant, instead of, as originally announced, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The ceremony will be performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., who will be assisted in his task by Bro. T. Poore, P.M.

The following dinners, etc., take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 26th inst.:—Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge; British Lodge; Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Tuesday—Royal Savoy Lodge; Tuscan Lodge; Pilgrim Lodge Festival. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity; Jordan Lodge; St. Olive's Cinderella. Thursday—Mount Moriah Lodge; Grenadiers Lodge; St. George's Chapter; Vane Chapter. Friday—Peace and Harmony Lodge; Jerusalem Lodge; London Inverness Ball. Saturday—St. James's Soirée.

It has been arranged that the installation of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton as Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire shall take place in the Town Hall, Chester, on Friday, the 15th April next. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, and it is expected that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire; Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master of Kent; and other distinguished members of the Society will be present. In connection with the ceremony there will be a celebration of Divine service in Chester Cathedral, the use of which has been granted for the occasion by the Dean, while we doubt not that in all other respects the brethren of the province will exert themselves to the utmost to do honour to their new Prov. Grand Master.

Mr. Frederick Humpherson, trading as Humpherson and Co., 297, Fulham-road, South Kensington, and formerly of 331, King's-road, Chelsea, patentee and manufacturer of sanitary apparatus, has succeeded in obtaining an injunction against Mr. Milton Syer, 36, Ryelane, Peckham, for an infringement of one of his numerous patents for promoting sanitation in houses. The defendant's pleas were overruled, and Mr. Justice Kekewich, who tried the case, decided that Mr. Humpherson was entitled to the injunction he prayed for, with an account of profits and costs on the higher scale. His lordship further refused an application for a stay of execution pending appeal.

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