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The Grand Festival.
It will be seen from the ample report we publish elsewhere that the Grand Festival, on Wednesday, passed off with the customary *éclat*. In the absence of H.R.H. the GRAND and the PRO GRAND MASTERS, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M., presided, and, judging from the list of brethren appointed to Grand Office for the new year, it seems that Dame Rumour's indications, to which we gave currency last week, have been verified in all cases. As regards the appointments, they appear to have given very general satisfaction, nor do we doubt that the new men will greatly strengthen the array of brethren who are entitled to seats on the dais. At the banquet which followed, the chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. T. W. TRW, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and, under his genial auspices, the brethren enjoyed that full measure of harmony which is characteristic of our Grand Festivals. However, for the details of the gathering and the services of the Grand Officers for the year we must refer our readers to another part of our columns.

The approaching Festival of the Girls' School.
We feel it to be again our duty to refer to the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The date fixed for its celebration is the 11th May prox., and we find that, at the time of writing, the Chairman, Bro. SIR OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., R.W. Prov. G. Master of Shropshire, will be supported by a Board of Stewards numbering only 243 all told. However, if we assume that all the 243 serve, as they have volunteered to serve, and that between now and the 11th prox., they are increased in number to 250 brethren, still, even on these assumptions, so great a falling off in numbers must seriously affect the receipts. Indeed there are strong grounds for believing that the decrease may amount to about £2000 or £3000, and that the Returns which slightly exceeded £13,000 in 1886, will this year range at about from £10,000 to £11,000. This, then, is the prospect which faces us now within a fortnight of the eventful day, and considering it is the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen VICTORIA, Chief Patroness of the Institution, it must be admitted the prospect is the very reverse of encouraging. We had looked for better things and principally on grounds which, as will be seen, are independent of all Jubilee associations. In the first place, it is admitted that the funds of the School are well and economically administered and that the children are well cared for and educated. Of this latter fact we have annual evidence in the successes achieved by them at the University local and other public examinations. It is also known everywhere among the Craft that the number of pupils has been very largely increased during the past few years, and that the School premises have been extended by the purchase of, firstly, Lyncombe House for the Junior School; then of certain contiguous land, with a view to securing greater privacy and generally enhancing the value of the property as property; and lastly, during the current year, of the two villas and ground adjoining the Junior School, in order to ensure the more complete isolation of the building and improve the frontage in the Wandsworth-road. These purchases have, of course, necessitated the outlay of very considerable sums of money, the £2500 to be paid to Mr. EVILL for the latest addition to the School property being one of the chief items of expenditure which will figure in the accounts of the current year. But with the 250 children now in the School, and a more extended property to keep in effective order, the permanent responsibilities of the Institution have increased likewise, and where £7000 or £8000 was found sufficient for a year's supplies, it is imperative now that from £12,000 to £13,000 should be provided, and whence can the bulk of this immense sum be obtained, if not from the proceeds of the annual Festival? The permanent income, as regards which the Girls' School stands second among our three Charities, consists of Grand Lodge grant of £150, the Grand Chapter grant of £10 10s., and the interest at 3 per cent. on invested moneys amounting to £59,000, barely exceeds £1900, and if the Festival receipts show a falling off, not of £200 or £300 only, but of so substantial a sum as £2000 or £3000, the success of the year's financial arrangements becomes seriously endangered, and there is a great risk lest the balance should be transferred from the credit, which is the right side of the account, to the debit, which is the wrong side. We already have the Boys' School authorities lamenting a deficit, and by-and-bye, when the Girls' Festival is over, we shall have occasion to press on the brethren the necessity of wiping it out forthwith. But it will never do to have a Girls' School deficit as well; and considering how exceptionally large will be the financial responsibilities of the current year in the case of this Institution, there is no small chance, either of this happening, or of the Committee being compelled to sell out a portion of their Stock, unless the prospects of the now fast approaching Festival brighten materially during the next few days. We say again, as we said in our article of the

2nd instant, that it will be "little short of an act of disloyalty to Queen VICTORIA, who is the mother of our GRAND MASTER and the Chief Patroness of our Girls' School, if the receipts of this year's Festival" compare "unfavourably with those of recent years, especially when the Institution has just incurred so large an amount of additional responsibility." If there is any change at all in the Returns, as compared with those of 1886, let it be of a character to place them in excess, not, as the chances indicate now, very seriously in defect of £13,000.

The Male Fund Election, R.M.B.I.

A mere glance at the voting papers which were issued last week in respect of the approaching elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, the 20th May, will suffice to show that our statements as to the great disproportion between the number of candidates for each Fund, and the number of vacancies to be balloted for are by no means exaggerated. In the case of the Male Fund there are 51 candidates entered, while the vacancies to be balloted for, including the three deferred, are only nine. As regards the candidates, 26 of them remain over from the last Election, No. 1 having been a candidate already five times, Nos. 2 and 3 four times, No. 4 three times, Nos. 5 to 9 inclusive, twice, and Nos. 10 to 26 inclusive, once; the remaining 25 are now on the eve of making their first attempt. It is further noticeable that 17 of the brethren hail from the Metropolis, one of them, however, having joined from a lodge now under the Constitution of the G. Lodge of Quebec, but originally English and ranking as No. 17 on our roll. The 34 remaining candidates are distributed among 20 Provinces and Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands, for which there is at present no Prov. Grand Lodge. N. and E. Yorkshire furnishes 4 candidates, Devonshire and Hants and the Isle of Wight three each; Cheshire, Lancashire (East), Lancashire (West), and Northumberland two each; and the rest in singles hail from Berks and Bucks, Dorsetshire, Essex, Kent, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, South Wales (East Division), Suffolk, Sussex, West Yorkshire, and the Channel Islands aforesaid. With comparatively few exceptions, they appear to have been subscribing members for long periods. In many cases they are returned as having done good service when they were in a position to do so, and there are some among them who, when they had the means, were not unmindful of the claims of our Institutions on their support. The explanations offered as to their present circumstances are sad in every case, while in not a few instances they are absolutely heartrending. It is enough for us to state in general terms that the claims of these candidates have, after a careful scrutiny by the Committee of Management, proved such as to justify their acceptance into the Institution, if the interest they are severally in a position to command will procure them entrance.

The Widows' Fund Election, R.M.B.I.

But for the resolution adopted by the Committee in February to increase the number of annuitants by 25, the case of the Widows would have been serious indeed. At that time there were no vacancies to declare, and had the position remained unaltered, the ballot would have been limited to the election of the three deferred annuitants from the formidable list of 77 candidates. And, even as it is, there will remain, notwithstanding the increase agreed upon, 49 candidates unprovided for, unless the Governors and Subscribers who attend the General Meeting consent to a further increase in the number on this Fund, in consequence of the unprecedented success of this year's Festival. However, we are not without some hope that such a proposition will be offered for the consideration of the meeting, and, if so, we dare say the brethren, having regard to the improved financial ability of the Institution, will accept the proposition without demur, and so substantially reduce the number of those who must be left out in the cold for, at least, another term of 12 months. It is, indeed, in consequence of the recent large remainders of unsuccessful candidates whose names have been carried forward year by year until they are elected or die, that the list on the Widows' Fund has latterly become so unmanageable. For instance, of the 77 candidates now appealing to be elected into the Fund, only 25 have been placed on the list since last year's election was arranged for, the other 52 being old candidates, of whom No. 1 has been before the electors now for nine years, Nos. 2 and 3 for seven years, Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive for five years, Nos. 12 to 18 inclusive for four years, Nos. 19 to 31 inclusive for three years, and Nos. 32 to 52 inclusive for two years, having made their first attempt at the May election of last year. Unless, therefore, a determined effort is now made to grapple with this difficulty, we shall find the Widows' list in 1888 almost as formidable as it is at present. We remark that in 23 cases the husband was initiated in London, and in 54 cases, in the provinces or districts abroad, there being six cases from Hants and the Isle of Wight, and as many from Kent; five from Lancashire (East), and five from Lincolnshire—one being originally an Irish Mason; three each from Cumberland and Westmorland—No. 13 hailing, however, in the first instance from Ireland—Devonshire, and West Yorkshire; two each from Berks and Bucks, Durham, Lancashire (West), Suffolk, Sussex, and North and East Yorkshire; and one each from Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Herts, Middlesex, Norfolk, Norths and Hunts, South Wales (West Division), Warwickshire, Wilts, Worcestershire, and Bengal. As regards the husbands' services, they seem to have extended over many years in most instances, and in some to have been attended with distinction, while in some likewise the deceased brethren had loyally supported our Institutions to the best of their ability. In conclusion, we must express a hope that it will be several years before we have before us a list so painful and, as regards numbers, so formidable.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Festival was held on Wednesday evening. At Grand Lodge, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., presided. Bro. Sir John Monckton acted as S.G.W., and Bro. Francis Beilby Alston as J.G.W.; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Hants and I. of Wight, acted as R.W.D.G.M., and Bro. Thomas W. Tew, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, as R.W. Prov. G.M.

Grand Lodge was very numerous attended.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the re-election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Sir ALBERT WOODS (Garter), proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly elected and installed M.W.G.M. for the year ensuing.

The GRAND SECRETARY then read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year:—Bros. Henry Hacker, 60; George Weldon, 4; Edwin Farley, 58; Frederick Gordon Brown, 1; William Harry Rylands, 2; Major Thomas P. Powell, 5; Charles Critchett, 6; Silvanus Goring Glanville, 8; Stanley Robert Valentine Robinson, 14; Arthur Hill, 21; Richard Clowser, 23; Daniel Breay Ledsam, 26; John Andrew Wilson, 29; George Dashwood Goldie Taubman, 46; William James Parker, 91; Arthur Jones Lauzence, 99; George Lancelot Eyles, 197; and Sir Lionel Edward Darell, Bart., 259.

The Earl of LATHOM announced that the M.W.G. Master had been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, and himself (the Earl of Lathom) as Deputy Grand Master, and Prince Albert Victor was appointed Senior Grand Warden. The Earl of Lathom said Prince Albert Victor was not able to be present, as he was serving with his regiment at Gibraltar.

Bro. General Viscount Wolseley was then invested as Junior Grand Warden amidst loud applause.

The other Grand Officers appointed were—

Bro. The Rev. Dr. Thos. Cartwright Smyth	...	G. Chap.
" The Rev. G. W. Weldon...	...	G. Chap.
" Richard Eve ...	...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	G. Reg.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ...	...	G. Sec.
" Dr. E. E. Wendt ...	...	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" Burdett-Coutts, M.P. ...	...	S.G.D.
" George Cooper ...	...	S.G.D.
" F. S. Knyvett ...	...	J.G.D.
" V. P. Freeman ...	...	J.G.D.
" Sir Horace Jones ...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) ...	...	G.D.C.
" E. A. Baylis ...	...	D.G.D.C.
" J. L. Mather ...	...	A.G.D.C.
" W. M. Bywater ...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" George Beech... ..	...	G. Std. Br.
" Charles Fendelow ...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Sir Arthur Sullivan ...	...	G. Org.
" W. H. Perryman ...	...	G. Purst.
" Walter Hopekirk ...	...	A.G. Purst.
" Henry Sadler ...	...	G. Tyler.

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the outgoing Grand Stewards. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, R.W. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, presided, and afterwards proposed the usual toasts.

In giving the toast of "The Queen," Bro. Tew said her Most Gracious Majesty was the patroness of the Order. Long might she live, long might she reign, and long might she continue in the possession of that great blessing—the love of her people. He hoped she might witness to the largest and fullest extent the loyalty, devotion, and happiness of a contented people celebrating her Jubilee, and rejoicing over her glorious and prosperous reign of fifty years completed. (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk enthusiastically, was followed by the musical artistes singing the National Anthem.

Bro. Tew next proposed "The Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was beloved by every lady in the land, and honoured by every gentleman in the land, and no man could more the Princess adore than a Free and an Accepted Mason. With regard to the other members of the Royal Family, they had earned the loyalty and devotion of Masons, and, therefore, were entitled to this toast.

The toasts were then disposed of rapidly, with the intervening music.

Bro. Tew next asked the brethren to fill bumper glasses because the toast which was now on his list went home to the heart of every Freemason present. They had witnessed that night the loyalty and enthusiasm of the proceedings in Grand Lodge with reference to the installation of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. It must have been a source of satisfaction to every one of them to think that H.R.H. had been graciously pleased to accept the office of Grand Master for the coming year. When they looked back to the events of 1875 they could not but recall to their minds that at a very critical moment in the history of the Craft his Royal Highness stepped forward and became the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons. (Cheers.) This circumstance alone would have entitled him to the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, and he thought he might say that this gratitude was further intensified by the fact that one of his Royal Highness's sons had been appointed to the Senior Grand Wardenship in Grand Lodge of England that evening. Every one of them must pray fervently to the Great Architect of the Universe that his Royal Highness and his sons, who were members of the Craft, might be endued with the blessing of good health and might long be spared to adorn this ancient Order over which the Prince of Wales presided and in which he took so great and deep an interest. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tew asked the brethren now to drink "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master." Both these illustrious noblemen attended Grand Lodge, and were well-known not only to the brethren in London, but in his (Bro. Tew's) Province of West Yorkshire; they were always able, ready, and willing to assist that province in every way they could. They were highly respected, and they were always ready to take part in the proceedings and solid ceremonies of the Order, and to give the brethren the benefit of their experience and advice. He hoped with all his heart that they would be long spared to occupy these two most distinguished positions. With regard to the M.W. Deputy Grand Master, the brethren had had the honour of his occupancy of the chair in the

Grand Lodge that evening, and they had been delighted at the way in which he had conducted the business of Grand Lodge.

Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, R.W. Past District Grand Master of Bengal, asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. Tew," who was a very old Mason—that meant that he was a very well-known Mason. He represented the great Province of West Yorkshire, which was well known in regard to the Charities of the Order.

Bro. TEW in reply acknowledged the great compliment paid to him and his province, and he was sure his province would feel the compliment. West Yorkshire was most anxious to vie with every other province in those two great principles of the Order enunciated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales when he was installed in 1875—Loyalty and Charity. When the great demonstration in London took place next month, he hoped his province would not be behind other provinces in loyalty to H.R.H. by the manner in which it supported the Imperial and Colonial Institute.

Bro. TEW, in proposing "The Grand Wardens, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," said everyone in that noble hall would have come to but one conclusion, that the appointment of Grand Officers by the Prince of Wales had given universal and unlimited satisfaction. He would associate with the toast the name of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, G. Chap., who had had very great experience in Masonry in India, the Eastern Archipelago, and other places abroad, as well as in England.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, in reply, said that, although he wished abler Masons, such as the Prov. G. Secretary of West Yorkshire, had been called upon to respond, he was proud to be asked to acknowledge the toast. He appeared before the brethren in two capacities—as a Mason of nearly forty-four years' standing, and as one who had suffered more persecution in connection with the Craft than any brother in the hall. He had been represented to his Bishop as one who ought to have been unfrocked for his share in Freemasonry, and he had been abused in Bengal as a man who was immoral and seditious, and everything else that was bad. He had stood up against charges in the papers. With respect to the toast, the Grand Officers earnestly desired to follow in the wake of their illustrious predecessors, and by their conduct during their year of office to bring down the blessings of the G.A.O.T.U. upon all that they did. Might He continue to bless them so long as they carried out that glorious principle of Charity which should prevail until prophesy had failed and tongues ceased.

Bro. TEW next gave "The Masonic Charities," which, he said, would meet with the satisfaction of every one. With the toast he accompanied the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Those of them who were present at the Festival in February must have been amazed at the wonderful energy which Bro. Terry had displayed in connection with the collecting so large and magnificent a sum for that Charity. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He could not but believe that the other Festivals which were yet to come would gratify both Bro. Hedges and Bro. Binckes by the enormous sums they would produce. The Charities were very dear to every one of them, and they all felt a pleasure in supporting them to the best of their ability, and to the utmost of their means. (Cheers.)

Bro. TERRY, replying, said he took this the first opportunity since his Festival to thank Grand Lodge for the £1000 it had voted to the Benevolent Institution. He hoped that the Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, to be held in May and June, might be as beneficial as the Benevolent. He should merely content himself with saying that, in acknowledging the success which attended his Festival in February last, he spoke for the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, hoping that they might have the support which had never been withheld.

Bro. BINCKES, who was loudly called for, said the excellent Chairman, in exercise of the discretion which was undoubtedly his prerogative that evening, coupled the toast of "Success to their Masonic Institutions" with his good friend, Bro. Terry, whose Festival was so successfully celebrated in February last, and there was not one brother in the room who was not prepared to offer all the congratulations which were due to so successful an event; but he (Bro. Binckes) did offer one suggestion—that the past had told its own tale, but there was a future which must be attended with a certain amount of anxiety. They did not at all know what the Jubilee celebration might produce; but they, especially in the Boys' School, were exceedingly anxious on account of the very precarious position in which they were situated. He could not help saying that, while congratulating the representatives of the other two Institutions on the very extremely sound and successful financial position they occupied, he was depressed and weighed down with a sense of responsibility by the imperfect condition in which their Boys' School was placed. But he also was prepared to admit that this was not the time on a festive occasion like this, nor was it an appropriate or fitting opportunity, to weary them with an appeal on behalf of any charitable body. He could speak with a long experience of years gone by that, whether the occasion might be a legitimate one or not, there was no Mason who attended any gathering in that hall or elsewhere who ever forgot the calls, the responsibilities, and the claims of their glorious Institutions. To the brethren present, who were a fairly representative assembly, be all the glory and the success which had been achieved; but he did hope that they would all bear in mind, especially the younger members of the Order, that they were all inheritors of traditions handed down from a long past antiquity, which must be again handed down—the traditions of the example of those who had gone before them—and which must be not only imitated but emulated. For his own share in the past he had nothing but pride and gratification except one feeling of intense gratitude to those who had supported him for the last 26 years, and on that he based his hopes in the future that it would not be less glorious than the past. (Cheers.)

Bro. TEW, in proposing "The Grand Stewards," said all the brethren were grateful to the Grand Stewards for the magnificent entertainment, they had had. Their thanks were due to the Grand Stewards for the hospitality of which they had partaken.

Bro. ALFRED THOMAS LAYTON, J.P., 60, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, said he responded to this toast with a considerable amount of pleasure. The Board of Grand Stewards felt the honour done them in acknowledging their services in connection with this festival. Of course it was a great mental anxiety in preparing for the banquet. Every set of Grand Stewards endeavoured to vie with the previous ones in making the festival a greater success than any of its predecessors; but if this festival had been a success in any way he was bound to attribute it in a very large manner to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Carter, the Honorary Secretary. It was to him that a great deal of credit must be due for all that had taken place in the comfortable seating and other arrangements. It was perhaps somewhat a pity that the Grand Stewards should begin and end their office so soon, when they had just got experience, and they had some hopes that in the coming festival the Grand Stewards might have had an

opportunity of showing their gratitude for the position they were placed in. But, however, that might be, they were very much pleased that the present Festival had been such a success. He would not intervene by any longer speech before the enjoyment which he hoped might be found in the Temple in which the excellent selection of music arranged by Bro. Parratt.

The proceedings then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a charming programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Walter Parratt, by students of the Royal College of Music, including Messrs. Squire, Price, Fischer, Houghton, Jasper Sutcliffe, and Misses Kellett, Anna Russell, and Florence Hoskins.

