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OUR readers will no doubt have gathered from the few remarks we made last week in reference to the meeting of the brethren in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Monday next, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to her MAJESTY on the completion of the Jubilee year of her reign, that there is every reason to anticipate the occasion will prove as great a success as the historic gathering in the same hall in April, 1875, at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES as M.W. Grand Master. Whether there will be quite as many present as on the latter occasion may be doubted, but considerably over 6000 tickets have already been issued, and, as each ticket represents a contribution of one guinea to the fund which is to be distributed—without any deduction whatever towards the expenses incurred in preparing and appointing the hall—among our three Institutions, as one part of the Jubilee memorial raised by the Craft, it is clear the enthusiasm of the brethren for the QUEEN and her family must have a deep-seated reality about it, when they are prepared to pay between £6000 and £7000 for the privilege of exhibiting it on a particular occasion. But people will not concern themselves much about the actual numbers assembled. What they will look at most will be the character and purpose of the meeting, its well nigh incomparable splendour, and the genuineness and heartiness of the feeling by which all present will be actuated. Masons are very far from assuming to themselves a monopoly of loyalty; but they may justly claim for their loyalty, as for their Charity, that it is, so to speak, a fixed quantity, which nothing can change or even modify, and of this the proof will be forthcoming on Monday next. As regards the arrangements for the gathering, they are as nearly perfect as it is possible for them to be. Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary; Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, have been engaged for weeks past in the work of preparation, and we anticipate that not the least remarkable feature of the meeting will be the perfect ease and order with which the proceedings will be conducted.

BY way of emphasising the proceedings of the Craft in commemorating the QUEEN'S Jubilee, his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER has graciously determined to confer brevet rank in Grand Lodge on a large number of brethren who have, in different ways and at different times, rendered important services to the Society. Every province has been honoured in the person of one, at least, of its prominent officials, while London has a list equal in number and influence to the claims it has on the Grand Lodge for the great services rendered to the Craft generally. The list of those who have been chosen to receive this distinction is therefore a formidable one, but, even if we had space to enumerate them all, we should be wanting in respect to the GRAND MASTER if we anticipated by a few days the announcement which will be made in the Royal Albert Hall on Monday. We believe, however, it is no secret that among those whom the PRINCE has thus delighted to honour are the Secretaries of our three Institutions—Bros. F. BINCKES, JAMES TERRY, and F. R. W. HEDGES. Of the eminence of the services rendered by these brethren there cannot be a moment's question, and though it is only in human nature to suppose that, when the list is made public, exception will be taken to the omission of some brethren and the inclusion of others, we imagine there will be no doubt as to the propriety of the honours bestowed on the three Secretaries. At all events, we take this opportunity of tendering them our hearty congratulations on the good fortune awaiting them.

IN spite of the old injunction against judging by appearances, we are sanguine enough to regard the prospects of the 89th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, the 14th inst., as hopeful. There is no doubt that a change for the better followed rapidly, when the announcement was made public that Bro. T. W. TEW, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, had kindly consented to occupy the chair. All

things considered, there was a fairly good list of Stewards before the news made its appearance, but now that it has had time to circulate among the Craft, the Board has been considerably strengthened, and where, a fortnight since, there were only some 260 brethren who had volunteered their services, now there are a round 280. Nor, though the time is short, are we otherwise than reasonably confident that the Province of West Yorkshire will put on an additional spurt in honour of its respected chief in his capacity of Chairman of the day. True, not much can be done in ten days, that is to say, not much from a West Yorkshire point of view, which is among the most regular and generous of the supporters of all the Masonic Charities. But no doubt the additional spurt will mean a substantial increase in the sum it had originally raised, which will be worthy of Bro. TEW, West Yorkshire, and the Institution for Boys, and will assist in swelling considerably the general total. Moreover, the encouragement given by Bro. TEW to the other represented lodges and provinces will be also considerable, and we repeat, therefore, the prospects for Tuesday next are decidedly more hopeful, and we shall not be surprised if the result is not more nearly on a level—we will not say with the great Festival of 1883, but with the highest of other previous announcements. We sincerely trust it will be so, for the requirements of the current year will be exceptionally heavy, and it would not do for the existing deficit to be continued through another statement of account.