We append the list of the outgoing Grand Stewards, to whom the best thanks of all the brethren are due for the excellent banquet and the unimpeachable arrangements: President, Bro. Alfred Thomas Layton, J.P. 60; Treasurer, Bro. Henry Pearce Hughes, 4; Secretary, Bro. Henry Carter, 58; Bro. Major George Charles D'Albiac, 1; Bro. Tressillian Parlour Shipp, 2; Bro. Harry Frederick Pollock, 5; Bro. Reginald Eden Johnson, 6; Bro. Joseph Russell, 8; Bro. Alfred Williams, 14; Bro. Marcus Richard Sewell, 21; Bro. Edward Nixey, 23; Bro. Francis William Macan, 26; Bro. John Renton Dunlop, 29; Bro. Rowland Plumbe, 46; Bro. Henry Montague Bates, 91; Bro. Charles Eustace Wilson, 99; Bro. Richard Fuge Grantham, 197; and Bro. Edward Tierney Gilchrist Darell, 259.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

H.R.H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, on the 17th March, 1885, the ceremony being performed by his father the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in a manner which showed that his Royal Highness is a Master of our Craft in more senses than one, and that his ability as an exponent of our ritual is nearly, if not quite, on a level with his skill as the chief administrator of the Order. The Earls of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and Lathom, D.G.M., gave the address and working tools respectively, and among the other brethren who were present as officers or members of the lodge were Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.W., and the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, who severally occupied the chairs of S.W. and J.W.; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Henniker, P.G.W.; the Earl of Milltown, P.G.W.; Lord H. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W.; Lord Carrington, P.G.W.; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir F. Roxburgh, Q.C.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; *Æn. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.*; T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; and others. On the 7th May, the Prince was passed to the Degree of F.C. in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. J. W. French, the W.M. of the lodge, in the presence of Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, and a numerous gathering of brethren, of whom some thirty were Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, of Norfolk. The Third Degree was conferred upon his Royal Highness in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, to which he had affiliated shortly after his initiation, Bro. B. Anningson, M.D., the W.M., and his officers being most successful in carrying out the ceremony, which was witnessed by about 300 brethren, the most conspicuous among whom were Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Subs. G.M. of Scotland; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. of England, and D.P.G.M. Essex; J. Neal York, D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. England, and D.P.G.M. Suffolk; and W. L. Morgan, W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. Ten days later—on the 18th June—the Prince was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, in the presence of Bros. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.; Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.; and other Grand Officers of the Mark Grand Lodge, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. H. T. Trevor Jones, W.M. of the lodge. Since then he has, to use a conventional phrase, though by no means in a conventional sense, gone on making progress in Masonry, and the Senior Grand Wardenship of England now conferred upon him by his father, the Grand Master, is both well deserved and worthy of his exalted position, besides being most appropriately bestowed upon him during the Jubilee year of the reign of her Majesty, his grandmother.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. General VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, K.P., G.C.B., &c., is a Mason of long standing, having been initiated in the Military Lodge, No. 728, Dublin, on the 13th April, 1854, when a subaltern in the 90th Regiment. But the exigencies of military service in various parts of the world continued almost uninterruptedly during a long course of years prevented him, until quite recently, from taking an active part in Masonic work, though in 1883 in his speech at the consecration banquet of the lodge bearing his name, the Wolseley, Manchester, No. 1993, his lordship spoke in glowing terms of the obligations he had been under to Freemasonry during his career. However, in 1883 on the occasion just referred to, he was invested first S.W. of the Wolseley Lodge, and since then, whenever his official duties have permitted, he has shown that his attachment to Freemasonry is as warm as ever. He is a Past S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and we have no doubt his appointment to the same high office in the Craft Grand Lodge will be received with the same sense of satisfaction as was the honour conferred upon him in Mark Masonry two years since.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. T. CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, D.D., LL.D., well deserves the much-coveted purple which has just been conferred upon him. Indeed, there are few English Masons who can point with pride to a Masonic career pursued with such uniform ability and success and under varying aspects in so many parts of the world. Our reverend brother was initiated in the Isle of Man in the Royal Isle of Man Lodge, No. 338, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the 27th December, 1843, being the date when he was raised to the Third Degree. The year following, having in the interval taken holy orders and migrated to a curacy near Newcastle-on-Tyne, he joined the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, then No. 586, and having subsequently affiliated to the De Loraine Lodge, then No. 793, was appointed to the chair of S.W. in 1848-9, his zeal and abilities being further recognised by investiture with the honours of Prov. Grand Chaplain of Northumberland. In 1849 he sailed for India, having been appointed to a Government Chaplaincy in the presidency of Bengal, and almost immediately after his arrival had the post of

District G. Chaplain of Bengal conferred upon him. In 1852-3 he occupied the Master's chair in Star of Hope Lodge, No. 520, Agra, and soon after became a founder of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 639, Mussoorie, being elected to the chair two years in succession, 1854-5 and 1855-6. During his term of service here, he preached a sermon before the brethren, and afterwards, by request, published it. This sermon evoked from a renegade Mason a fierce attack on Freemasonry, which, however, had no other result than to draw from Bro. Smyth a most able vindication of our principles under the title of "Freemasonry represented and misrepresented." This able rejoinder still further enhanced his already brilliant reputation, and not only did he secure a vote of thanks from the D.G. Lodge, but the D.G. Master appointed him S.G. Warden of the District. At the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny at Meerut on the 10th May, 1857, our reverend brother was the senior Government Chaplain at that station, and the devoted services he rendered, both as a man and in his sacred calling, to his fellow Anglo-Indians, drew from the latter many addresses and testimonials, a copy of one of which dated "Meerut, 30th January, 1858," and presented to him on the eve of his departure for another sphere of labour, will be found in the memoir of his friend Bro. William Watson, P.M., P.Z., &c., from which most of these particulars have been derived, the signatures to the said address including all the civil and military residents at Meerut. His next station was at Singapore, where he was appointed Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and where he held concurrently, under the usual dispensation, the Master-ships of Lodges Zetland-in-the-East, now No. 508, and Fidelity, since incorporated with No. 508. In 1876, Bro. Smyth left India, and, revisiting England, was six months afterwards presented with the living of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, where he has prosecuted his task of ministering to the spiritual necessities of his neighbours and enlightening his brother Masons of the district ever since, among the later honours he has received being the Provincial Grand Chaplaincy of West York-hire in 1885. With such a record as this, we are not surprised that the Prince of Wales should have conferred upon him the purple of the United Grand Lodge of England, and we venture to say that no one has better deserved this great distinction. With Royal Arch Masonry he has been connected since the year 1845, when he was exalted in the De Sussex Chapter, attached to the Northern Counties Lodge, 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne. While at Mussoorie he became founder and First Principal of the St. John the Baptist Chapter, 639. He is also a Past Z. of the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 508, Singapore, P.Z. and a founder of the Excelsior Chapter, No. 1042, Leeds, and Past Provincial Grand J. of West Yorkshire. He was advanced to the Mark at Agra, in 1852-3, is a Past Master of sundry of its lodges, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden (Mark) of West Yorkshire; and last year, when the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. Smyth was honoured with the appointment to one of the Grand Chaplaincies. He has been a Knight Templar since 1847, when he was installed in the Kent Encampment at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is Past E.P. of the Fidelity Preceptory, No. 114, Leeds. He is a S.P. Rose Croix of 1847, a Royal and Select Master, and last, but not least, a Life Governor and past Festival Steward of all our Masonic Institutions, and of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. the Rev. G. W. WELDON was initiated in the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, on the 15th July, 1871, and, having been absent for some time from England, became, on his return, a joining member of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, on 23rd November, 1876. He represented this distinguished lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1882-3, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1883. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having taken the 18°, and being enrolled a member of Chapter No. 29 of that Degree. He has served a Stewardship for, and has qualified as, Life Governor of each of our Institutions.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, who was elected Grand Treasurer by a large majority of votes in Grand Lodge, on the 2nd March, well deserves the high distinction which his brother Craftsmen have bestowed upon him. His record is a full one, for he has been an indefatigable Mason, and has pursued with never failing energy and spirit whatever task he may have put his hand to. His career extends over 31 years, and having been W. Master of Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, in 1860, his position as a Past Master of the Royal Art is of more than a quarter of a century's standing. His chief services, however, have been rendered in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, of which he had the honour to be appointed S.G. Warden in 1871, G.J. in the Prov. G. Chapter, in 1874, and S.G.W. in the Prov. G. Mark Lodge in 1877. He is a P.M. and the Treasurer of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, Aldershot, P.Z. and Treasurer of the Panmure Chapter (R.A.), No. 723, P.M. and Treasurer of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, No. 54, Aldershot, and present E. Preceptor of the William Stuart Preceptory, No. 76, Aldershot. As regards our Institutions, it is enough for us to state that he is a Patron of the Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-Patron of the two Schools, and that he has served quite 25 Festival Stewardships during his connection with the Craft.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. W. A. B. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., obtained his first insight into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1872. In 1884 he was elected a joining member of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and about the same time was founder and first W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030. In 1885 he was re-elected to the same office and has continued ever since to take a deep interest in the well being of the lodge. He has served as Festival Steward both for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and has qualified as a Vice-President of the former Institution and as a Life Governor of the latter.

Bro. GEORGE COOPER dates his first knowledge of Freemasonry from April, 1866, when he was initiated in the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood. Six years later he was installed W.M., and in 1874 he was elected, and has ever since remained, Treasurer of the lodge. The services he has rendered generally, but also in his capacity of custodian of the lodge moneys, may be judged from the fact that, in 1878, the brethren presented him with a Life Governorship of the Boys' School and a Treasurer's jewel, and that, again, in 1881, on the occasion of his marriage, he received a second testimonial, in the form—very appropriate under the circumstances—of a silver tea and coffee service. In the Province of Essex he ranks as a P.P.G.S. of W., and he is also a subscribing P.M. of the Percy Lodge, No. 198, of which he was elected a joining member in 1870. In May, 1868, he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the chapter attached to his

mother lodge. In 1870, he was elected Scribe E., and, having occupied the First Principal's chair in 1874, was re-elected in 1878, and still remains, Scribe E. In 1878, the members presented him with a silver claret jug in token of their esteem. In 1880, he had a hand in founding the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and for the part he took in this work and his subsequent services he was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel in 1884, and has since held the office of Scribe E. On the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex, in 1883, Comp. Philbrick, P.G. Supt., appointed him Prov. G.J. In Mark Masonry Bro. Cooper has attained even greater eminence, or, at least, had done so till Wednesday. He was advanced in the Bon Accord Lodge in 1877, was installed its Worshipful Master in 1881, and has been its Secretary since his vacation of that office. He is the S.D. of the Grand Master's Lodge, and a permanent member of the lodge of instruction working under its authority, a member of the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge, and one of the Grand Masters' Council in respect of the Royal Ark Mariner's Degree. In 1883 he was invested as S.G. Deacon, and had the honour of acting in the capacity of Deacon on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' advancement into Mark Masonry. He has likewise exhibited much interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he is a Vice-President, and at its Festivals for which he has four times acted as Steward. In Templar Masonry in which he was installed a Knight in 1875, in the St. George's, formerly the Cross of Christ Preceptory, he is a Past E.P., and was G. Standard Bearer (V.B.), of the National Great Priory in 1885. He is also a Knight of Malta, and has been since 1877, Treasurer and Registrar of the St. George's Preceptory. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Invicta Chapter in 1877, and has recently joined the newly-consecrated Adoniram Chapter of the same Degree. He is also a R. and S.M. of the Constantine Council, a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, a Past G. Officer of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and hon. 8° of the Rosicrucian Society. He has been a member of the Audit Committee of the Boys' School for the last three years, and besides having served as many as 12 different Stewardships in aid of our Institutions, has qualified as a Vice-Patron of both the Schools, and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution. Grand Lodge honours cannot be unworthily bestowed, when they fall to the lot of a brother who has shown such zeal and ability in so many of the branches of Masonry, and has won such esteem and respect as Bro. G. Cooper.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, who is so well known through his long association with the busier scenes of Masonic life in the Province of Sussex, was initiated in the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, on the 1st July, 1856, and in March, 1860, was installed W.M. He was one of the founders of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton, and in 1862 and again in 1868 was installed in the Master's chair. In 1861 he joined, and for a short time remained a member of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311—then No. 390—Lewes, while two years previously he had assisted in the resuscitation of the Howard Lodge, No. 56, Arundel, remaining a subscribing member for some years. It was only natural that services so valuable should be recognised by the provincial authorities and accordingly we find Bro. Freeman Prov. G.S. of Wks. of Sussex in the years 1859, 1860, and 1861, Prov. J.G.W. in 1862, Prov. S.G.W. in 1870 and 1871, and from 1877 till now Prov. G. Secretary. He is also an honorary member of several lodges, having taken an active part in the consecration of 19, while in 1875 when the Prince of Wales was installed M.W.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall, Bro. Freeman was one of the two brethren who were chosen to represent Sussex at that eventful meeting. In Royal Arch Masonry his career has been equally noteworthy. He was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 732, in April, 1859, on the day of its consecration, filled the chair of First Principal in 1863, 4, and on vacating that office was appointed to the post of Treasurer, the duties of which he has fulfilled ever since and still fulfils. He is also a founder, P.Z., and honorary member of the South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, Lewes, constituted in 1860, and of the Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, Brighton, which was constituted in 1874. At the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Sussex in 1880, he was chosen by the late Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., for the responsible post of Prov. G. Scribe E., and this office he has retained ever since. On Saturday last, at the close of the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter, he was presented with a very handsome testimonial in recognition of the many and sterling services he has rendered to Freemasonry in Sussex. As regards the other Degrees in Freemasonry, there is little to record beyond the fact of his having been a Mark Mason for some years, but he has constituted himself a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and has served two Stewardships for the Boys' School, in 1881 and 1882, and one for the Girls' School in 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided at the Festival, and the province raised the splendid total of £1850, Bro. Freeman's list being the most substantial. The congratulations which will be offered to him on this latest and greatest of his many distinctions will be as richly deserved as they undoubtedly will be sincere.

Bro. F. SUMNER KNYVETT began his Masonic career in London, but the metropolitan provinces of Hertfordshire and Middlesex, and especially the former, have had the lion's share of his most valuable work. He was initiated in the Felicity (Red Apron) Lodge, No. 58, was installed W.M. in 1878, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1876. In 1874 he took a chief part in founding the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, Hampton Court, and served as its second W.M. On quitting the chair, he was appointed to and still holds the important post of Treasurer, his able management of its finances and general influence having largely conduced to its present high position in the Province of Middlesex, so that it is not surprising he should have received in 1879 the collar of Prov. Senior Grand Deacon at the hands of its respected chief R.W. Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart. He is also a Past Master of the Watford Lodge, and its present Secretary, having occupied the chair in 1883, and since 1879 he has held the office of Prov. G. Treasurer of Hertfordshire. He was exalted in the St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180, and was installed Z. in 1879. In 1877 he assisted in founding the Felicity Chapter, No. 58, was installed its first H., and succeeded to the chair of First Principal the year following. He is also a P.Z. of the Watford Chapter, No. 404, and has held the R.A. Prov. G. Treasurership of Herts concurrently with that of the Craft. He is a member of the Watford Mark Lodge, and Prov. G. Mark Secretary of Herts, a Knight Templar of the Stuart Encampment, Watford, and Master elect of the Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland. Lastly, he has served a number of Stewardships on behalf of our Institutions, and ranks as a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of the Boys' School.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. E. A. BAYLIS was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, on 28th January, 1868, was Grand Steward in 1883-4, and was W.M. of his lodge in the years 1883 and 1884. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Prince of Wales Chapter in 1869, and occupied the chair of First Principal in 1880. He is a member and P.M.W.S. of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, of Rose Croix, and in 1879 had the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite conferred upon him. He is a Life Governor and Past Festival Steward of both the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Of Bro. J. LAWRENCE MATHER, who has been chosen to fill this important office, it may justly be said that whatever he has put his hand to during the 27 years of his membership of our Society, that has he done right well. He was initiated in Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, in 1860, and having held the office of Treasurer from 1864 to 1868, resigned in order that he might fulfil the duties of W.M., to which he had been elected for 1869. Since then he has taken part, at frequent intervals, in the foundation of lodges and other Masonic bodies, his chief services in this respect in Craft Masonry having been rendered in 1870, when he helped to found the Upton Lodge, No. 1227; in 1875, when he figured as founder and first W.M. of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, and in 1876 when he was appointed first Senior Warden of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, Hatfield, his installation as the second Worshipful Master of this lodge taking place the following year; in 1878 as founder and Treasurer of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, and as founder and first S.W. of the Earl of Clarendon, No. 1984, Watford, in 1882; while he was installed W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke, No. 1910, in 1886, and is now its I.P.M. For sundry of these services he has been rewarded with the collar of a P.G.S.D., and Prov. G.D. of C. of Hertfordshire, so that the duties he will have to discharge in Grand Lodge will be in a measure familiar to him. He has been annually returned at the head of the poll as a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1884, and has been its Vice-President since June of last year. In Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. of Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, founder and P.Z. of the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, and founder and Treasurer of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59. He was advanced to the Mark in the Old Kent T.I. Lodge in 1878, and was its W.M. in 1885, was a founder of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 357, has been an elected member of the General Board since 1884, and is the Mark G. Treasurer elect for the year 1887. He is also a Past Commander Noah in the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to the Old Kent Mark. He was received into the Allied Masonic Degrees in the Metropolitan Council in January, 1882, is founder and P.M. of the Four Kings' Council, No. 7, and P.S.G.W. and Past D.G. Master of the Grand Council, while in the R. and S. Masters he is the present F.I.M. of the Constantine Council. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3, and is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. As regards our Charities, he has already served sixteen Stewardships and is a member of the Boards for the now rapidly approaching Festivals for the two Schools, and is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Girls' School. We imagine that Bro. Mather must have found but few opportunities of being idle during the period of his association with our Society.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. WITHAM M. BYWATER, who has performed the martial exploits which are ordinarily associated with Sword Bearers at the peaceful gatherings of his brother Masons and in the field of Masonic literature, was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, in 1846, and rose to be its W.M. in 1853. He is also a member of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and has been five times elected a member of the Board of General Purposes. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Hermes Chapter, No. 91, in 1853, was M.E.Z. of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in 1868, and is a subscribing companion of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21. He is a Past M.W.S. and Treasurer of the Invicta Chapter Rose Croix, having occupied the chair in 1879, and has attained to the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is likewise a member of the Bon Accord Mark Lodge, of the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar, Watford, and a Sir Knight of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. His fame as a literary Mason rests on his excellent "History of Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19," and his admirably written essay, entitled "Notes on Lawrence Dermott, G.S." He is a member of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, and Fellow of several societies, and, as regards our Charities, has served many Stewardships, and qualified as a Vice-President of them all. Bro. Bywater, in short, deserves the congratulations he has received and will yet receive from his friends and associates in Masonry.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. GEORGE BEECH, who for many years has been one of the chief mainstays of Freemasonry in Warwickshire, was initiated in the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, then No. 696, Birmingham, on the 14th April, 1860, and was elected and installed Worshipful Master in the spring of 1865. In the autumn of the latter year, he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar of Warwickshire, and the year following had conferred upon him the office, whose duties he still discharges with the same zeal, ability, and courtesy as ever, namely that of Prov. G. Secretary. Indeed, he may be said to have held this office, as he has performed the work pertaining to it, continuously since 1861, but his actual appointment dates, as we have said, from the year 1866. In this important capacity he has, of course, borne a chief part in the consecrations of lodges, and in those important ceremonials connected with the laying of foundations Masonically, of which, during the Provincial Grand Mastership of Bro. Lord Leigh there have been so many. He has also been mainly instrumental in the establishment of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Association for assisting decayed brethren, and the widows and children of brethren, who need assistance, and had a chief hand in raising the funds for the Lady Leigh Masonic Lifeboat at Scarborough. Nor is this all, for it is to Bro. Beech's exertions principally, ably backed up as they were by the then Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Elkington, that the Birmingham brethren are indebted for their handsome Masonic Hall in New-street, the foundation-stone of which was laid in September, 1865. These services give our worthy brother a claim upon the Craft, which has been fully recognised for years past in his province, and is now worthily rewarded by the Grand Master himself with the collar of a Grand Officer. In the other branches of Masonry, but especially in the Royal Arch, Bro. Beech has also taken an active part. He was exalted in the Howe Chapter, No. 587, Birmingham, in 1862, and installed its First Principal some 10 years later, the latter distinction being followed in 1873 by his investiture as Prov. Grand Standard

Bearer Warwickshire. He is also a Mark Mason, a Knight Templar, a Rose Croix—member of the Vernon Chapter, No. 5, Birmingham—and a Life Subscriber of both our Schools. Bro. Beech may well be proud of his record.

Bro. CHARLES FENDELOW is a comparatively near neighbour to his brother Standard Bearer. He was, it is true, initiated in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, in October, 1854, but the year following he appears to have joined St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, Wolverhampton, and in 1863 was installed its W.M. In 1858 he joined the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, in the same town, and in 1870 was elected to the chair. In June, 1872, he was received as a joining member into that well-known London lodge No. 1383; while as recently as February, 1884, he became a joining member of the Lodge of Light, No. 468, Birmingham. He has also made his mark provincially, having been appointed Prov. S.G. Deacon, Staffordshire, in 1865, and Prov. S.G. Warden in 1879. He was exalted in the St. Peter's Chapter (R.A.), No. 419, in 1858, and served as M.E.Z. in 1868. In 1879 he was Prov. G.J. Staffordshire, while three years previously he had become a member of the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383. He was advanced to the Mark in the Howe (T.I.) Lodge, Birmingham, in 1859, and is its present W.M. He is also a Past Prov. G. Registrar Warwickshire, and a member of the Tudor Lodge, No. 290. In Templar Masonry he ranks still higher. He is a member and Past E.C. of the Richard de Vernon Encampment, No. 52, in which he was installed a Sir Knight in 1863, and of the Wulfruna, No. 79, has been successively Prov. G. Expert, Prov. G. Reg., and Prov. G. Senerch, Worcestershire, Grand Banner Bearer, Grand 1st Expert, and Grand Hospitaller in Grand Conclave, and is now, and has been since 1879, Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, with Leicestershire added in 1884. He has been also a Knight of Malta since 1864, the year when he was perfected to Rose Croix, in the Vernon Chapter, No. 5, under the A. and A. Rite, of which he is now one of the brightest luminaries as Sov. G. Inspector General, 33°, of the West Central District under the Supreme Council of this influential branch of Masonry.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. W. J. PERRYMAN, a sketch of whose services we gave last year on his appointment as Assistant Grand Pursuivant, was promoted to the Grand Pursuivancy.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK was initiated in the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, on the 16th April, 1857, and was elected W. Master in 1861. In 1862, on resigning the chair, the brethren elected him their Treasurer, and he has been annually re-elected to that office ever since. He has, too, been presented with more than one testimonial, his services as W.M. having been recognised with a P.M.'s jewel, and his cares as Treasurer having been similarly rewarded, while his personal merits, as distinguished from his official, have been honoured by the presentation to him, in open lodge, of a handsome clock bearing a suitable inscription. He was a founder of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, in 1876, and the year following was placed in the chair, when he was instrumental in organising a concert at the Crystal Palace, the profits of which, amounting to some £90, were appropriated to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. In 1883 he was founder and first W.M. of Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, his services both here and in the Upper Norwood Lodge being appropriately recognised in both cases, while his services are still at the disposal of his Honor Oak brethren in the capacity of Treasurer. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1867, in the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, was Z. in 1874, and for some years held the post of Treasurer. He has served as Festival Steward for all three Institutions, and has constituted himself a Life Governor of them all.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 15th inst., under the banner of the Bective Lodge, No. 1532. Bro. W. Cartmell, P.M. 129, P.S.G.W., presided, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W., as Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers were present:—
Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, as P.S.G.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, as P.J. G.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.G. Chap.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, P.G. Reg.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, as P.S.G.D.; J. Johnston, P.M. 1400, P.J.G.D.; E. Armitage, P.M. 1074, P.G.D.C.; F. Hodgson, P.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1532, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Middleton, P.M. 129, P.A.G. Sec.; H. Burns, P.M. 872, P.G. Purst.; L. Ward, P.M. 1400, P.A.G. Purst.; W. C. Johns, P.M. 119; T. A. Argles, P.M. 129; J. Lewthwaite, W.M. 962; J. Hall, P.M. 1073; and J. J. Wilson, P.M. 1267, Prov. G. Stewards; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Pagen, W.M.; G. Rynie, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Braithwaite, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Steward; T. Beaty, W.M. 310; J. B. Graham, Sec.; A. Bunyan, P.M.; T. Jackson, W.M. 339; J. Gardiner, P.M. 391, P.P.G.R.; E. B. Penrice, W.M.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Brakenridge, W.M. 872; J. Eden, S.W. 962; Ed. Jackson, W.M. 1073; Dr. Gore King, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Atkinson, J.W. 1073; A. Little, W.M. 1400; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; M. C. Williams, W.M. 1532; C. J. Nanson, I.P.M.; J. C. Mason, P.M.; T. B. Richardson, Treas.; H. Ward, W.M. 1989; W. Mayson, P.M. 764; R. Pritchard, 23 (I.C.); and others.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Kendal, September 28th, 1886, were read and confirmed.

The dues from the various lodges of the province and fees of honour were next paid.

Bro. G. W. KENWORTHY then moved as a recommendation to the R.W. P.G.M., which was ably supported by Bro. G. RYRIE, that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge be held under the banner of Lodge No. 119, Whitehaven.

Bro. THOMAS BRAKENRIDGE, W.M. 872, moved as an amendment, that the invitation be given under the united banners of 119 and 872, which the mover and seconder of the recommendation at once agreed to.

There was also an invitation from Greta Lodge, 1073, Keswick, but the former was carried by a large majority.

A Committee was nominated to draw up an address to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and it was also discussed at length the best means of celebrating the Jubilee, when

Bro. MCKAY, Provincial Grand Secretary, moved that the sum of one thousand guineas be raised in the province for the Aged Benevolent Institution, to be named the Jubilee votes, and each lodge that sent a Steward or gave subscriptions, the votes to be named as suggested.

Bro. W. CARTMELL, in the chair, ably seconded the motion, and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the "Binckes" Testimonial Fund.

Two boys were adopted as candidates for the R.M.I. for Boys, and with other general business for the good and welfare of the Provincial Grand Lodge, it was closed in form, and the brethren subsequently dined at the County Hotel, presided over by the acting chief for the day, Bro. Cartmell, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 4th prox.—

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.
To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January, to the 19th April, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance, Grand Chapter	£320 9 0	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter	£261 12 0
Account	205 0 1	„ Balance	478 11 6
„ Subsequent Receipts	421 17 0	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	207 2 7
	£947 6 1		£947 6 1

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. Captain Hugh McLellan, as Z.; Francis James Smith, as H.; John Joyce, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttleton, New Zealand, to be called the Albert Edward Chapter, and to meet at Lyttleton, Canterbury, New Zealand.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Clever, as Z.; Richard Clowes, as H.; Geo. Henry Finch, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford, to be called the Brooke Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd. From Comps. George Cooper, as Z.; John Payne Hall, as H.; William Vernon, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Foresters' Lodge, No. 456, Uttoxeter, to be called the Dove Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, in the county of Stafford.

4th. From Comps. James Harman, as Z.; William David John, as H.; Francis Pinney Adey, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, Penarth, to be called the Tennant Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, in the East District of South Wales.

5th. From Comps. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, as Z.; Joseph David Langton, as H.; James Shepherd Fraser, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, to be called the George Price Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, in the county of Surrey.

6th. From Comps. Edwin Turner, as Z.; Thomas Bynon, as H.; George Francis de Stadter, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 1860, Simons Town, to be called the Phoenix Chapter, and to meet at Simons Town, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

7th. From Comps. Nicholas Belfield Dennys, as Z.; John Phillips Barbet Beal, as H.; Frederick Kersey Jennings, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555, Penang, to be called the Victoria Jubilee Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Penang, Eastern Archipelago.

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

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

From the Principals and members of the Chapter of Faith, No. 321, Crewe, Cheshire.

From the Principals and members of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath.

The Committee, being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that charters of confirmation for the above-named chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial, with copy of minutes, for permission to remove the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, from the Ball's Pond-road, to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned. (Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th April, 1887.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Friday, the 22nd inst., for the installation of M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robt. Townley Caldwell, M.A., Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, P. Prov. G.J., to the office of Grand Superintendent, to which he has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the First Grand Principal.

The ceremony was efficiently performed by the G.S.E., Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke.

The attendance included—

Comps. F. C. Wace, P.G.H.; B. Chennell, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Jarrold, P.G.S.L.; J. S. Youngman, P.G.S.N.; Thomas Nichols, P.G. Treas.; Edward Hills, P.G. Reg.; E. Armytage, P.G. Swd. Br.; and Wm. C. Dewberry, P.G. Org.; Past Principals: Comps. J. Bell, C. W. Morris, J. T. Hiscox, W. Bray, E. H. Jennings, E. Hills, E. M. Money, and C. Parker; Comps. F. Bailey, W. I. Pashler, G. MacCallum, J. V. Pryor, O. Papworth, Frank Piggott, W. P. Spalding, R. Hills, W. Sindall, A. E. Chaplin, J. Wood, A. J. Moyes, W. M. Vanns (Pythagoras); S. H. Sharman, J. Sheldrick, H. King, J. Catling, and T. Best (Fidelity); Dr. Anningson and W. W. Rouse Ball (England); J. R. Green, 228; and others.

The Installing Companion having opened the chapter, the summons convening the convocation was read and the roll of chapters was called.

The INSTALLING COMPANION said the reason that had called them together was alike a sad and a pleasant one. It seemed but the other day that he installed M.E. Comp. James Neal York as Grand Superintendent of the province, but it had pleased the Almighty to call him hence, and they were now assembled to install his successor. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had appointed M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Caldwell, who for a period of something like 20 years had taken an active interest in Masonry in the town of Cambridge, and whose appointment was a just, proper, and popular one. (Applause.) Col. Caldwell was a good and conscientious companion, and might be relied upon to maintain and promote the interests of R.A. Masonry in the province.

A deputation consisting of Comps. E. Hills, J. Bailey, J. T. Hiscox, C. W. Morris, and B. Anningson then introduced the Grand Superintendent designate, who was duly obligated, invested with the insignia of his office, and installed in the First Principal's chair. He presently appointed M.E. Comp. A. H. Moyes, P.Z. 88, as H.; and M.E. Comp. Joseph Bell, P.Z. 441, as J. The latter was obligated and installed, but Comp. Moyes was too ill to be present, and much commiseration was expressed for him in his affliction.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT suitably returned thanks for his appointment, and said he hoped to follow his predecessors worthily, to the advantage of R.A. Masonry in the province.

The chapter re-elected Comp. T. Nichols as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the other Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Comp. W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. Anningson, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. T. Hiscox, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Bray, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" G. McCalum, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
" T. Watts, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. 3rd Soj.
" C. Parker, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. H. Jennings, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" C. A. C. Jones, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. C. Dewberry, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Collier, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Auditor's report on the Treasurer's accounts was read and approved.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT proposed, and M.E. Comp. WACE seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Companion.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE briefly responded; and, after a notice of motion as to Charities, and "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the chapter was closed.

At the banquet, the PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT gave "The Queen" and "The First Grand Principal;" and subsequently proposed "The Health of the Pro First Grand Principal, Present and Past Grand Principals, and other Members of the Supreme Grand Chapter," with which he coupled the name of M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, at the same time thanking him for his kindness in attending the ceremony, notwithstanding the pain he was suffering in his right hand from an old ailment contracted in the Crimea.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in the course of his response, said he rejoiced to know that R.A. Masonry was progressing in a most wonderful manner. There used to be an idea that it would not be well to extend it, but he was glad the idea of restriction had passed away. Every Craft Mason should have the opportunity of taking the culminating part of the Craft Degree, and, very naturally, he would like to take it in a chapter attached to his own lodge. They had in the last regulations helped the companions as much as they reasonably could by reducing the minimum fee from three to two guineas. He was glad to see that had had considerable effect already, and he looked forward to the day when every Craft Mason had either taken or intended to take the R.A. Degree. He thanked the companions for the way in which they had received him. He had virtually only one hand that day, but he was determined not to disappoint his friends in Cambridgeshire. (Applause.) He was glad to come down for the purpose of installing his old friend Comp. Col. Caldwell as Grand Superintendent; and whenever he had an opportunity of doing anything to further their interests he would certainly come amongst them. (Applause.) He would now ask them to drink the toast of the evening. They had met for the purpose of doing honour to their Grand Superintendent. It was a great loss which they had sustained in the death of Comp. York; but there was an old saying—that there was as good fish in the sea as had come out of it, and he hoped and believed that would be exemplified in Comp. Colonel Caldwell, who was initiated there, and had distinguished himself in the University, socially and Masonically, for many years. The choice of the First Grand Principal would be admitted to be a good one. (Applause.) From his record they could not get a better companion for the office, and they certainly could not find a more honest and straightforward man, or one who was more energetic in whatever he took in hand. He, therefore, congratulated the Grand Superintendent upon the high office to which he had attained, and he congratulated the companions upon the Grand Superintendent they had got. Might he live many years to enjoy the honour conferred upon him. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT thanked them exceedingly for the kind way in which they had received the toast. Although there was not a large number of chapters in the province, those chapters were composed of enthusiastic Masons, whose more intimate acquaintance he should have pleasure in making. For that purpose, he asked that the Scribes would forward him the summonses of the various chapters. He trusted they would all return as soon as possible to the restored ritual, which was to be found by attending some of the chapters in London. He hoped they would hold the Provincial Grand Chapter every year, and thus keep alive the cause in which they had a common interest.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." They had that day secured the services of a very efficient set of officers, whilst there was good material upon which to draw in the future. He could guarantee that all those who had been chosen would do their work well. Two of them were Mayors of their respective towns (Wisbech and Saffron Walden). With the toast he should couple the names of Comps. Chennell and Bell. Comp. Chennell was one of the past officers, and was now acting for Comp. Moyes, who was confined to his room, and whom they would all condole with. Comp. Bell had practised the Masonic art at King's Lynn, Cambridge, Saffron

Walden, and other places, and every lodge had flourished under, or profited by, his assistance.

Comp. CHENNELL made a feeling allusion to the late Grand Superintendent, Comp. York, and expressed the belief that he would be worthily succeeded by Comp. Caldwell. Personally, he should at any time be pleased to place his services at their command.

Comp. BELL hoped the anticipations of the Grand Superintendent would be verified.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT next gave "The Visitors," and explained that many old companions were unavoidably absent, including Comps. Martyn, Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, Capt. Phillips, Brownrigg, and others. He coupled with the toast the names of Comps. Morris and Green.

Comp. MORRIS said that when they opened their Royal Arch Chapter at Lynn he was sent over to Cambridge to take lessons, and they had profited by the instructions he received. They were proud of their Chapter Philanthropic, and were proud to have assisted in consecrating other chapters. He hoped on the 9th of May to instal the Principals in his own chapter. He was pleased to hear that they should go back to the old theory of learning their ritual by hearty and honest work.

Comp. GREEN congratulated the Grand Superintendent on the attainment of his high office, on behalf of those members of the Isaac Newton University Lodge who were not members of the Euclid Chapter.

The Janitor's toast brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire was held on the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, under the banner of the Copley Lodge, No. 111. The R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. G. Mark Master of West Yorks, presided, and there were present—

Bros. V.W. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., G. Chap., as D.P.G.M.; Geo. Althorp, Prov. S.W.; H. France, P.P.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; W. F. Tomlinson, Prov. G.M.O.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.P.G.R., as Prov. G.S.O.; John Turner, Prov. G.J.O.; Rev. W. Dunn, Prov. G. Chap.; W. R. Massie, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Cooke, Prov. G.O.; Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Hill, Prov. S.G.D.; James G. Lee, Prov. J.G.D.; H. A. Styring, Prov. G. of I. Wks.; E. J. Massie, Prov. G.D. of C. Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; R. Hodgson, as Prov. G.S.B.; G. F. Carr, as Prov. G. Org.; Fred Barber, Prov. G.I.G.; Wm. Ackroyd, G. H. Locking, and Jas. Dewherst, Prov. G. Stwds; S. Barrand, as Prov. G. Iyler; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.W.; R. Nelson, P.P.G.O.; H. G. Holdsworth, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Robertshaw, 58; H. Oxley, 110; Thos. Myers, 111; W. Flockton, 111; McGill, 357; and others.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the salutation of the brethren, said: It gives me great pleasure to meet the members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in Leeds. This is the fifth time during the last 10 years that we have met here at the invitation of the Copley Lodge. Since we met at Sheffield we have added another to our list of West Yorkshire lodges, the St. Chad's, No. 374, which is named after the saint to which the church is dedicated of which its esteemed Master is the vicar. Assisted by my Prov. Grand Officers and Deputy Prov. G. Officers, it was my privilege to consecrate the lodge in February last, and to install our V.W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chap. of England, as its first Master. (Applause.) I am sure it is very gratifying to us, as Mark Master Masons, to know that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has appointed our worthy brother Grand Chaplain of England of the Craft for the ensuing year, thus enabling our honoured brother to hold at the same time the office of Grand Chaplain of England, both in Craft and Mark Masonry. (Applause.) I am sure I am only re-echoing the wishes of all here when I offer him our hearty congratulations, and express the hope that it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to grant him health and strength long to enjoy the honours showered upon him. (Loud applause.) I may say that our Halifax brethren have petitioned for an Ark Mariner's lodge to be attached to their Mark lodge, and that the Grand Master has granted the petition. The lodge will be consecrated by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Mauer, on the 16th May. We are on the eve of celebrating the completion of H.M. the Queen's fiftieth year as Sovereign of these realms, and I have thought it well to put upon the agenda for this meeting a resolution of congratulation. (Applause.) As Englishmen and as Masons we have much to be thankful for (applause); during her Majesty's reign Freemasonry has made wonderful progress; not only have our lodges multiplied, but also our Charitable Institutions have made rapid strides. (Applause.) We have been free from the opposition that has assailed our Order in other lands, whether it be the anathema of the Pope, whether it be the uprooting of the landmarks, as in France, or the persistent and ever recurring assaults, as in America. Let our loyalty to our Sovereign and our Grand Master to whom we owe so much, be shown by a consistent carrying out of the great principles of the Order. (Applause.) I have recently received a letter from my Registrar, Bro. Redyard Massie, P.M., making two very valuable suggestions, for which I thank him very sincerely. First he recommends that, as we have begun the quarterage system, we should require each lodge to keep an official register, as in the Craft, wherein shall be entered copies of the yearly returns of Master, Past Masters, and Officers; and secondly, he recommends that when a brother seeks to join from another town where there is a Mark lodge, enquiry should be made of such lodge before he is admitted. Those of us who have endeavoured to draw up the history or obtain information about our lodges in the past have found how very valuable copies of the lists of members have proved. We cannot be too particular as to our records, and I heartily recommend the Prov. G. Registrar's suggestions to your adoption. (Applause.) May I before I sit down say a few words which appeared recently in a Masonic print, words I am sure that ought to have the most careful attention of every earnest Mark Mason. Speaking of Past Masters, that journal says "A useful Past Master is one who is diligent in his attendance at lodge, one who did not go through the chairs "pro formâ," but who was in truth as well as in name Master; his growth as a Mason continues until the day of his death. He is a teacher who is always a learner. His education as a Mason he feels is never completed. . . . The purely ornamental Past Master is one who loses not his interest in the lodge sufficiently to be absent from it, but who when present is content to sit perfectly quiet. . . . He occupies his place, but does not fill it. He wears the title, but does not wear himself." Brethren, Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon, and growing out of, the necessities of men, as social, intellectual, and religious beings. It has proved its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages. Amid the rivalries and antagonisms of actual life, there is a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and such necessities as will satisfy the longings of our social

nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded; hence it cannot fail to exist. It must grow and prosper with the development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive, it makes no issues, and sets up no rivalries with other Institutions. But gathering up the ages it recognises the inner cravings of the soul, and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs. (Applause.)

The ACTING D. PROV. G. MASTER also very feelingly acknowledged the salutations and the warm approval that had been shown in his appointment in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Mark Lodge.

On the roll of lodges being called, the whole of the lodges in the province were found to be represented.

On the motion of the PROV. G. MASTER, the following address was adopted with acclamation:—"May it please your Majesty, we, the members of the Grand Lodge of West Yorks of Mark M.M.'s of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, humbly crave permission to approach your Majesty, and sincerely tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the attainment of the 50th year of your Majesty's happy and prosperous reign. We most earnestly, too, pray that it may please T.G.O.O.T.U. long to spare your Majesty to reign over your vast empire, and to grant to all the various races of mankind who faithfully enjoy your Majesty's beneficent rule, continued happiness, prosperity, and peace. Leeds, 20th April, 1887."

Bro. Dr. SMYTH then delivered the lecture in Mark Masonry.

On the motion of the PROV. G. REGISTRAR, it was agreed that each lodge in the province be required to keep an official lodge register, in which should be copied the returns to the Grand and Prov. Grand Lodges, and also that when a brother seeks to become a member in another town than that in which he resides, enquiry should be made of the Mark lodge in that town.