THE Reports of the General Board and Audit Committee of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales are, speaking generally, in all respects, the only drawback to which we briefly alluded last week, being the reference in the former to the difference existing between the Mark Grand Lodge and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, to which, however, the Committee have been requested to give their further consideration. But save in this one particular, the details are most encouraging. During the past year the number of Mark certificates has been 566, raising the total number of registered Mark Master Masons to 22,793; warrants having been granted for ten new lodges, which as regards the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, 149 certificates have been issued, raising the total number to 2225, and warrants granted for five new lodges. With reference to the Jubilee celebration, the Board recommended that 150 guineas (£157 10s.) should be granted to the Masonic Section of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," and that every Mark Master Mason who is a subscribing member of a Mark lodge on the 20th June shall be permitted to wear a gold or gilt badge on the hanger of the jewel. Financially the position of this Grand Lodge becomes stronger every year. It has invested funds now amounting to £7800, of which £2400 belongs to the General Fund; £1500 to the Benevolent Fund; £1900 to the Educational Fund; and £2000 to the Annuity Fund. There is also in the case of three out of the four funds a substantial balance on the right side of the account—that is to say, on the General Fund one of £467 11s. 6d.; on the Benevolent Fund one of £138 os. 5d.; and on the Annuity Fund one of £47 2s. 4d. On account of the Education Fund there is an overdraw of £9 4s. 1d., but this is hardly worth noticing, especially as on the 30th September, 1886, the overdraw on the same Fund amounted to upwards of £100. These satisfactory evidences of the prosperity of the Mark Degree, make us all the more content that Mark G. Lodge at its meeting on the 21st ult., adopted Bro. HUGHAN'S suggestion, and have referred the difference with Quebec to the General Board for further consideration. It will be great gain to both sides when this matter can be honourably brought to an end.

ON Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., we attended the meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, chiefly for the purpose of listening to the paper of our old friend and contributor, Bro. HUGHAN. That we were much pleased "va sans dire" and we have recorded our impression of our brother's able lecture in another column. But we were no less pleased and somewhat surprised at the great progress which this lodge has made in so short a time since its consecration and the striking and thoroughly practical marks of approval which its efforts are evoking at home, in the colonies, and abroad. The long list of gifts to its nascent library, which is given in our report in another column, is some proof of the interest reading Masons throughout the world take in its proceedings, but more weighty still in our opinion is the adhesion of 88 members to its Correspondence Circle. This adjunct to the lodge was only started in February and is increasing daily. Forty-one new members were admitted on the evening we were present, and we must confess that, inasmuch as a Correspondence member receives all the summonses and circulars of the lodge and all its printed proceedings, is welcomed to all its meetings, is privileged to take part in all discussions, in fact, enjoys all the advantages of a full member except the power of voting or holding office, for the trifling sum of half-a-guinea per annum, we are