An invitation from the lodge at Barnsley to hold the next Prov. Grand Lodge in that town was accepted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that at the last lodge he had had the pleasure of presenting to each Master of a lodge a copy of the Book of Constitutions to lay upon the pedestal; he now had pleasure in supplementing that gift by a copy of Prov. Grand Lodge By-laws.

Cordial thanks having been expressed for the gift, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to high tea.

CONSECRATION OF THE INVICTA MARK LODGE, No. 378.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place at the Bank-street Hall, Ashford, on Wednesday, the 29th inst. A great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings, brethren attending in considerable numbers from different parts of the province and from London. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, while Bro. C. F. Matier, Past G.W., performed the responsible duties of D.C.

There were also present—

Bros. Earl Amherst, Past G.M. Eng.; J. S. Eastes, P.G. Org. (W.M. designate); Pödevin, P.D.P.G.M.; Cozens, P.G.O.; C. V. Cotterell, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Masterman, Prov. S.G.W.; A. Denton, Prov. S.G.D.; F. Wood, P.P.G.M.O.; A. H. Bateman, Prov. G.M.O.; W. B. Kennett, W.M. 1436; J. Bordeaux, Prov. J.G.D.; J. E. Wilsher, Prov. G.S.O.; A. Holbein, Prov. G.J.O.; S. H. White, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; T. Cooper, Prov. G.I.G.; R. H. Plattin, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Watson, P.P.G.I.G.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Abel Penfold, P.P.G.M.O.; G. Page, P.P.G. Treas.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.P.G. Chap.; Hughes Hallett, Thorpe, R. Elliott, J. J. Pattison, F. Mitchell, W.M. 364; E. Palmer, S.W. 226; and many others.

The R.W.P.G.M. opened the lodge, and appointed his officers (pro tem.)

A deputation of Grand Officers retired to receive the M.W.P.G.M., the Earl Amherst, and conducted him into the lodge.

The ballot was then taken for the admission of the brethren whose names were on the agenda paper for advancement, which ceremony was very ably performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings.

The Presiding Officer addressed the brethren, and the founders of the lodge, viz., Bros. Earl Amherst, J. S. Eastes, F. Hughes-Hallett, B. K. Thorpe, Robert Elliott, J. J. Pattison, M.A., and C. G. Robinson, commander R.N., were arranged in order, and the warrant and petition read. The Presiding Officer inquired of the brethren of the new lodge if they approved of the officers named in the warrant. These were Bros. J. S. Eastes, P.M., P.P.G.W. Kent, W.M.; B. K. Thorpe, P.P.G.M.O. Kent, S.W.; J. J. Pattison, M.A., M.O.; Rev. P. J. Syré, Ph.D., S.O.; A. Legge, J.O.; Rev. G. D. Pagden, M.A., Chap.; R. Elliott, Treas.; John Brothers, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; C. S. A. Atkinson, S.D.; H. H. Green, J.D.; S. W. Shaw, I.G.; and John Cooke, Tyler. The brethren having signified their approval, the Presiding Officer proceeded to constitute the lodge, and the invocation having been given, V.W. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, Past G. Chap. England, and Dep. Grand Master of the Province, in the absence of the Prov. G. Chaplain, delivered the oration.

Having expressed regret at the unavoidable engagement which prevented Bro. Rev. J. P. Britton attending in his place, he said R.W.P.G. Master, M.W.P. G.M., and brethren: It is impossible to compress within the few minutes before us, anything like an exhaustive consideration of Mark Masonry in its varied aspects, its nature, as exhibited in the purity of its principles, its antiquity, ancient as the foundations and buildings of the old world, its history, bound up with other degrees in their progress and development, its watchwords, Mark well, do justly, practice Charity, work diligently in His Temple whose servants we are. All these would be interesting topics on which to enlarge, but it will suffice on the present occasion if I make a few suggestive remarks, which, without wearying those to whom the subject is familiar, may yet indicate certain lines of enquiry, profitable for students and younger members to pursue for themselves. From the earliest time Operative Masons seem to have used a Mark, by which each man's work might be known to himself and to his overseer. These Mason's marks to some have appeared to possess a deeper and greater significance than contained in a mere identification of the Craftsman's work. We know that in the religious symbolism of the Ancients, the triangle, the sacred tau, the pentalpha contained a hidden meaning and a hidden language known only to the initiated, concealed from the outside world, and the fact remains that the marks of Masons divided by long centuries in time, and tens of thousands of miles apart, are identical. The same deeply indented outlines have been found on the ruins of the old world, wide apart as the Antipodes. Excavated stones of the Holy Temple, the ruined buildings and Temples of the Western American Continent, Egypt's monuments on the banks of the Nile, and the remains

of monasteries and cathedrals in these British Islands, all bear witness to the cosmopolitan genius of Masonry; appeal to us down the dim vista of past ages in the silent language of Mason's marks, comprehended and explained in this our Order, and then blended with this, our ritual, includes the idea, ancient enough in its conception and practice, of the mark or pledge of friendship given by one Mason to another, of which you have heard in the ceremony just concluded, calling out the kindest and highest impulses of our human nature, mutual forbearance and Charity, knitting and cementing in close unity, the ties of Masonic brotherhood. It is not my purpose, and you will not wish me to enter on a disquisition on the ritual of the Mark—it is intelligible to the student of the various Degrees of Freemasonry, and takes its own natural and proper place in the development of the whole Masonic system; but I should like to make one or two general remarks before concluding. Mark Masonry, as a part of a great whole, has been subjected to attack from the cowed and the would-be intruder—in most cases from those who either know nothing whatever of our mysteries or their purport, or who have obtained a garbled or fictitious notion of them from unworthy sources. We are political—dangerous and disloyal to the State. We can afford to smile at the display of ignorance involved in such a charge. We are a secret Society, to be suspected as such, of evil doings and designs, but surely, brethren, secrecy is no more in itself a proof of guilt than that the secret doing of alms is an unworthy deed. Our lodges are irreligious, or at least anti-Christian in their vows and tenets. Well, brethren, it has been truly said, and we do well to repeat it, Freemasonry is not religion though it is its handmaid, and it is of every religion that can claim as we can, no less than in the brotherhood of the Craft, to be judged by results. "By their fruits ye shall know them," there is no other way for us or for them. A Mason's lodge, and a Mark Mason's not less than others, ought to be, may I not say it is, a school for the display of virtue. Temperance, in the restraint that we place in our language and our behaviour. Patience, in the industry with which we cultivate a knowledge of ritual, and obedience to the rulers and powers that be. Improvement in social culture and the study of the vast outspreading field of Masonic literature. And what shall I say of Friendship? Some of the most treasured friendships of a life have been made in a Mason's lodge. It is one of its brightest phases as we grow older, one too, that I am sure is the experience of not a few who are here to-day, that we can look back with unalloyed and lasting pleasure on friendships with men, whom we should never have known at all, but for Freemasonry. I say little of our symbols, which find their proper place and meaning in our midst. Of the teachings of the corn, and wine, and oil in the consecration ceremony, emblems of plenty, speaking to us of those virtues most needed in a time of plenty, temperance, and Charity. The volume of the sacred law our surest guide in the path of happiness as well as of duty. The All-seeing eye, reminding us of Omniscience that never slumbers nor sleeps, and the working tools and implements which find each its own proper allusion and significance in illustration of our work, both in the lodge and in the life. We Mark Masons, are taught in our ceremonies, to do justice, to love mercy, to cover up the infirmities and failings of a brother, to aid the fallen to recover themselves, to live in peace and love. If we do this—nay, just in so far as we do this, we shall prove to the world that our Masonry is something more to us than a mere name, or an empty creed, that our principles are founded, not on maxims of the world's philosophy, but on those eternal truths and moral precepts, which, from first to last, have had the approving mark of the Great Overseer himself; aye, and of Him too, who is our great exemplar in things human and divine, who is in Himself the personal embodiment of all love, self-sacrifice and truth.

The Presiding Officer dedicated and constituted the lodge, and the installation of the Worshipful Master was then most impressively performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, the V.W. Bro. J. Smith Eastes, presiding.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and loyally received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., M.W. the Earl of Kintore, and Past G. Master of the Order," coupling the name of M.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst, Past M.W.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Earl AMHERST, in reply, reminded the brethren of the changes that had come to the Order since the early days when the pioneers of Mark Masonry in this country stood shoulder to shoulder for the honour of the cause. He could not forget the labours of such men as Canon Portal—a P.M.W.G.M.—and Bro. Binckes, who had worked so honourably for the truest interests of the Order. He was sorry to have appeared in such scanty clothing as his Apron and Collar had been forgotten in London; but it reminded him of the day when he entered, poor and apparently penniless, into Masonry, and now, as then, the brethren had come forward generously to clothe his nakedness. Yet he was proud of the old, faded, simple clothing of a Grand Master of the days long passed, in thrilling contrast to the gorgeous apparel of the present. It aptly symbolised the progress and development of the Order, and also the dangers that attended its present prosperity. The Prince of Wales would, no doubt, devote his interest to the Mark as he had to the Craft, and it could not fail to be of immense advantage to the Order. Happily, the differences which once existed, which might have developed into bitterness and hostility, were now buried, and the Mark would go on and prosper. He congratulated the lodge on its good fortune in having so able and excellent a Mason as Bro. Eastes as its first Master, in whose hands it was certain to be successful.

The toast of "The M.W. Dep. G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by W. Bro. WM. MASTERMAN, M.A., Prov. S.G.W., who, referring to the growing importance and reputation of the Mark Degree, said that it was of enormous advantage to the Order that the Grand Officers and rulers were ever ready to carry on the traditions bequeathed to them by their predecessors. It must be very gratifying to the brethren that among the Grand Officers present at the consecration of the Invicta Lodge, they were permitted to see such inimitable work as that of R.W. Bro. Matier, P.G.W., the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and his Deputy, whose equals in the exposition of Masonic ritual it would be very difficult to find. There were others too who deserved mention. The W.M. himself was a Grand Officer, but as all the brethren he had named would be called upon to speak to other toasts, he would couple this one with the name of Bro. Horatio Ward, Grand Deacon.

Bro. WARD, in replying, said that the Grand Officers were only too pleased when called upon to assist in furthering the true progress of Mark Masonry, and it was a source of genuine gratification to himself and to the Grand Officers, who were also members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, to see another lodge consecrated in the province, with such fair prospects and such a distinguished brother as the W.M. He begged to give them the best wishes of the Grand Officers for a happy and prosperous career.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent," said that brother was so well known everywhere that no words of his were needed to introduce the toast; but nowhere was Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson esteemed and appreciated more than in Ashford. He was a very close friend to many present. He had endeared himself to them during many years of pleasant intercourse in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and now he had, as P.G. M.M., given the last evidence of his interest in them in the consecration of the Invicta Mark Lodge. He trusted that the G.O.O.T.U. would spare Bro. Robinson to be their Prov. G.M. for many years to come.

The P.G. MASTER, in his reply, gave a most excellent summary of what Mark Masonry had been in the past—in the days of 1856 and subsequently. He pressed the junior members of the Order to become students, not only of the ritual, but

also of the history of the Order, and to read the works of Hughan, Gould, Findel, Mackey, and the records of Grand Lodge in 1856, it would amply repay them. They would find things to astonish them; they would learn how in many instances the Mark had been handed down from father to son, to his son again. How it had been a moot point whether it was an adjunct to the F.C., or whether it might be coeval with the E.A. Certainly more ancient than the R.A. as now practised. Where did it come from? Its beginning was lost in the mists of the past ages. They could not do better than follow the line indicated by the Grand Chaplain in the eloquent oration he had that day pronounced. He (Bro. Robinson) had heard a great many, and had delivered many himself, but he was fain to yield the palm to his worthy Deputy, who had, in very terse, but clear and beautiful, language given them one of the noblest orations possible to imagine. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the kindness with which they invariably received him. It had been a very pleasant day for him, and he had hoped to have found a happy coincidence in the presence of M.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, who installed him in the throne of the province, and of Bro. Canon Portal, who years before had inaugurated the Province of Kent; that brother, however, had been unable to be present. He begged the brethren to accept his heartiest thanks.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G. Master, V.W. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, P.G. Chap., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." He was sure the brethren could not fail to have been struck by the masterly way in which the Deputy Prov. G. Master had performed the ceremony of advancement, but that was not all, in his dual capacity, and acting for the Prov. G. Chap., he had given them an oration, which, for the sake of the Order, and of those who listened to it, he should desire to see printed and circulated far and wide; for it was the most eloquent and brilliant addresses in Masonry that he had ever heard. They all would know, as he himself did, that the work of a Deputy P.G.M. was not light, but in Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, they had one who was always ready when and wherever there was Masonic work to do, and he ventured, even in his presence, to say that the P.G.M. would never have a better or more worthy Dep. Prov. G.M. than the distinguished Mason who now occupied that position. The Prov. Grand Officers had been most kind in their assistance, and he hoped the brethren would drink the toast with heartiness and cordiality.

Bro. the Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS said he should have difficulty in responding were it not for the fact that he might speak for the other Prov. G. Officers as well as for himself. He felt that the W.M. had spoken out of the feelings of friendship which actuated him, and he was glad to think what he had said in the lodge in the course of the oration had made an impression upon those who listened, probably it was so, because the words came from the heart, and from the full conviction of their truth. He rejoiced to serve under so distinguished a P.G.M. He looked on it as one of those happy circumstances that come so seldom in a life, that years ago he had come to reside in Kent, and once within the limits of the province had come to know the W.M. of the Invicta, the P.G.M., and men like them, with whom he trusted his friendship would end only with life. He could not help feeling very jealous for the honour of the province of Kent, and his great desire, and pride, was to maintain its honestly acquired reputation for everything that was good in Masonry, and he felt that the P.G.M. must be extremely gratified that, out of the whole number of Prov. Grand Officers of the year, summoned to attend in their places that day, only one was absent, and that from unavoidable duty. The Prov. Grand Officers were ever proud and happy in performing their duty under such a P.G.M. in a manner which would maintain his honour and that of the province.

"The W.M. of the Invicta Lodge" was proposed by the P.G. MASTER, who reminded the brethren of the necessity of themselves emulating each other in the endeavour to support the V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, who had that day been entrusted with the government of the lodge. He was well known to them all, deeply respected for his Masonic work, and greatly beloved for the very great kindness of heart which distinguished his life. The fortunes of the Invicta Lodge were bright—started with every prospect of success, and the future would be to them what they chose to make it for themselves.

Bro. EASTES briefly replied, thanking the P.G.M. for his kindly words, and assuring the brethren that he felt he should have their continued support. Before sitting down he would like to propose the next toast. Starting as they were under the happiest auspices, with a brilliant gathering of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, with most perfectly rendered ceremonies, he felt they were under a very great debt of gratitude to those who were the Consecrating Officers, more especially to the P.G.M. and to the D.P.G.M., whose perfection of work was in everyone's mind.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers" having been honoured, and the P.G. MASTER, for himself and the others, having briefly responded,

Bro. B. SNELL proposed, in a few appropriate words, "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. R. H. PLATTIN, P.G. Std. Br., 6, replied in a few cordial words of thanks.

The important toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was proposed by Bro. J. J. PATRISON, M.O. 378, and he named the V.W.P.G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. to reply.

Bro. Rev. H. CUMMINGS said he regretted very much that the London train had taken so many brethren away before this toast, and especially Bro. Matier, the genial and indefatigable Secretary of the Fund, who was never so happy as when promoting the great cause to which he was devoted. Had Bro. Matier been speaking they would have been able to hear how much, and in what way, good was the outcome of this special Charity of the Order, but he would do his best to supply the information desirable. After making clear the objects and present position of the Fund, the D.P.G.M. remarked that they would be as glad to hear, as he was to announce, that at the forthcoming Festival in July every Mark Lodge in the Province of Kent would be represented by one or more Stewards, and that their W.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, had consented to represent the Invicta Lodge on the occasion. This was matter for congratulation, because the Chairman of the Festival would be the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.M.W.G.M., the highly respected and loved P.G.M. in the Craft in Kent, and for the honour of the province it was trusted the men of Kent would work shoulder to shoulder to make the Festival a greater success than has ever been attained before. In a few well chosen words of advice to the younger brethren the Deputy Grand Master proposed the toast of "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," reminding them that in the learning and exposition of their Masonic work they must be as their motto "Invicta."

Bros. J. BROTHERS, Sec. and Reg., responded to this toast, as did the S.W. Bro. F. HUGHES HALLETT, P.P.G.W. Kent, to that of "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable red letter day in the history of Kentish Masonry to a close.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CATALOGUE OF MASONIC BOOKS AND MSS. (I.)

As there will be published weekly in the *Freemason*, lists of Masonic works for sale, until the lot is exhausted, it has been considered desirable for a few words to be said respecting each list as it appears from time to time, beginning with the first of the 23rd April, 1887. Many of the volumes are not only of great rarity, but are of special interest and value to the student of Masonic History. No brother's library, for instance, would be considered

complete without a complete set of the Books of Constitutions from 1723 to 1884. The Catalogue in question does not contain such a set, neither are we aware where such can be obtained, for there are not more than two or three complete sets in England, to obtain which almost a fabulous sum would have to be paid. To begin with, however, there is the first edition of the Constitutions of the year 1723, of great rarity and value. The copy has the Frontispiece, and is in an excellent state. As stated in the note appended, such a work must always be "*The gem in all Masonic Libraries;*" especially when we remember how limited was the number issued, and how seldom a copy occurs for sale. All subsequent issues have taken this precious volume as the basis for the regulations of the Craft, and even now, the version of the "Old Charges," in the last edition of 1884, is substantially the same as published in 1723. It has been termed "Dr. Desagulier's Constitutions" in error, the Rev. James Anderson being really the Author of the historical portion, and apparently, the Laws were compiled by Grand Master Payne. Several reprints have been circulated, so few brethren being able to secure copies of the originals, some of which are represented in the List, e.g. Cox's of 1871, also an American, and best of all, the one of Kenning's Archæological Library, which has a reproduction of the noted "Wilson M.S." of the 17th century.

The fourth edition is likewise catalogued of 1767, which is really the 2nd edition of the Rev. John Entick's of 1756, and having the Frontispiece, is a special attraction. The fifth complete edition will also be found in the list of the year 1784, having the Bartolozzi Frontispiece. These two volumes, and especially the junior, are most useful for historical purposes, as they contain most interesting abstracts of the minutes of the Grand Lodge from 1723 to the years of issue, not to be had else, and that of 1784, was the last which contained that important information. Curious to say, as Bro. Hughan has already explained in his series of the Constitutions, 1723-1784 (to which we direct our readers), the subsequent editions of 1815-9, and 1827, were circulated as part two in each case, but part one, with the History was never published, though promised by Bro. W. Williams, Prov. G.M. Dorset, who was the Editor of the first copy after the "Union" of December, 1813. 1827 is represented in the catalogue (part two, as noted), and later editions of 1841 and 1847.

Other works of last century contained reproductions of the "Constitutions," such as "Pocket Companions," of which one of 1764 by Scott, is for sale, with a valuable list of lodges and frontispiece intact. Another of these Pocket Companions is also inserted of the year 1831, by Bro. Archdeacon Mant, the value of which is enhanced, because it has a roll of lodges made up within a short period of the alteration in the numbers, 1832. Neither must we omit to notice Calcott's "Candid Disquisitions" of 1769, whilst on this subject, if only to refer to the extraordinary list of subscribers, with the names of many lodges, about which, until Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" was issued, little was known.

Of foreign "Books of Constitutions" there is the scarce copy of 1798, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the value of which has surely been overlooked by American collectors. Ireland, New Hampshire and other Bodies are duly catalogued as respects early or late issues of their regulations, and also several of the additional or "Higher" Degrees for this country and abroad.

Of the "Atholl Masons," only one for the year 1807 is to be found. The fact is there are not many of these to be met with, especially the earlier editions, beginning with 1756.

Of the revered Dr. Oliver's works there is quite a little library to be examined. In "Kenning's Cyclopædia," Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford well observes "There is hardly one subject of Masonic interest which Dr. Oliver has not opened out, debated upon, and illustrated, with a wonderful amount of scholarly learning and plodding research." It is well for us to remember he wrote at a time when Masonic literature was discouraged, and therefore all the more credit is due to him for his labours. We believe his first work was printed in 1820, viz., the "Antiquities," soon followed by the "Star in the East," "Signs and Symbols," &c. There are nine different works—some having more than one edition—printed in the catalogue, one being of excessive rarity, on the Royal Arch Degree of 1847. His "Revelations of a Square" (1855) is a most pleasant gossip book, and cannot fail to attract our younger brethren, if they consult its pages.

Then again, Preston is not unrepresented, his noted "Illustrations of Masonry," which came out first in 1772, but was not really historically treated then, being on the list with editions for 1801 and 1821. Dr. Morris' works, of which so few have been circulated in this country, are also on offer as respects his *Dictionary* of 1876, "Lights and Shadows" (two editions) and "Holy Land" (1873), any of which are worth a study by brethren who seek for Masonic light. There are also five volumes by the esteemed and lamented Dr. Mackey, who was the great "Masonic Lawyer" of the United States, his "Masonic Parliamentary Law" being a standard work on the subject, now, as it has long been.

One of the scarcest of modern works is Bro. A. O. Haye's "Persecutions of the Knights Templars" (1865), which, with Addison's "Temple Church" and "Knights Templars" form a most desirable trio for any Knight Templar's library. The illustrations of Addison's volumes are of special interest.

Passing over other books, we come to the Freemasons' Magazines, of which there are several kinds from 1834. In the catalogue for October, 1885, the last century "mags" were represented, *re* Dublin 1793-5, but these are sold. For this century, however, the list begins with the first published, in 1834, down to 1859—*twenty-seven volumes*—being all issued of the octavo size. Another set comprises all that publication whilst issued quarterly, extending from 1834 to 1854, twenty-one volumes in all. The "*first series*," ran from 1834 to 1842, and known as the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" (nine volumes), which was followed by the "*second series*" of 12 volumes—1843 to 1853. The *third issue* began in 1855, and was called the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," and was continued to June, 1859. The whole of these sets are to be found in the catalogue (in half calf), and at less than a pound per volume. The *quarto* "Freemasons' Magazine" was begun in July, 1859, and ended on November 4th, 1871, being, however, practically superseded by the *Freemason* from the year 1869.

Unfortunately, there is but one volume in the catalogue of the valuable "National Freemason," edited by Dr. Mackey, being Volume 3, for 1873. The note states but the simple truth that it was "one of the ablest edited Masonic magazines ever published. Each volume is complete in itself."

In our second article we hope to conclude our notice of the *English* Masonic works.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO MISS DAVIS.

The annual visit on Saturday last to this Institution of the Grand Officers of the year was the occasion of an interesting ceremony—the presentation of a testimonial to Miss Davis on her completion of 25 years' service as Head Governess of the Institution. The testimonial, which consisted of a pair of handsome bracelets and a purse containing one hundred guineas, was presented by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution, who, in an interesting and effective speech, referred to the circumstances under which, 25 years ago, the Committee invited Miss Davis, then head teacher in the London Orphan Asylum, to undertake the very important and responsible duties she has since so well and thoroughly discharged. After referring to the fact that since Miss Davis's appointment the School had increased from 80 to 245 pupils, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton especially noticed the great rise Miss Davis had effected in the standard of the education afforded by the School, as evidence of which he referred to the large number of girls who, year by year, had successfully passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, in addition to those who had obtained diplomas from the Royal College of Preceptors, and had also passed the examinations by the Science and Art Department at South Kensington. He also paid a well-merited tribute of praise not only to the educational staff of the School and Miss Buck, the recently-appointed Matron—all of whom were indebted to Miss Davis for their most excellent training and accomplishments—but also to former pupils of the School who were filling important positions in connection with kindred educational establishments. Miss Davis having acknowledged, in a few well-chosen and happily-expressed words, the honour which had been done her, and her sense of the kindness of those to whom she was indebted for so handsome a gift, the company witnessed the calisthenic exercises, which the girls performed with their usual grace and excellence. After listening to the rehearsal of a very admirable musical performance and some recitations, which many of our readers will have an opportunity of hearing at the forthcoming Stewards' visit, the visitors separated, all of them greatly impressed with the good and admirable work being carried out at the Institution.

Among the visitors present we noticed Bro. Sir Horace and Lady Jones, Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W.; Mrs. Howell, Miss E. M. Howell, Frank W. Forrester, Lillie Forrester, W. H. Perryman, Mrs. Perryman, Mrs. C. H. Perryman, Rev. W. Watkins, Mrs. W. Watkins, Miss Vera Watkins, May W. Hood, Miss Maude Matthews, A. Grieve, Ethel Frewer, Bertha Frewer, John Barnett, Mrs. F. Robbins, M. Turner, Bradbury Turner, E. M. Dillon, Agnes Dillon, S. L. Meacher, Joseph Savory, Miss Dawe, Lieut.-Col. Kersteman, Dr. Mosse, Rudolph Glover, Col. McCallum, Miss M. McCallum, Miss Travers, Mr. F. W. Coles, G. B. Watson, E. B. Watson, G. Bowyer, W. Smithett, General Faunthorpe, Capt. Gosset, Mrs. Gosset, Miss Augusta Gosset, George Harlow, Mrs. Harlow, sen., Mrs. J. S. Harlow, Wm. Paas, John L. Mather, Maria Nixey, J. M. Case, Miss Case, Miss May, Miss Marion May, Mrs. Clutton and family, J. A. Le Feuvre, Eugène Monteuis, Rev. John Toone, Mrs. Toone, Horace Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, Walter Towne, A. T. Layton, M.P., Marian Hill, Rev. J. E. Clarke, Mrs. Spencer Jones, M. G. Clarke, C. H. Webb, Peter De L. Long, Robert Grey, J. H. Matthews, F. R. W. Hedges, C. F. Hogard, and E. St. Clair.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

CHILDREN'S MASONIC CARNIVAL IN READING.

One of the most interesting sights ever witnessed in Reading was the Children's Masonic Carnival, held in the Town Hall, on Thursday night, the 21st inst., and those who were present will probably never forget it; it will undoubtedly prove a red letter day in the memory of the children who took part in it. The inception of the idea, though it no doubt grew as the preparation for the celebration proceeded, does great credit to its originator, as well as to the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges who took up the idea, and to the whole body of Freemasons who carried it out. At a preliminary meeting of the brethren, held in the early part of February, to consider in what manner the Freemasons of Reading should celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, on the suggestion of Bro. F. J. Ferguson, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the Worshipful Masters of the respective lodges of Reading should, on their own account, issue invitations to the Masons and their friends of Reading and the neighbourhood to a children's Masonic carnival. The following Worshipful Masters of the ancient Craft therefore issued invitations for the carnival held on the evening above named: Bro. J. W. Martin, W.M. 414; W. Ravenscroft, W.M. 1101; C. H. Tench, W.M. 2043; F. J. Ferguson, W.M. 235; E. Margrett, W.M. 18; J. E. Sydenham, W.M. elect, 2043; and W. W. Ridley, W.M. elect 235.

The invitations cards themselves were quite a work of art, and are worthy of preservation as a memorial of the Jubilee. Not only were those who received invitations to celebrate the event in a way which would be remembered by their children indebted to the above-mentioned brethren, but the town was also indebted to them for benefiting the trade of the town. In consequence of the large number of acceptances and the limited accommodation at their disposal it was impossible to extend the invitations so generally as the Worshipful Masters would have wished. Dispensations were granted from the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, and by the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Berks and Oxon, to wear Masonic clothing.

The New Town Hall was set apart for the reception and entertainment of the children and their parents and friends. The platform was arranged as a stage, and was tastefully adorned with plants and shrubs. The space underneath the balconies was arranged with settees and lounges for the children's friends, and Chinese lanterns were suspended from the balconies. The old hall was fitted up as a cloak room, ladies' retiring room, and the refreshment room; the Council Chamber was the reception room and the Committee room a second refreshment room. There were also

other retiring rooms. The steps leading up to the Municipal Buildings were carpeted and lined with plants and shrubs, and lighted with small lanterns, and lamps were suspended over the steps and the corridors, which were decorated after the same style, and with Masonic emblems. The large corridor in front of the new hall was filled up as a lounge. The entrance for the children and their parents was under the clock tower, and for those who were to witness the carnival, by the doorway near St. Lawrence's Church. The fittings and decorations were well carried out by Messrs. Sparrow and Mr. Phippen, under the direction of Bro. F. J. Ferguson and Bro. W. Ravenscroft.

The doors were opened at five o'clock, at which hour the guests began to assemble. The Tylers were Bro. Stevens and Hemmings. The guests were received and introduced by Bros. C. B. Tubbs, T. J. Pulley, P.M.; W. G. Flanagan, P.M.; M. J. Withers, P.M.; H. Creed, and C. G. Hawkes. Bros. J. H. Walters, J. T. Dodd, C. Slaughter, Hukins, Bennett, and C. E. Hewett were on duty in the corridors, and directed the guests to the large hall, where they were received and marshalled by Bros. Sherwood, Hickie, Tirbutt, F. Blackwell, P.M.; G. W. Webb, P.M.; J. H. Hawkes, P.M.; W. G. Millar, R. C. Mount, P.M.; J. T. Stransom, T. E. Hill, James, and J. W. Lindars. Programmes were distributed by Bro. W. Ferguson and C. Oades. The Stewards in the balcony were Bro. R. L. Reed, Sherwin, J. R. Hayward, Hart, Lawes, Stewart, F. Brown, Sparrow, and J. T. Brown. Bros. Parry, Stubbington, Greenaway, Rayner, Millard, and E. Ridley were the cloak room Stewards. Bros. F. J. Ferguson and J. E. Sydenham were the M.C.'s of the dancing. During the assembling of the guests, Mr. Davis gave an organ recital. Owing to the illness of their daughter, the Mayor and Mrs. Hill were unable to attend.

There was dancing at intervals to the strains of Davis' band, interspersed with entertainments, and some of the children danced exceedingly well. The great feature of the evening, however, was the procession. The children were marshalled by Bros. F. J. Ferguson and J. E. Sydenham, in the old hall, in order of height, and marched into the new hall, headed by four pages—Masters Percy and John Ferguson, Master Harold Ravenscroft, and Master Launcelot Martin. As the children came along the corridor the sight was a splendid one, but, if possible, it was excelled when they had all filed into the hall and taken their places in the dance. The "tout ensemble" was magnificent, and the onlookers in the balconies loudly applauded the children. During the course of the evening the Worshipful Masters, the hosts of the evening, entertained their guests, little and big, in a generous and hearty manner. During the proceedings, Mr. Murdoch, M.P., ascended the platform, and said that, with the permission of the children, he should like to send a telegram to the Queen, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, and when appealed to, the children, with loyalty and enthusiasm, put up their hands in approval of the proposal.

The following telegram was despatched to the Queen:—

"To Sir H. Ponsonby, H.M. Queen Victoria, Aix-les-Bains.

"Children at Masonic Carnival assembled at Reading to celebrate jubilee of accession of their beloved Sovereign, send her their loyal and affectionate greeting."

To which the following gracious communication was received from her Majesty:—

"Aix-les-Bains, April 22, 1887.

"Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to assure you that it gave her Majesty much pleasure to hear of the celebration of the Jubilee of the Queen's accession, by the children of Reading.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"(Signed) HENRY PONSONBY."

"F. Ferguson, Esq."

The carnival was brought to a conclusion shortly before ten o'clock.

Bro. C. STEPHENS ascended the platform, and said he did not think they ought to part without tendering a most cordial vote of thanks to their hosts. (Applause.) That was the least they could do. Their hosts must have taken an infinite amount of trouble and pains to provide such a successful entertainment. And, if they would allow him, he would propose a vote of thanks to their younger brethren, who had come out so extremely well. (Applause.) Bro. Stephens then called for three cheers for their hosts, and they were given in the most cordial manner.

An excellent portrait of the Queen was thrown on the screen, and the carnival concluded by singing the National Anthem, and the company dispersed, highly pleased with their evening's entertainment.

The space at our disposal will not admit of our describing the endless variety of character and costumes assumed by the children present, and we can only say that almost the whole range of prominent characters in ancient and modern history was laid under contribution with the most successful results.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. H. CLEMOW.

A banquet was given in honour of Bro. R. H. Clemow, at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday evening, at which Bro. John Barnett, jun., presided. The occasion was the presentation of a purse containing 100 sovereigns to Bro. Clemow, in recognition of his services as manager for nearly thirteen years of the hotel, and of the high appreciation in which he was held by his many friends in London. He is now, and has been for some months, proprietor of the Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston. There were present at the dinner Messrs. F. H. Clemow, F. Binckes, J. Caistor, F. Boston, H. W. Clemow, J. C. Dwarber, A. Tisley, H. B. Robinson, F. W. Bull, G. Head (Angel-court), J. Buscall, Glass, R. Burleton, T. Dodson, J. Sichel, Lake, A. Tolkein, A. Clemow, J. Jones, A. Selby, W. M. Edwards, T. Jeffrey, W. M. Stiles, Hudson, C. D. Ward, E. Witts, R. Barham, A. Sunner, C. Moore, J. Esson, and others.

An admirably-arranged dinner was nicely served. The Chairman, after proposing the loyal toasts, came at once to the business of the evening, viz., "The Health of Mr. R. H. Clemow." Bro. BARNETT said that an intense desire to do justice to the cause of his friend made him rather fear he might make a mess of the speech he was to make. (Laughter.) He wished on their behalf, and on the behalf of thousands of people in London who knew Bro. Clemow, to give him a hearty welcome. (Applause.) Letters were next read by the speaker from prominent brethren and others, expressing regret at inability to

attend. They all expressed good wishes, and a telegram from Boston was read, proving, as Bro. Barnett remarked, that, as they might expect, Bro. Clemow was making friends there. (Hear, hear.) The speaker then detailed the steps taken in reference to the testimonial. He had himself been chairman of the Committee. They had asked no man twice. Thus every contribution must be looked upon as a voluntary offering from his friends to their old friend. Whatever they might think of him in Boston, they were sorry indeed to lose him from London. They could only hope he would make many friends in his new home. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Barnett then gave a highly-complimentary eulogy of Bro. Clemow, and, on its conclusion, handed him the purse of sovereigns. He then withdrew the veil from a handsome frame, containing an illuminated address, setting forth that the testimonial was presented as a mark of regard and esteem by the subscribers—some fifty or sixty—to Bro. Clemow on his retirement, after twelve years' service, from the management of Anderton's Hotel.

Bro. R. H. CLEMOW was warmly received on his rising to respond. He said that it was with feelings of gratitude, but a certain sense of unworthiness—(no, no!)—that he rose to reply. He did not feel that his services there deserved anything like the praise that had been bestowed upon him. He was glad to see so many old friends. Such a gathering was eminently pleasing to him, though he was scarcely prepared for it. (Cheers.) The eloquent address he had heard from their Chairman was most welcome. The testimonial was a most gratifying souvenir, not only to himself, but to all the members of his family. In conclusion, he thanked the company once more for the kind reception that had been accorded him.

Bro. T. DODSON gave "The Chairman," to which Bro. BARNETT replied, saying a few complimentary words about Mr. Arthur Clemow, who, he described, as a most worthy successor of his brother.

"The Health of Mr. Frank Clemow" was also proposed by Bro. J. ESSON, and duly responded to.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee," the last toast given from the chair, was responded to by Messrs. DODSON, WICKES, C. MOORE, and STILES.

The champagnes were Boll and Company, Ireys, and Perinet and Fils.

THE GAVEL CLUB CINDERELLA.

This Club has scored another great success in their so-called Cinderella, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 18th inst. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, and there were about 170 Gavellers and guests present. The hall and drawing rooms were most tastefully decorated with large palms and other plants of a very superior class, which were supplied by Mr. Lee of the Royal Aquarium; indeed the dais had a most refreshing and pleasing appearance. The Gavel trophy was of course in a conspicuous position, as was also the silver Gavel Cup. The decorations generally were under the personal supervision of Gavelier Madell, who, as before, used every exertion to promote the happiness of those present.

The following acted as Stewards: Gavellers Bassano, Combes, Hicklin, Kennaby, Madell, Pritchard (Hon. Sec. and Treas.); Sudlow, and Terry, and amongst those present were Miss Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Archer; Mr. H. Austin and Miss G. Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Barber; Mr. C. Barber, Gavelier Bassano, Mrs. and Miss Bassano; Gavelier Benns, Gavelier Berther, Mr. F. Betson, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Burroughs; Mr. N. Campbell, Gavelier Carter, Mr. A. Clark and Miss Clark; Mr. G. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Coldicott; Gavelier Combes and Mrs. Combes; Gavelier Cook and Mrs. Cook; Gavelier Crutch and Miss Crutch; Gavelier Cubitt, Miss Cugny, Mr. H. N. Longworth Dames, Miss Davey, Miss Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey; Mr. A. W. Duff, Mr. and Mrs. F. East; Mr. N. Easty, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellis; Miss Elsdon and Miss L. Elsdon; Mr. J. Evans and Miss G. Evans; Mr. C. E. Fenner and Miss A. Fenner; Miss Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon, Mr. F. Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gosnell, Miss M. Gosnell; Gavelier Guenigault, Mrs. Guenigault, and Mr. F. Guenigault; Mrs. Hall, Mr. R. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison; Mr. S. Haskins, Gavelier and Mrs. Hicklin, Gavelier Houghton, Mr. P. Hutton, Miss E. Hutton, and Miss G. Hutton; Miss Jaques, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson, Mr. J. N. Johnson; Mr. Jones, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. K. and Mrs. Kelsey; Gavelier G. L. Kennaby, Mrs. G. L. Kennaby, and Mr. M. Kennaby; Gavelier W. J. Kennaby, Mrs. W. J. Kennaby, Miss Kennaby, and Mr. W. G. Kennaby; Mr. and Mrs. G. King; Mr. J. S. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston; Gavelier Kirby, Mr. A. Levy, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Lovett, Mr. M. Lyon, Gavelier Madell, Mr. Mattox, Mrs. and Miss Merriam; Gavelier A. Money, Mrs. A. Money, and Miss Money; Mr. A. Neat, Miss Newton, Mr. R. Norwood, Miss Nowakowski and Miss L. Nowakowski; Mr. A. and Mrs. Oliver, Miss Oliver, and Miss K. Oliver; Mr. T. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Percival; Colonel Peters, Miss Pickett, Gavelier Pocock, Mr. S. Pocock, and Mrs. Pocock; Mrs. Potter, Gavelier Pritchard, Mr. H. W. Pritchett, Mr. A. E. Prockter, Mr. F. A. Pullen, and the Misses Pullen; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray; Mr. and Mrs. W. Richards; Mr. H. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Saillard, Mr. P. R. Saillard, and Miss Saillard; Mr. and Mrs. J. Scarlett; Miss C. Seabrook, Mr. H. J. Seaverns, Mr. Sharpe, Gavelier Smith, Miss Smith, Miss G. Smith, and Miss D. Smith; Mr. F. Sodman, Gavelier Sudlow, Gavelier Terry, Miss Terry, and Miss J. Terry; Miss Thomson and Miss M. Thomson; Mr. J. Wertheimer, Mr. P. E. Wheeler, and Miss S. M. White.

All thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and voted it as one of the best dances of the season. The dancing continued till two o'clock, and was exceptionally good, as also was the music; the latter being under the superintendence of Bandmaster Pritchard.

On Thursday evening, May 5th, Bro. C. Corby, W.M. of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8 o'clock. Brethren are invited to attend.

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

CRAFT—Lodge of Industry, No. 48; Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 299.

ROYAL ARCH—Volubian Chapter, No. 75; St. Hilda's Chapter, No. 240; Nicholson Chapter, No. 371; Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329.

MARK—York Lodge, T.I.; Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Faith Preceptory, No. 41.
Consecration of the Francis White Chapter, No. 1437.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Sunday Times" (London), "The Era," "Freemasons' Calendar for Durham, 1887-8," "Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight," "Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Keystone," "Masonic Chronicle" (Ohio), "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Isle of Wight County Press," "Berkshire Chronicle," "Masonic World," "Reading Observer," "Western Daily Mercury," "Gibraltar Chronicle and Commercial Intelligence," "Natal Mercury," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Natal Advertiser," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Orient," "Masonic Repository," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland," "Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry of Bombay and its Dependencies," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Court Circular," "The Freemasons' Almanac" (Province of Sussex), "Public Ledger" (Philadelphia), and "Derham and Fakenham Times."



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will some of your readers who are acquainted with the unwritten laws of the Craft, kindly reply to the following questions:—

1. At an installation meeting, can the retiring Master claim to be invested as I.P.M., or is the appointment in the hands of the incoming Master, same as the other offices of the lodge?

2. Can the retiring Master refuse to accept the office of I.P.M., and if so what course should the Master take,

when the refusal arises from contumacy, also when the refusal is unavoidable, as, for instance, when about to leave the country?

3. If the Master appoints a P.M. as I.P.M., who is both able and willing to attend the lodge meetings, but is unwilling to act as I.P.M., can he refuse to accept the office?

4. Can the Master, under any of the above circumstances, or in the absence of any of them, dispense with the I.P.M. and decline to appoint anyone to that office?

I trust some of your readers will kindly reply to the above, and I shall be glad if you will give us the benefit of your opinion on the subject. I may mention that the by-laws of the lodge are silent on the matter of I.P.M., the only possible allusion to the question being—"That at the installation meeting the Master shall appoint and invest his officers," and I am not sure whether the I.P.M. is an officer or not.

April 25th.

W.M.

[There is no such officially recognised office as I.P.M. mentioned in the Book of Constitutions, but by the unwritten law of usage the duties of the Past Master are entrusted to the I.P.M. In his absence, the senior P.M. present performs them, and we hold that the senior P.M. would also perform them in the event of the I.P.M. being present and declining to act as P.M.—ED. FM.]

THE JUBILEE MEETING AT THE ALBERT HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Perhaps you are in a position to settle a point not quite clear to some Masons re the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall in June next, and if you could kindly do so through your columns of next Saturday, it will be a great advantage to many lodges meeting during the next few weeks.

Will any Master Mason be able to attend the big meeting (if chosen by his lodge as one of the five)? or will the five have to be chosen from those eligible for attending ordinary Grand Lodge, viz., W.M., P.M.'s, and Present and Past Wardens?

You will, no doubt, see the great advantage to lodges to have this point settled by authority before they select the five members who may have the privilege of attending.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

[The W.M., if he wishes to do so, will no doubt take upon himself to represent the lodge, and the other four entitled to be present should, we think, be chosen by ballot from those members who are desirous of attending, or from the members of the lodge generally.—ED. FM.]



Craft Masonry.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 25th inst. There was a very large attendance of brethren, the members including Bros. R. S. Sadd, W.M.; H. Marks, S.W.; W. Musto, P.M.; Treas.; E. Shoemith, J.W.; W. Hogg, P.M., Sec.; L. A. Da Costa, S.D.; J. De Casseres, J.D.; R. C. Randall, D.C.; B. Da Costa, I.C.; E. J. Friedenber, P.M.; H. R. Hallam, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Moloney, 1625; E. Bickerton, 1623; T. Pettit, 1765; T. J. Barnes, 933; S. Jacobs, W.M. 205; E. Solomons, 4194, N.Y.; D. Moss, P.M. 1275; S. Wilkinson, S.W. 925; B. Stewart, W.M. 1278; W. Vallentine, P.M. 1017; J. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; J. Da Silva, P.M. 205; G. Gardner, I.P.M. 2012; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1348; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. Smith, I.G. 933; C. H. Cary, I.G. 1625; A. W. Weston, J.W. 1278; T. G. Harris, 1278; T. Jacobs, 205; J. Seigenberg, 1668; L. Solomon, 1668; J. Richmond, 205; W. Jacobs, 1437; H. Salte, 861; L. Isaacs, 1614; B. Toombs, 1445; M. Bush, 205; J. Levy, 205; B. Hyams, 1744; B. Franks, 212; D. W. Fowler, 311; W. E. White, 212; J. A. Bretton, 188; S. Mordecai, 614; H. Jones, 9; L. Roski, 25; D. Ososki, 158; T. M. Coleman, 192; H. Chetham, 1317; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mordecai Da Costa was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. H. Marks, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. Shoemith, S.W.; L. A. Da Costa, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Friedenber, P.M., Sec.; J. De Casseres, S.D.; B. Da Costa, J.D.; R. C. Randall, I.G.; Fox, D.C.; Jacobs and Rosenthal, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. The usual addresses were then carefully rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Sadd, I.P.M. Ballot having been successfully taken for Messrs. Abraham Jacobs, E. Cox, and E. Barnett as candidates for initiation, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Sadd, I.P.M., by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to make the presentation, and hoped the I.P.M. would be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. Sadd, I.P.M., in thanking the lodge for the gift, said that in wearing it he should consider the brethren had a moral right to see the jewel at every meeting. On the motion of the I.P.M., Bro. Hogg, P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member, it being understood that he should enjoy the privileges of a subscribing member, in recognition of his services rendered as Secretary of the lodge for many years.

Bro. Hogg, P.M., having returned thanks, and assured the brethren he should continue to evince a lively interest in the welfare of their lodge, a motion by Bro. Da Costa, raising the visitors' fee, was agreed to nem. con. The circular from the Pro G.M., with reference to the subscriptions to the Imperial Institute, and the meeting at the Albert Hall, was deferred for consideration at a later date.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Sadd, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the brethren would cordially agree with him that

he had a pleasant and important duty to perform. Having taken the gavel into his possession, they were aware it was for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening. He had the honour of being an older Mason than their W.M., and could remember the initiation of that brother, but scarcely thought it was an event which would play such an important part in the history of their lodge. From the day of the initiation of Bro. Marks, W.M., they dated a marked increase in their rate of progress, and the Friars Lodge now promised to be one of the most influential lodges in London. If they ever attained that proud position it would be mainly attributable to the brother whose health he now had the honour to propose. From the manner in which he had performed his duties in the past, there could be no doubt that he would carry out the duties of his high position to the credit of their lodge, and the satisfaction of its members. He asked them to drink the health of their W.M., and wish him a successful and prosperous year of office.

Bro. H. Marks, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind expressions used by the I.P.M. in proposing the toast, and for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He felt very proud to occupy the position which he had been years fighting for, and which he had attained by working and striving hard. He had, however, simply done his duty and he trusted there were many in the lodge who would in time occupy the chair with the same feelings of gratification as he had experienced. He intended to work in the future as he had done in the past, to the best of his ability, and trusted that, assisted by their support, he should carry out the duties of his office to a successful issue.

Bro. Sadd, I.P.M., on behalf of "The Past Masters," responded for the hearty reception accorded those brethren. The P.M.'s were, unfortunately, not very numerous, but those who still survived were always ready and willing to do their utmost for the benefit of the lodge. He had become sincerely fond of Freemasonry and hoped for many years to be associated with the Friars Lodge.

"The Initiates" having been given and duly responded to by Bros. Jacobs, Cox, and Barnett, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," offering them a hearty welcome and expressing the pleasure their company had afforded the members of the lodge.

Bro. J. Da Silva, P.M. 205, responded, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty manner in which his health and that of the other visitors had been given and received. He had been placed in an invidious position by being called upon to respond, as the W.M. of his own lodge was present; but it was his duty to express the gratification of the visiting brethren at the hearty reception accorded them. The working in the lodge by the W.M. and I.P.M. had especially afforded them pleasure, for it was a long time since he had heard the ceremony of installation rendered in so excellent a manner as the I.P.M. had performed it that evening. The manner in which the W.M. had carried out the initiation ceremony was an earnest of the way in which he would carry out his duties during the forthcoming year. He congratulated the W.M. on reaching his present high position, and again tendered the thanks of the visitors for the kind welcome extended to them.

Bros. D. Moss, P.M. 1275; G. Gardner, I.P.M. 2012; and Stewart, W.M. 1278, also responded.

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

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 7th instant, when there were present Bros. Carlo Grassi, W.M.; F. W. Cash, S.W.; J. Faulkner, acting as J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Treas.; E. E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; H. Wild, S.D.; North, I.G.; W. Cowley, P.M., D.C.; T. Grummant, P.M., W.S.; J. Fry, A.W.S.; J. Rowe, Tyler; G. P. Bertini, I.P.M.; J. Lucas, H. W. P. Makeham, W. Avenell, T. Cobles, J. Metham, Cecil Howard, G. Mounter, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Sec. 2191; and J. Pratt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots then took place for the following gentlemen: Messrs. Alberto Bruno, G. Sciarretta, and Angelico Cogliati, and proving unanimous, the latter gentleman, who was the only one present, was informed of the same, and he was afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. F. Cobles having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, the lodge was opened in that Degree, and Bro. Cobles was passed to the Degree of F.C.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Criterion, Piccadilly, for refreshment.

Upon the brethren arriving at the Criterion, they were conducted to the Prince's Room, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini. The brethren having done justice to the good things placed before them, the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, said grace.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and heartily responded to, Bro. G. P. Bertini took the gavel in his hand to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was his privilege and a great pleasure to do so, and he felt sure he was representing the feelings of all the brethren present when he said that their W.M. was most enthusiastic in his work, and would make them a good Master. They all appreciated him much. He was a good Mason, and had the welfare of the New Cross Lodge at heart. To say too much was like carrying coals to Newcastle. He asked the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. in bumpers.

The W.M., in replying, said he thanked them all most heartily for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. It was most gratifying to him, and would cheer him in his work. He hoped that during his year of office the New Cross Lodge would be prosperous, as he felt sure that the brethren would assist him. His part of the work of the lodge should be done to the best of his ability. He would endeavour to increase his knowledge by attending lodges of instruction as often as possible, and he hoped his officers would do the same. He thanked them all very much.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said it was one of those toasts which all brethren at lodge

were pleased to drink and receive. Initiates gave life to a lodge, and it was with great pleasure he proposed the toast. Easter holidays had no doubt prevented the other two from being present, but he hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing them at their next meeting. The initiate present was one of his oldest friends. The New Cross Lodge had welcomed him, and he felt sure he would become a good member and do his duty as a Mason.

The Initiate, in replying, said he felt that to be accepted amongst them was a great honour, and would do his best to become a good Mason. He would not only try to prove himself worthy of all that had been said of him, but would also try to become a useful member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said it was a pleasant toast, and one he knew was always well received. Their I.P.M. was excellent in Masonry, and knew well how to carry out his duties. His heart was in the lodge, and he (the W.M.) was very thankful to have him beside him during his year of office. He would assist him as other I.P.M.'s had assisted the W.M.'s, who had every one done their duty to the lodge. He would ask them to drink the health of their I.P.M. in bumpers, and wish him health, strength, and prosperity, and long to be amongst them.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he scarcely could find words to express his thanks for the kind expressions which had fallen from the lips of their W.M., and to the brethren for drinking his health so heartily. The W.M. had said some very nice things about him; but he could assure them he would do his best, not only to assist the W.M., but for the New Cross Lodge in general. He was endeavouring to follow the shining lights on his left. In a small lodge like that it was a great thing to see so many P.M.'s with them. They always attended regularly, and whatever duties were assigned to them, they performed them with pleasure, and he felt assured to the satisfaction of all. In time he hoped it would come to his turn to fall into the ranks of P.M.'s, and he trusted he would be spared to see the number increase, and he thanked them all again for their good wishes.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said, although they had only two that evening, they gave them a very hearty welcome, and trusted they had enjoyed their visit. Easter holidays had, no doubt, prevented others attending who had been invited, for, as a rule, they had the pleasure of entertaining a good number. Bro. G. Reynolds all the brethren present knew well as the Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and he attended well to the duties of Freemasonry, and was earnest in his work. It was Bro. Pratt's first visit; but they hoped to see him on future occasions, and would receive him with all the heartiness possible.

Bro. G. Reynolds, in reply, said that he felt like one of the family, and quite appreciated their hearty greetings. Since he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Bertini, who had brought him amongst them, he had met with great kindness from the brethren of the New Cross Lodge, and was always made welcome. That night he felt particularly cheery, for the room was so warm and comfortable, and he could see by their beaming faces they appreciated all the arrangements made for their comfort. He wished the W. Master a happy year of office, with health and strength, and the New Cross Lodge every success.

Bro. Pratt thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded him. It was his first visit, and he hoped it would not be his last by many. He had spent a very pleasant and happy evening.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that Bro. E. H. Thiellay, their Treasurer, was the parent of the lodge, and would always guide them. He should look upon him as his papa during his year of office, and follow his good advice. Bro. E. E. Smith, Secretary, he should always remember with pleasure, for he initiated him into the mysteries of Freemasonry. He attended well to his duties. As to Bro. W. Cowley, all he could say of him was that he (the W.M.) wished he could work as well, and also do as much for the benefit of the New Cross Lodge. In the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, their kind Chaplain, he felt that the New Cross Lodge had had a great honour conferred upon it by his acceptance of the collar. With these few observations, he would ask the brethren to drink the health of all the Past Masters, not forgetting Bros. T. Grummant and Hiram Henton.

The Past Masters generally, in replying, said they appreciated all the kind words which had fallen from the lips of the W.M., and assured him that during his year of office he could rely upon their assistance and help in any way he desired.

The toast of "The Officers" was very ably responded to by Bro. F. W. Cash, S.W., who assured the W.M. that all the officers would endeavour to do their several duties satisfactorily, and would attend lodges of instruction very frequently.

Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., proposed before parting that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. G. P. Bertini for all his attention during the evening, and for the excellent dinner he had provided. He was sure all had enjoyed themselves. This was seconded by Bro. W. Cowley, P.M.

Bro. G. P. Bertini, in reply, said it afforded him much pleasure to hear that the brethren were satisfied with his arrangements and the dinner.

The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant meeting to a close, to which Bros. G. P. Bertini, Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, Carlo Grassi, W.M., Fry, and Mackway, with others had added much to the enjoyment by songs and recitations. Bro. Mackway presided at the piano.

In the report of the last meeting (installation) of this lodge the name of Bro. J. L. Calsi, Organist to the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge, was accidentally omitted. He assisted with music, &c.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—This flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on the 21st inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. L. E. Eagle, who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the previous meeting. The brethren assembled in the spacious Masonic Hall at the East Dulwich Hotel, when the following officers were present: Bros. R. E. Anderson, W.M.; A. Powles, I.P.M.; L. E. Eagle, S.W.; J. M. Wimble, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; A. J. Bellis, P.M. Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; E. Gauntlett, S.D.; W. Rowan, J.D.; W. Davies, I.G.; W. Wills, A.D.C.; B. Morgan, Org.; J. Lightfoot, A. Briant, and H. R. Hobbs, Stewards; J. H. Stevenson, Asst. Sec.; T. Bowler, Tyler; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. W. R. Burnett, P.M.; T.

Hoare, J. B. Jones, S. F. Hitchcock, T. M. Stamp, H. Sweeting, F. Wint, H. S. Campbell, F. E. Pow, T. Gay, D. Bear, P.M. 1155; W. F. Flower, A. Campbell, W. Griggs, W. Lea, H. J. Andrews, G. C. May, G. Prendergast, C. W. Colwill, F. Smith, J. Gantby, S. George, H. Lea, A. Fraser, and J. Coldman.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th ult. were read and confirmed. Bro. Stamp was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Wint was raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremonies in each case being admirably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Anderson. Bro. Anderson then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. L. E. Eagle, as W.M., which he did in such a manner as to meet with the hearty congratulations of the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. E. Anderson, I.P.M.; J. M. Wimble, S.W.; E. Gauntlett, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; A. J. Bellis, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; W. Rowan, S.D.; W. Davies, J.D.; W. Wills, I.G.; J. Lightfoot, A.D.C.; A. Briant, H. R. Hobbs, and J. H. Stevenson, Stewards; B. Morgan, Org.; T. Gay, Asst. Secretary; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Officers, and brethren were then delivered by the Installing Master in a very impressive manner. The balance-sheet was then presented to the lodge, and adopted unanimously, showing that the lodge was in an excellent financial position.

Letters of regret on account of inability to attend were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. C. W. Selwyn, M.P.; J. Richards Kelly, M.P.; and others. The W.M. then handed to Bro. E. Eagle the sum of £10 10s., the balance received from the Ball Committee, to be placed on his list as Steward for the Boys' School.

The routine business of the lodge being concluded, and the W.M. having been heartily congratulated by the visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided by the proprietor of the East Dulwich Hotel, Bro. D. Bear.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," coupling with it the Craft, and reminded the brethren that her Majesty had reigned over her vast dominions for the long period of 50 years, loved by all her subjects, and loving them most devotedly in return; and he ventured to add that her health was never more enthusiastically received than it would be by the brethren assembled in the room that evening.

The toast having been drunk with acclamation, the Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said that it was always well received by members of the Craft, as H.R.H. worked very hard, and took the greatest interest in its welfare.

The next toast was that of "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stating that the Grand Officers had rendered great service at all times in assisting the M.W.G.M. in carrying out the numerous duties in connection with Grand Lodge, which services he felt quite sure were thoroughly appreciated by the brethren.

Bro. Binckes, Past G. Steward, in responding for the Grand Officers, assured the brethren that to him it was always a most difficult task to respond on their behalf, as he felt that as a Grand Officer he was neither "fish, flesh, nor fowl," his position being only that of a P.G. Steward; but, however humble a representative he might be of that lodge, he could assure the brethren that the Grand Officers were always pleased to know that their toast was honoured by the brethren of all Masonic lodges, and he thanked the members of the Selwyn Lodge for the manner in which they had received it.

The next toast was that of "The W.M.," which was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Anderson, who said that he deemed it a great honour to have had the opportunity of installing into the chair of K.S. so worthy a brother as his successor, Bro. L. E. Eagle. He had had an opportunity of watching Bro. Eagle's career in the Selwyn Lodge from the time of his initiation, and he felt sure that from the manner in which he had performed the duties in the various positions he had held in the lodge, he would carry out those of W.M. in the same efficient manner, and he (Bro. Anderson) hoped he might be spared to congratulate him on the termination of his year of office.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Anderson for the very cordial manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the kind way in which they had received it. He said that he hoped to have a successful year of office, and was sure that he should be fully supported by the officers and brethren.

The next toast—that of "The Visitors"—was then proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. N. D. Livesay, W.M. 706; W. E. Dilley, W.M. 147; T. Tremere, P.M. 1929; S. R. Speight, P.M. and Sec. 147; and others, who all expressed their pleasure with the work in the lodge, and the hospitality extended to them by the members of the Selwyn Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then said he had to propose what he considered to be the toast of the evening—that of "The Installing Master, Bro. R. E. Anderson, I.P.M."—with which he coupled the names of the Past Masters. Bro. Anderson had set an example to all W.M.'s by the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office, and had completed that evening by installing him (Bro. Eagle) in the chair in such an admirable manner, and he concluded by pinning on Bro. Anderson's breast the handsome jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) presented by the brethren as a mark of appreciation for services rendered. Referring to the P.M.'s, he felt sure that they would render him the same assistance during his year of office as they had done to his predecessors.

The Installing Master and Past Masters having responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, in a somewhat lengthy speech, in which he referred to the manner in which the Selwyn Lodge during its few years of existence had been instrumental in assisting the Masonic Charities, a Steward having represented the lodge at one or the other of the Charities from the year 1883. He was glad to know that this year the Charity of which he had the honour of being Secretary would have a Steward from the Selwyn

Lodge at the next Festival who had done so much in his position as honorary Secretary of the Charitable Association connected with the Selywn Lodge of Instruction in furthering the interests of the Charities—he meant Bro. E. Eagle. He hoped the brethren would do their utmost to make the list which he would take up as large as possible, and thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by the Treasurer, Secretary, and S.W.

The Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Bros. T. Tremere, Wallis, Campbell, W. H. Hook, Stamp, and Gay contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren by giving several songs in a very effective manner.

The visitors present were Bros. N. D. Livesay, W.M. 706; W. E. Dilley, W.M. 147; J. Mather, P.M. 1910, P.S.G.D. Herts; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Steward, Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.G.S. of W. Essex; T. Tremere, P.M. 1929; S. R. Speight, P.M. and Sec. 147; R. Barham, P.M. 144; H. J. Chapman, S.W. 177; H. Gross, J.W. 1314; E. Pettit, J.W. 1632; G. J. Garland, S.D. 1728; S. Saxby, 1507; C. Bourne, 1110; F. Flood, 1929; H. C. Goss, 22; D. T. Bear, 169; W. Kellaway, 1669; T. Wallis, 901; C. Thomson, 1297; R. Manley, 1892; and J. Hart, 192.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—On Monday, the 18th inst., under the auspices of this lodge, a large number of brethren assembled in the spacious lecture and lodge room of the Masonic Club, in St. Giles' street, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of London.

In order to meet the convenience of members of other lodges, the meeting was made special and distinct from the ordinary meetings of the lodge, which was not on this occasion formally opened. We were consequently unable to ascertain in the customary manner the names of the numerous brethren who attended, amongst whom were several distinguished officers in the province. The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. J. B. Aldis, being unexpectedly detained by a business engagement, the proceedings were opened by Bro. George Baxter, P.M., who introduced the lecturer to the meeting, and shortly afterwards resigned the chair to Bro. Aldis, who presided during the remainder of the evening.

Bro. Stevens' prefatory remarks were brief, and he promptly entered upon the practical explanations of the ritual and ceremonial with which his address abounds. The attention of his hearers was soon rivetted, and he spared no efforts to successfully reach their understanding of the "connection of our whole system, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Besides the amount of information given in respect of points in Masonic work, and many valuable hints for securing a *common sense* interpretation of much which, though sublimely conceived, is made ridiculous in practice, the lecture is enlivened throughout by passages of humour which greatly enhance its interesting character. Without interruption, save such as was occasioned by earnest tokens of approval, Bro. Stevens continued his address during two and a half hours, and received at its conclusion a well-merited acknowledgment of the satisfaction he had given to his numerous audience.

Bro. Aldis, Prov. G. Sec., in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Stevens, expressed his high appreciation of the valuable service to the Craft generally which the lecture could not fail to render. He did not hesitate to admit that he had himself received unexpected and valuable information from the address delivered that evening, and the close attention which had been given to it was unmistakable testimony that it was instructive and interesting in a high degree. He felt assured no brother would leave the meeting without having added to his store of Masonic information, and hoped that other opportunities might offer for further addresses from Bro. Stevens, who had evidently left unsaid much that he had come prepared to say if time had permitted.

Bro. George Baxter endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, and seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Stevens, in the course of his response, referring to the "Three Great Lights" in Freemasonry, gratified the brethren by reciting the well-known poem under that title, and the meeting then terminated.

It was subsequently arranged that Bro. Stevens should pay another visit to the Norwich brethren in the ensuing October or November.

NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th ult., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. S. Bradstock, W.M.; W. C. Heane, P.M., acting S.W.; W. G. Roberts, J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treasurer; M. F. Carter, P.M., Secretary; T. Cadle, P.M., S.D.; W. Spence, I.G.; John Shiles, Stwd.; Job Webb, Tyler; J. Shaw Carleton, I.P.M.; S. W. Hadlingham, and P. Buchanan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Peter Buchanan was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. W. G. Roberts, J.W., gave the explanation of the second tracing board.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, and spent the evening in harmony and brotherly love.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the 22nd annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a large gathering of the Craft. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. E. Boulding, who was supported by Bros. F. E. Boustead, S.W., W.M. elect; M. Alexander, J.W.; W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; W. Pye, S.D.; G. Alexander, J.D.; Dr. J. Kellert Smith, P.P.G.R., P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; R. Washington, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Wood, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Cross, P.M. 580; C. Pilkington, P.M. 580; J. Shield, W.M. 1086; L. Fraser, J.W. 1264; J. Ashworth, W.M. 1264; Rev. J. Stowell, S.W. 1550; John Davies, P.M. 1325; T. Wood, Sec. 203; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; H. Pye, S.W. 249; and others.

The W.M. gave place to Bro. Dr. Kellert Smith, who very effectively installed Bro. Boustead as the new W.M., the presentation being made by Bros. R. R. Martin and R. Washington. The new ruler then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Boulding, I.P.M.; M. Alexander, S.W.; W. Pye, J.W.; H. B. Jones, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Alexander, P.M., Sec.; G. Alexander, S.D.; A. J. Lett, J.D.; W. Sutherland, I.G.; G. W. Latchford, J. Travis, and S. A. Bird, Stewards. Bro. P. Ball, P.G.T., was re-elected Tyler for the 22nd time. Before the lodge closed a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. E. Boulding, by the W.M., on behalf of the members, and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Casey catered most successfully for the brethren, and a musical programme was well rendered by Bros. J. Busfield, 2042; S. Kirkham, 1609; W. H. Quayle, 2042; T. C. Fargher, 2042; and W. Forrester, 1035, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this prosperous lodge met on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Hy. Kimm, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; R. Hughes, S.W.; J. B. Foord, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Raper, Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; T. W. Jordan, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; R. M. Davison, M.D., I.G.; Leary, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. Martin, C. W. Till, W. E. Skinner, H. T. Simmons, R. Avis, and others. Visitors: Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Steward, P.M.; T. W. Markwick, W.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; and J. Bullman, all of 40; T. Bathard, P.M. 1287; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed and communications read, Mr. F. W. Hotham, having been balloted for, and unanimously elected, was ably and impressively initiated by the W.M., Bro. Kimm.

There being no further business, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 16th instant. The chair was occupied by Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. H. Matthews, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Faulkner, J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Treas.; Edward Wm. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Beaton, S.D.; H. B. Hassel, I.G.; G. L. Wingate, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx.; J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx.; H. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; D. Hart-Davies, F. Tallack, H. F. Tallack, F. W. Tallack, John Fixter, Alfred E. Carter, and John Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Long, P.M. 567; B. Burton, W.M. 15; and W. Towers, S.W. 15.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report was received and adopted. Bro. W. H. Matthews having been presented, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. W. Faulkner, S.W.; W. Beaton, J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., Treas.; Edward W. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Hassel, S.D.; A. E. Carter, J.D.; Hart-Davies, I.G.; F. Tallack, D.C.; F. W. Tallack, W.S.; H. F. Tallack, Org.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses in a manner that was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren. On the motion of Bro. John Faulkner, P.M., Treas., and seconded by Bro. J. T. Moss, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The circular letter from Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., P.G. Sec. Middx., as to the change of duties of Secretaries of the province was read by Bro. Devereux, Sec., and he thereupon gave notice of motion to revise the by-laws.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HARROW.—Henry Levander Lodge (No. 2048).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. The chair was taken by Bro. Chas. Iles Axford, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Cheeke, S.W.; R. M. Surridge, J.W.; Henry Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, Prov. G.S. of W.; C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, Sec.; W. H. Burgess, S.D.; H. Webb, J.D.; S. Reece, D.C.; A. Scurrah, A.D.C.; A. W. Ware, Steward; W. Worrall, Dickinson, Dolling, Jenkins, Barker, Nelson, Stubbings, Gurner, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Pinnock, 1658; J. Carrolus Smith, I.P.M. 1744; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. A. T. North and G. Jenkins were raised to the Degree of Master Mason in a very impressive manner by the W.M. This being the meeting preceding the installation, the usual elections were proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, Sec., W.M. elect; Hy. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of Works (re-elected), Treasurer; and Very (re-elected), Tyler. A Committee was appointed to audit and examine the accounts of the lodge, and the circular from the Pro G. Master read and considered.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, catered for by the worthy host, Bro. Hamblin.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed by the W.M., and received by the brethren in a hearty manner.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M., who said that as there were no initiates, he must characterise this as the toast of the evening. They had all witnessed the excellent working of Bro. Axford, and would therefore be able to agree with him that it could not have been rendered in a more perfect manner. They had an excellent occupant of the chair in that brother, who was an excellent W.M., for his amiability and geniality were proverbial.

Bro. C. I. Axford, W.M., in response, said he had simply done the best he could as the W.M. to promote the

welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. He thanked them for the flattering reception accorded the toast, and assured them that it had been a pleasure to carry out any work he had been called upon to perform. He reminded them that he intended serving as Steward for the Girls' School, and expressed the gratification it would afford him to receive the name of any brother as a subscriber to that deserving Institution.

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The W.M. Elect," and "The Officers" were given, and a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, on Friday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. Cobham, P.M., W.M.; Grove, S.W.; Deaton, J.W.; Steingraber, S.D.; Gordon, J.D.; Blum, I.G.; Blundell, P.M.; Harnell, Hunt, Baker, P.M., Preceptor; and Deaton, Secretary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, P.M. Bro. Hunt having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, P.M. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, P.M., and seconded by Bro. G. A. Deaton, that Bro. Grove be W.M. for the ensuing week; carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed and seconded that the widows' votes be given to Bro. Cobham, P.M., on behalf of Mrs. Themans, and the male votes be given to Bro. Baker, P.M., Preceptor; carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. J. V. Deaton, and seconded by Bro. Baker, P.M., that Bro. Blundell, P.M., be Treasurer of this lodge of instruction; carried unanimously. Bro. Blundell having thanked the brethren for the honour conferred, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Smales, 1604, W.M.; H. Marsden, 73, S.W.; H. Halliday, 2160, J.W.; G. Lane, 1624, S.D.; F. Golding, 1475, J.D.; J. B. Smith, 813, I.G.; C. Muirvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1396, Sec.; C. A. Atter, 1897 and 2191; G. Gregory, 102, 1538, and 2087; M. Gamble, 706; T. Casely, 1694; E. J. Schultz, 1745; N. J. Goodchild, 704 and 1470; A. Giddings, 1446; F. J. Goudall, 211; J. Bartlett, 1637; E. R. Smith, 1044; P. H. Recknell, P.M. 212, Treas.; and N. H. Hodgegood, 1044.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Lane worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Golding acting as candidate. Bro. N. J. Goodchild, having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly examined, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. N. J. Goodchild acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. Gamble was elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, the Preceptor proposed that the S.W. be W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Miller, W.M. 173, W.M.; J. Round, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; A. G. Boswell, S.D.; W. J. Stratton, J.D.; W. Chapple, I.G.; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; N. Turner, P.M. 72; M. Rosenberg, J. Webster, and S. J. Humfress, W.M. 733.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. S. J. Humfress was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Miller delivered the three addresses in a very impressive manner. Bro. Round was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was resolved that the annual dinner of this lodge of instruction be held on Tuesday, May 17th, and that Bro. F. G. Baker, the Preceptor, should preside on that occasion. All Masonic business being ended, 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 26th inst., when there were present Bros. Walter Wingham, W.M.; A. Austin, S.W.; Bussey, J.W.; W. Steele, S.D.; S. Renault, J.D.; J. Youlden, I.G.; W. Roots, acting Preceptor; F. Croaker, Hon. Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. Hattersley, and Gomm.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hattersley, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hattersley as candidate. The traditional history was given. Bro. Wingham vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Youlden. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gomm candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, 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 in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at Austin's Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. G. J. Westfield, W.M.; Blake, S.W.; J. Ives, J.W.; Sword, S.D.; A. Bailey, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; T. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Hughes, Hon. Sec.; T. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; C. V. Hunter, Gregory, and Low.

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. Gregory candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blake. Bro. Hunter answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hunter duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. gave the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. Duffield, P.M., proposed that Bro. C. V. Hunter, 1668, become a member of this lodge—seconded by Bro. Ives, and carried unanimously. Bro. Hunter thanked the brethren, and hoped to spend many pleasant evenings in the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed that Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, occupy the chair at the next meeting. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mimms, W.M.; Corby, S.W.; Brindley, P.M., J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Deacon, S.D.; Ogg, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Coughlan, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Haseldine, W. Smith, Badderly, Wombell, J. Ray, and Mitchell.

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. Haseldine being the candidate. Bro. Ray answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ray duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. F. J. Wray, J. Gibson, and Geo. Musson

were unanimously re-elected for the seventh time as the permanent officers of the lodge, viz., Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Bros. Coughlan, W. Smith, and Deacon were appointed Auditors. The first lodge ballot was taken, which proved favourable to Bro. Mimms. The Secretary was directed to write and inform Bro. Gibson of his election as Treasurer, and to express the gratification of the brethren at the recovery from his recent illness. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. A. Bullen, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; F. W. Cash, J.W.; H. Crooke, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. C. Keeble, W. Culverhouse, R. E. Cursons, Carlo Grassi, C. Corby, W. Bellchamber, Waiter Hancock, C. A. Iiter, W. Richards, E. Nice, H. Newland, and W. Brindley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. R. E. Cursons having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. H. Newland, 23, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. W. Brindley, and seconded by Bro. C. Corby. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. A. Bullen, W.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time. It had seldom been excelled, and was a great proof of the interest the W.M. took in Masonry. He was always attentive, and also had always shown assiduity in all the different offices he had occupied in the lodge—from I.G. to W.M. He had also carried out the duties of the chair in an impressive manner. Carried unanimously. Bro. C. Corby, in seconding the proposition, entirely endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of the Preceptor. The W.M.'s working of the ceremony of initiation he had never seen done better for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Musson, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Wombell, S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Jamieson, Brandon, Salter, and Gwillin.

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. Brindley, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. Bro. Jamieson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd Section of this Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Salter, 1424, and Gwillin, 1681, were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; E. Asiate, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; C. Hopkins, I.G.; Spiggle, P.M.; F. Craggs, J. Davies, and J. Brown.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was then worked in a grand and impressive manner by Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. E. Ayling was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting and Bro. D. Stroud, S.W., for the week after. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 25th inst. Present: Bros. Folkard, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; J. Wright, J.W.; Glover, S.D.; Beavan, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Banks, Stokes, Walker, Hetherington, Partridge, Cornock, Hale, Phillips, Gibbs, Wood, J. Burn, Stokes, Russell, Sharp, and Coates.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Folkard, with Bro. Gibbs as candidate. Bro. Cornock being a candidate to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cornock as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bros. Stokes, P.M., 1839, Stokes and Sharp, 72, Wood, and Coates, 1310, were elected joining members. They severally thanked the brethren for their election, and hoped to be able to attend frequently. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Steele returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

LOWER WALMER.—LORD WARREN LODGE (No. 1096).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Lord Warren Hotel. Present: Bros. J. S. Huntly, W.M.; G. Beale, S.W.; W. Bowles, J.W.; G. Band, P.M., Treas.; A. McIntosh, Sec.; A. Banger, S.D.; E. Hodgkinson, J.D.; H. Chambers, P.M., I.G.; H. E. Drew, Stwd.; J. R. Catt, Tyler; E. L. Kirby, P.M., Preceptor; and J. W. Court, P.M. Bro. Ellis was a visitor.

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. J. W. Court being a candidate to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. It was proposed by Bro. Kirby, P.M., seconded by Bro. Chambers, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the latest revised edition of the Text Book of Freemasonry, published by Messrs. Reeves and Turner, should in future be adopted as the text book for the working of the lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Chambers, P.M., seconded by Bro. Court, P.M., and carried unanimously, that in future the senior P.M. present be Preceptor. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Kirby, P.M., for his kindness in being present, and rendering the lodge such able assistance and instruction. Votes of thanks were also awarded to Bro. Court, P.M., for his able services as Preceptor during the past year and to Bro. McIntosh for his services as Secretary during the same time. It was proposed by Bro. Chambers, P.M., seconded by Bro. Band, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the officers take their respective places at next lodge meeting. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

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PRESENTATION TO BRO. V. P. FREEMAN, P.G. Sec. Sussex.

The annual meeting of the companions of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon last. The M.E. the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. G. Ford, presided, and was supported by the following officers, viz.: Comps. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Prov. G.H., P.Z. 1383 and 1466; T. Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.J., P.Z. 40; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G.S.E., P.Z. 311, 315, and 732; O. N. Wyatt, Prov. G.S.N., P.Z. 38; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas., P.Z. 311; K. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg., P.Z. 916; S. R. Legg, Prov. G. 2nd A.S., P.Z. 732; J. Farncombe, Prov. G. Std. Br., P.Z. 311; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C., P.Z. 732; A. King, Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Org., H. 271; J. H. C. Coles, Prov. G. Steward, P.Z. 916; and H. H. Hughes, 811, and A. Burtenshaw, 811, acting Prov. G. Janitors.

Among the distinguished visitors and companions present were Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Major-General B. Ford, P.D.G.S.B. Bengal; F. Binckes, P.Z. and Z. 59; Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., Royal Albert; J. C. Lucas, P.P.G.S.B., 315; G. R. Lockyer, P.Z. 315; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; G. P. Festa, P.Z.; A. Smith, P.Z. 38; J. H. Cross, 916; W. Dawes, 40; J. Adames, P.Z. 311; L. B. Henderson, J. 811; T. H. Crouch, 732; J. M. Kidd, P.Z. 732; W. Kuhe, P.G.O., P.Z. 271; P. Robinson, Z. 40; J. O. McCarogher, 732; W. E. Morrison, S.E. 916; S. Peters, Z. 811; D. T. Bostel, S. 811; W. Smith, P.Z. 732, P.P.G.S.; J. Stedman, Z. 311; J. Harrison, P.Z. 811; H. E. Price, H. 1466; A. T. Lamotte, 471; A. Taylor, 916; S. Solomon, P.Z. 732; W. R. Wood, P.P.G.H.; E. Broadbridge, P.Z. 811; C. H. Haine, 916; H. Beaumont, 315; W. Botting, 732; T. W. Markwick, 40; W. A. Cardwell, P.Z. 916; W. R. Wood, jun., Z. 315; W. Turner, P.G.A.S., 311; G. R. Lockyer, P.Z. 315; T. Chandler, 315; R. Clowes, 51; F. Daniel, 732; C. W. Hudson, 315; H. Kent, J. 315; H. Langton, and B. Bennett, P.Z. 732.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's account were received and adopted, when the PROV. GRAND SCRIBE E. read his customary statistics, which showed the province to be in a prosperous condition.

The M.E. Comp. GERARD FORD, Prov. Grand Superintendent, then gave the following address: Companions,—It is customary at this stage of our proceedings for the presiding companion to say a few words, commonly called an address, to those present in reference to the state of Masonry in the province, and, in particular, of Royal Arch Masonry. I find myself in the position of having to do this for the first time in my life, and I therefore ask your indulgence for any shortcomings at this moment. It is impossible, whilst considering and reviewing the present state and condition of Masonry in the Province of Sussex, not to be stayed at the threshold by the startling changes which have of late come over us, and one result of which has been to place me in the position I now occupy, all unworthy as I feel myself to sit in the seats of those revered companions and brethren, who, in times past, and prominently in recent days, have occupied this position. The loss of our Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, and his next in command, our Comp. John Henderson Scott, constitute two events of surpassing moment to this province; but when we consider that those two distinguished Masons not only represented the control of all that could further the prosperity of the Craft, as representing the double positions of Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, but of Grand Superintendent and his second Principal in the Royal Arch Degree—when, I say, we contemplate all that is implied in this duplicated Masonic bereavement, we may well mourn for them and deplore the removal of those eminent Masons and worthy men, who lately fulfilled their highly-important offices with so much zeal and untiring devotion to everything which might possibly conduce to the prosperity and the general well-being of our beloved Order. These being considerations which must occur to all of us, whether in or out of office, I would ask you for one moment to picture to yourselves what must pass through the mind of any one of you were he to be suddenly called upon to undertake the responsibilities, the labours, and the anxiety which any conscientious Mason must take upon himself when entering upon these duties. The Duke of Connaught, as you all know, is stationed in India, and, during his absence, it is my honour and privilege to represent his Royal Highness, and, so far as in me lies, to conduct the business of the province to his and your satisfaction. There is also the responsible post of Grand Superintendent, that which I am occupying to day. Well, I can only say that I shall anxiously do my best to carry out what is my duty in this direction. This is what chiefly concerns us on the present occasion as being assembled in Provincial Grand Chapter. It is with but a limited knowledge of the responsibilities of these positions that I essay to undertake them; but from what I have thus early experienced, I feel great confidence that I shall have your indulgence; and, perhaps, with time will come better experiences. The encouragement to go on, in the shape of many fraternal assurances of support, makes me feel that if I have the province with me, with Arch and Craft, I shall be enabled to preside over it with pleasure to myself, and, certainly, with the single aim of securing its profit and advantage. As to the state of the community in this county, you have heard the statistics; we are in a fairly good and prosperous condition, and I trust we may look for increasing prosperity. A new lodge, to be called by one of the titles of H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master, "The Earl of Sussex," will shortly be consecrated; for the warrant has been issued. As to whether there may be a possibility of the Duke of Connaught finding time amidst the host of engagements which will beset him during his brief visit to England, to run down here and inaugurate this new lodge, is a matter upon which the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, whom we have the happiness to see amongst us to-day, is better able to enlighten you than I am. It will be a great day for us if we should be so fortunate as to have, so soon, another Royal Masonic visit, a distinction which you will agree with me we ought to honour in every possible way, because of H.R.H.'s prominent interest in Masonry, and the honour we enjoy in having him, one of a line of Royal Masons, to preside over us, the only instance, I believe in the kingdom; and it has secured

to him the cordial fraternal adhesion of every brother and companion amongst us, in proof of which it will be remembered how cordial was the greeting he received when his illustrious brother the Prince of Wales, our future King, came here to install him as our chief. His name, which is identical with the soil we tread upon, adds another strong link to those already associated with the enduring Masonic memories belonging to his Royal House. The late Duke of Sussex was, as you all know, our sovereign amongst Masons, and did wonders for the Institution; and it is a happy day indeed for us to know that the same grand principles survive with undiminished, nay, increasing lustre in the persons of his Royal, and better still, young relations. I have little to add to that which, I hope, has not already become too lengthy; yet I must congratulate you all, and the whole Masonic fraternity, upon the grand results of our philanthropic appeals. You all know how powerfully they have availed to fit the female children to attain useful and honourable positions in life; how the boys have been instructed so as to go forth and worthily learn an honest livelihood; how the weak and tottering have been succoured and assisted in the downward path, which we have all of us to tread as we feel ourselves getting older. I will but ask you to realise the state of things which would have occurred if these Charities had not existed. Count the numbers of those who have been helped, and think of the misery, distress, and pauperism—probably crime—which have been averted! This is the watchword of Masonic Charities—"Help all to help themselves, and soften the downward steps of those who can no longer help themselves." I feel sure my words will not be in vain, and that you will—I do not say in profusion, for we are all pretty heavily called upon this year, but in readiness and willingness when the time comes, and particularly through our Masonic Charities' Committee—produce the ready shillings which would do so much for us if, in God's Providence, we should ever be placed in a position of helplessness. Companions, I have done. I have asked your indulgence for myself. I have pointed out something of our present condition here in Masonry. I will not imply indifference on your part to the grand principles of our Institution by subjecting you to any further exposition of them. You all know them. They have been indoctrinated in a manner which, I believe, you will none of you ever forget. It is enough for me, in this place, and once a year, to remind you of them, and I have every conviction that, as good Masons and true, you will take all care to propose and introduce into your chapters none but men who will do us credit; that you will consider as secondary every idea which might possibly bring in anything like a qualification of the old and established principles and landmarks of the Order; and that you will, and once more I ask it, assist me, by your cordial co-operation and a measure of your confidence, in enabling me to carry out all that by my new position is entailed upon your Superintendent.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed for the ensuing year; those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz. Comps. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, P.Z. 1466, Prov. G.H.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.Z. 40, Prov. G.J.; V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732, P.G.S.E.; W. Dawes, P.Z. 40, P.G.S.N.; R. Crosskey, P.Z. 311, P.G. Treas.; R. Pidcock, P.Z. 916, P.G. Reg.; J. H. C. Coles, P.Z. 916, P.G.P. Soj.; P. Robinson, M.E.Z. 40, P.G. 1st A.S.; J. Adams, P.Z. 311, P.G. 2nd A.S.; I. Wilkinson, P.Z. 271, P.G. Swd. Br.; Arthur Smith, P.Z. 38, P.G. Std. Br.; B. Bennett, P.Z. 732, P.G.D. of C.; A. King, H. 271, P.G. Org.; G. R. Locker, P.Z. 315, and E. Broadbridge, P.Z. 811, P.G. Stwds.; and H. Hughes, 811, P.G. Janitor.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where they were joined by several brethren of the Masonic lodges; the united company sitting down to an elegant banquet supplied by Mr. John Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton, whose catering gave the highest satisfaction. Comp. Gerard Ford, representing the dual capacity of Prov. G. Superintendent and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER briefly submitted "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that the brethren would receive the toast with especial pleasure in the Jubilee year; and, in drinking it, would not fail to review, with feelings of thankfulness and admiration, the fifty years of consistent life during which her Majesty had reigned. He next proposed "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The Prince, he said, was indeed a great power in Masonry; and, identifying himself with Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, was at the head of each. The two Degrees were happily united that evening, and the occasion, thus unique in its character, was one which would command an enthusiastic reception of the toast.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER then gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Present and Past." All who knew the working of Grand Lodge would, he said, be aware of the admirable manner in which the Earl of Carnarvon presided in the unavoidable absence of the Prince of Wales, and of the excellent work shown by the Earl of Lathom in the discharge of his duties. Sussex Freemasons had, from time to time, experienced the pleasure of making distinguished members of the Grand Lodge, and he himself felt deeply indebted to Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, who had come from Cambridge in order to be present at their Provincial Grand Chapter meeting.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in responding to the toast, said he had attended so many Provincial Grand Lodge meetings in Brighton that he felt it difficult, in acknowledging the toast, to find anything new on which to speak. He and the other officers of Grand Lodge who were present were pleased at the hearty reception accorded them. They were always glad to have the opportunity of supporting the officers of a province so high in their esteem as that of Sussex, and he would assure them several others, including Sir John Monckton, would have been present had not an important meeting required their attendance in London. Referring to the Earl of Sussex Lodge, for which a new warrant had been obtained, he regarded its foundation as a happy manner of commemorating the successful meeting of last June, when the Prince of Wales installed his brother, the Duke of Connaught, as Provincial Grand Master. Their Deputy Provincial Grand Master would be its first Worshipful Master, and, under

such auspices, he felt confident it would have a successful career. Personally, he could give the founders assurances of his own hearty support, and he also entertained the belief that the Duke of Connaught would be able to come down at the consecration of the lodge, and thus assist in promoting another grand Sussex success.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G." He regretted that the Duke was not present to take the chair; but, though absent, their P.G.M. had the interest of the province thoroughly at heart.

Bio. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE submitted the toast of "The W. Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent." So recently as two months since, he had, he said, the privilege of installing Bro. Ford into his offices as head of the Royal Arch and Craft Degrees. He then spoke so fully of his merits that he felt it unnecessary to again dilate upon them at any great length. He would, however, repeat that Bro. Ford's antecedents in Masonry and outside it were of so eminent a character, that he fully merited the high positions he had attained. From his own personal knowledge he could say that Bro. Ford had devoted a large amount of time to the interests of the province, and he heartily wished him many years of health and strength.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in rising to respond, was most warmly received. He said he felt that Bro. Clerke had spoken of him in such flattering terms, and the brethren had accorded him so hearty a welcome, that he felt unable to thank them sufficiently. He laid no claim to great ability, but would yield to no man in his desire to carry out the duties of his office with the utmost efficiency. He felt greatly encouraged by the words that had fallen from Bro. Clerke, and would do his utmost to merit the confidence of the brethren throughout the province. He had now arrived at the end and object of the meeting. They were met to ask Bro. V. P. Freeman's acceptance of a proof of the great respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Sussex province. (Applause.) He felt that he was not the best qualified brother present to adequately point to the merits of Bro. Freeman. He would not attempt to enumerate his many good points; they were known to all present. As Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe, he had laboured with such assiduity that his (Bro. Ford's) labours were materially lightened. Bro. Freeman's work for the province was daily; it never left him, and the machinery was never out of order. He merited the warmest thanks of every brother in the province for his untiring efforts, and he trusted Sussex Freemasons would long have the advantages of his services. The Masonic fates had apparently united together in doing honour to him; for, associated with the presentation they were about to make to him, came the news of his appointment as Grand Deacon. Cordially they all congratulated him upon the high honour bestowed upon him, and hoped that in all his glory he would not forget the Province of Sussex.

Bro. FORD then called upon Bro. B. BURFIELD, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, who read the following address, which formed part of the testimonial:—"To Worshipful Brother Vincent Paine Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, of Sussex. This testimonial, consisting of a bound address and purse, the latter containing a cheque for £700, has been mainly subscribed by his brethren and companions of the various lodges and chapters of the province, as a tangible expression of that high Masonic regard which they have so long entertained towards him. In making this presentation, the Masons of Sussex desire to express to Bro. Freeman their deep obligation to him for the untiring energy with which he has uniformly given effect to his valuable Masonic acquisitions. They feel that it is in a great measure due to his zeal and assiduity that the working of the province has been so successfully kept in motion, and that without a Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra possessing those high qualifications which belong to Bro. Freeman, they could not have hoped to see the best interests of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry so ably cared for, and the dignity as well as usefulness of the important positions which he occupies with the entire acclamation of his brethren and companions so effectually maintained. In asking him to accept this tribute, the various subscribers fraternally wish him lengthened days of health and prosperity under the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they trust that the brethren and companions of Sussex may for many years enjoy the great advantages of his tried experience, and his ever-ready helpfulness in all important cases of doubt and difficulty. Dated, at the Royal Pavillion, Brighton, this 23rd day of April, A.L. 5887, A.D. 1887. Signed on behalf of the Presentation Committee: Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Chairman); Robert Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer (Treasurer); John M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Francis Daniel, P.M. 732, B. Burfield, P.M. 1871 (Hon. Secretaries)."

[Here follows an alphabetical list of the names of various lodges and subscribers—372 in number.]

The illuminated address, an admirable work of art, was executed by Miss Lucy Curtis, and took the form of a book bound in blue morocco. The silver shield on the cover bore the engraved monogram, "V. P. F.," while the first page was occupied with the following words, artistically arranged and cleverly designed: "United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England and Wales; Province of Sussex; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Provincial Grand Master." The testimonial, it may be incidentally mentioned, emanated from a proposition made in the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes, last August, by Bro. Joseph Farncombe, P.P.G.S.B., Mayor of the borough.

The testimonial was handed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to Bro. Freeman, amidst enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

Bro. FREEMAN, on rising, after a short interval, to respond was again warmly received. He said there was an old proverb, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." His heart was indeed full, and he did not know how to find words adequate to returning thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and which the Deputy Prov. G.M. had been pleased to call a slight memento. The Province of Sussex had sent respectable sums to the Masonic Institutions, and the brethren had recently subscribed to the Scott Testimonial and the Burrell Portrait Testimonial Funds. Nor had the funds

of local institutions been forgotten, and during the last ten years between £9000 and £10,000 had been subscribed by Sussex Freemasons. He (Bro. Freeman) was proud to share their respect and esteem, but surprised at the magnificent testimonial. He was not personally known to all the brethren, and that served to enhance the value of the presentation. The kind words of the address had awakened in his mind feelings of the warmest appreciation. His unexpected honour in Grand Lodge he also appreciated, not merely as a compliment to himself, but to the province. (Applause.) He then referred to the brethren who in past years had been taken away from their midst, and expressed his thankfulness that he had been spared to assist in the work of the province. In carrying out his duties he had, naturally encountered differences of opinion, but harmony had, however, reigned supreme. He wished to express his thanks to Bro. Clerke for his attendance, and to Bros. Kidd, Daniel, and Burfield, who had evidently worked zealously with their Deputy Prov. G.M. and Treasurer as the Testimonial Committee. He could not sit down without again thanking the brethren for their many acts of kindness and for their sympathy in affliction. He hoped for many years to enjoy their friendship and regard. (Applause.)

Bro. W. R. WOOD, P.G.D., briefly proposed "The Visitors."

Bros. F. BINCKES and Major-General FORD responded. The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past."

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Lieut.-General RANDOLPH, Prov. S.G.W., and C. W. HUDSON, Prov. J.G.W.

The toast of "The Principals of the Chapters in the Province" was proposed by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and responded to by Bros. P. ROBINSON, W. R. WOOD, jun., and S. PETERS.

Bro. DAWES proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province," to which Bros. W. BOTTING and PRICE responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Testimonial Committee," acknowledged by Bros. R. CROSSKEY, J. M. KIDD, F. DANIEL, and B. BURFIELD, and the Tyler's toast.

The speeches were agreeably interspersed with songs, admirably rendered. Miss Ada Moore sang Watson's "Fettered," and Hartog's "Dreams;" Miss Bertha Moore gave Bellini's "Qui la voce" and Hope Temple's "Lady's bower," and joined her sister in Blumenthal's "Venetian boat song." Dr. Shadwell sang Mattei's "Non è ver" and Shield's "The Arethusa." Miss Freeman sang Sullivan's "My dearest heart," and received the honour of being encored. Bro. W. Kuhe (by special request) played his own "Home, sweet home." Bro. A. King gave the pianoforte accompaniments.

MARK MASONRY IN THE ISLAND OF SAINT HELENA.

For the first time in the annals of Freemasonry in the Island, Mark Masonry was represented by the opening of the Jamestown Mark Master Mason's Lodge, No. 370, under warrant from the Grand Mark Lodge, dated the 10th November, 1886. This lodge was formally opened on 3rd February, 1887, by the officers designate, namely: Bros. Capt. Cecil E. Reynolds, Royal Artillery, W.M.; Major H. Gardner, Royal Scots, S.W.; Joseph T. Jarvis, J.W. Since the opening of the Lodge, the following brethren have been regularly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Masons: Bros. Richard Dowling, P.M. 488; Andrew Sloane Brady, P.M. 912; William Ackley, P.M. 488; Louis Mark, 488; William H. Congdon, 912; Richard Barlow, 912; Samuel Young, 912; Richard A. Clarke, 488; Edward Thomas, 488; John Grapes, 488; William H. Harris, 912; and Richard Bond, 912. It will be seen from the above that there were but few M.M. Masons residing on the island, and this new Lodge could not obtain its full complement of officers till the above advancements had taken place. The following is the completed list of officers: Bros. Capt. C. E. Reynolds, W.M.; Major H. Gardner, S.W.; Joseph T. Jarvis, J.W.; William Ackley, M.O.; Louis Mark, S.O.; William H. Congdon, J.O.; A. S. Brady, Treas.; R. Dowling, Sec.; R. A. Clarke, S.D.; R. Bond, J.D.; John Grapes, I.G.; and Samuel Young, Tyler. The ceremony of advancement was ably performed by the W.M. and his officers, to whom great credit is due for their trouble and exertions in establishing Mark Masonry in St. Helena, where a want of such Order had long existed, as many Masons from Mark Lodges in America, &c., often visit the Island. On the occasions of their future visits a happy welcome will be held out to them by the Jamestown Mark Lodge, No. 370, which we wish a long future, and a useful and happy career.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GODDARD.—On the 25th inst., at Wembley, near Harrow, the wife of C. E. Goddard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

WOODBRIDGE.—On the 25th inst., at Maddison Villas, Venner-road, Sydenham, the wife of G. W. Woodbridge, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

HARTER—COKE.—On the 26th inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, George Loyd Foster, son of J. C. Harter, of The Cedars, Leamington, to Frances Geraldine, daughter of W. S. Coke and the late Mrs. Coke, of Brookhill Hall, Derbyshire.

DEATHS.

CROFTS.—On the 25th inst., at Church Gresley, near Burton-on-Trent, William Carrick Crofts, M.R.C.S.E., &c., aged 52. No cards.

WARREN.—On the 24th inst., at Naas House, West-green, Tottenham, W. Warren, Esq., aged 77.

The installation meeting of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1506, was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, a large number of visitors being present, among whom were many Past Masters. Bro. John Bowyer, one of the founders of the lodge, was installed W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. John Stock, an initiate, and now a Past Master of the lodge.



We regret our inability, owing to the severe demands on our space this week, to fulfil our promise to furnish an account of the funeral of the late Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows. It will appear next week.

Bro. W. Sugg, on Saturday last, delivered an interesting lecture at Liverpool Institute on "Improvements in Gas Lighting."

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on Tuesday afternoon, in aid of the Recreative Evening Schools, Association.

There is a rumour afloat that Bro. Sir Edward W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., Chairman of London and South Eastern Railway Company will shortly be raised to the peerage.

Bro. W. A. Higgs was nominated for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor at the Court of Aldermen held on the 19th inst.

Bro. Lord Kinnaird, a brother of the late Lord Kinnaird, a former Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, died at his residence, 2, Pall Mall East, on Tuesday, after illness extending over some two months.

Bros. Sir F. Roxburgh, Q.C., and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., were among the Benchers, and Bro. the Lord Mayor among the guests, who dined in Middle Temple Hall on Tuesday, being Grand Day of Eastern Term.

It is satisfactory to learn that the health of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs has most considerably improved of late, though the heavy pressure of his official duties renders it unlikely that it will be fully restored for some time to come.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Monday, presentations to his Royal Highness being, by the Queen's wish, equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. The Prince was attended by the Great Officers of State, and there was a very full attendance, Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Horace Jones, F. Seager Hunt, and others, being present.

Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., who is Upper Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, and Past Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Presided at a Jubilee banquet held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, in behalf of the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum.

The marble recumbent figure of the late Right Rev. James Fraser, D.D., Bishop of Manchester (as part of the diocesan memorial), will be on view for the next few days, at the Studios of Bro. James Forsyth, sculptor, Finchley New-road, Hampstead (adjoining the North London Railway), previous to its erection in the New Chapel, Manchester Cathedral.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT STONEHOUSE.—At the ordinary meeting of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, held at Stonehouse, on the 12th inst., Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G.C., presented to the lodge a magnificent painted portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the regalia of the Grand Master of England, and also a splendid engraving in a handsome frame of the installation of H.R.H. as G.M. on 28th April, 1887. The W.M. (Bro. C. F. Dunsterville), in acknowledging the gift, referred to the many acts of kindness Bro. Lemon had shown to the lodge, and his great zeal and love for Freemasonry. This was also corroborated by Bros. George Hawken, P.M.; R. R. Rae, P.M. and Secretary; J. Gifford, P.M. and Secretary, 105; and W. Powell, P.M. and Secretary, 1205.

The following dinners, &c., take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 30th inst.: Monday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society's Smoking Concert; Old King's Arms Lodge Dine; Royal Somerset House Lodge Dine; Mess Dinner of the 21st Middlesex. Tuesday—Royal York Chapter Dine; Lodge of Prudent Brethren Dine; Royal Savoy Lodge Dine; Baptist Mission Society Tea. Wednesday—Grand Festival of United Grand Lodge; Smeatonian Society; Jordan Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers Lodge Dine; Polish National Lodge Dine. Friday—Britannic Lodge; Gavel Club.

THE JOHN CARPENTER CLUB.—On Thursday the 21st inst., the annual dinner of the committees of this club took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C. (W.M. elect of the John Carpenter Lodge), presiding. After an excellent repast, the toast of "The Queen" was duly given by the chairman, who afterwards proposed that of "The Various Committees and Associations of the Club," and remarked that though the club in every possible way fulfilled the objects for which it was instituted over 35 years ago, viz., "To promote social intercourse between old boys of the City of London School, and to relieve cases of distress," he (the Chairman) considered that the various organisations which emanated from it, and which consequently were adapted to various individual dispositions, tended in every way to add to the prosperity of the club. He expressed a hope that the John Carpenter Club Socials might be resumed at a later date, and that still further means might be proposed for the more frequent association of the members. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. G. W. Cooke, the highly-esteemed hon. secretary of the club, and Mr. H. Wilson, one of the hon. secretaries of the Ball Committee, and Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, one of the principal officers of the John Carpenter Lodge, all of whom appropriately responded. Other toasts followed, the last being that of "The Hon. Secretary for the Occasion," Mr. A. W. Willis.—City Press.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, May 7, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

Consecration of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury.
Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. [S.E., 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

MONDAY, MAY 2.

Lodge 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
" 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton.
" 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
Mark 139, Panmure, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
K.T. 154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.
" 2190, Savage, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1, Grand Masters', Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 1, St. Mark's, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

GRAND CHAPTER at 6.
Lodge 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
" 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craved-rd., Paddington.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
Chap. 9, Mount Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, William-st., Woolwich.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 214, Hope and Unity, Royal Forest Hot., Chingford.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8.
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.

Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
" 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey H.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

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