not surprised at the lodge's offer being so readily accepted. But we were hardly prepared for the quality of its Correspondence membership. That English students and Masonic historians like Bros. Watson, of Leeds; Logan, of Durham; Newton of Bolton, Todd of York, Sadler, G.T., Shackles of Hull, Francis of Havant, Yarker of Manchester, Mason of Leeds, &c., should join the circle is easily understood; but beyond these there are dozens of eminent Masons in every quarter of the world. We note for instance—Dr. Bege-mann, the learned German Masonic student of Rostock, Mecklenberg; Wm. Kelly, the Past Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire; C. E. Meyer, the Chairman of the Library Committee of G.L. of Pennsylvania; Cramer, the Editor of the Berlin Journal, "Latomia;" MacCalla, the Dep. G. Master of G.L. of Pennsylvania; Tempels, member of the Historical Committee of the Supreme Council 33°, of Belgium; Smyth, Grand Master of South Carolina; MacNair, Past Dep. Grand Master, Pennsylvania; Patton, Grand Treasurer, Pennsylvania; Knight, member of the Library Committee of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; General Roome, Past Grand Master of New York; Contreras, Editor of "Espana Masonica," Madrid; Sir Henry Burford Hancock, Chief Justice and District Grand Master, Gibraltar; Groothoff, a high official of Grand Lodge of Denmark; Arnold, Grand Master of Rhode Island, U.S.A.; Lambert, Grand Zerubbabel of Louisiana; Hohr, President of the Inner Orient of the Royal York Grand Lodge at Berlin; Schulza, Librarian of the Nat. Grand Lodge of Germany, at Berlin; and many others scarcely less notable, hailing from East India, Ceylon, the Cape, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark, America, &c. But the feature which pleased us most was the membership of various Masonic bodies in their corporate capacity, for instance, Lodge Eboracum, York; Lodge Goodwill, 711, South Africa; the Supreme Council, 33°, Brussels. As regards the latter lodge indeed, no less than four of its members are members of the Correspondence Circle, besides which the lodge itself is a member. A lodge thus acquires by the usual payment of 10s. 6d. a copy of all the printed transactions of the Quatuor Coronati for the general use of all its members. We should strongly advise all lodges to follow so good an example, as by the payment of a trifling annual subscription they are enabled to place before their members the last views on Masonic history and archæology of a band of students eminent, individually and collectively, in every branch of Masonic research. Bro. Speth, the Secretary, informs us that the greater part of last year's transactions are now in print, and will be issued in two or three weeks. The cost to non-members of the Correspondence Circle will, of course, be considerably higher than the annual subscription of 10s. 6d., if, indeed, they are obtainable at all, which is still doubtful. The first volume of reprints, including *inter alia* the Halliwell poem, which will be given in *fac simile*, as well as in ordinary print, is also, we learn, in a forward state of preparation, and as only a limited number of copies will be issued, applications for them should be made without delay to the Secretary.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

One of the largest—if not the largest—meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held under the banner of the Harrow Lodge, at the King's Head Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 4th inst. There was a very numerous attendance of brethren, upwards of 120 members of the province and visitors being present. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart, P.S.G.W., the R.W.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; K. R. Montgomery, P.S.G.W.; and J. Ferguson, P.J.G.W. Amongst the other brethren present were—

Bros. Rev. Spencer H. Buller, Prov. G. Chap.; Jos. Baker, Prov. G. Chap.; F. B. Archer, Prov. G. Treas.; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Beresford Ryley, Prov. S.G.D.; J. H. Williams, Prov. J.G.D.; W. A. Scurrah, Prov. G.S. of W.; A. W. Gower, Prov. A.G.D.C.; R. T. Fennell, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. Vassila, Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. Tagg, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Read, Prov. G. Org.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J. T. Briggs, E. E. Cooper, J. Gurney, and W. Iron, Prov. G. Stwds.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.R.; C. W. Pridmore, P.P.G.S.B.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.R.; C. L. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Inglis, P.P.S.G.W.; C. A. Walter, P.P. S.G.D.; C. Axford, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Medwell, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Graham, P.P. S.G.D.; W. T. Buck, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Bryant, P.P.G.D.; J. Osborn, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. S. Dunkley, Prov. A.G.P.; Walker Cooper, P.P.J.G.D.; A. G. Fiddler, P.P.S.G.D.; G. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G.R.; H. Mayes, P.P.G.P.; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; W. A. Rogers, P.P.G.P.; G. Fehrenbach, P.P.S.G.D.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; H. Bond, Prov. G. Stwd. Kent; C. Veal, P.P.S. G.D. Surrey; W. Faton, S.D. 879; W. H. Froome, P.M. 1657; H. H. Room, P.M., Sec. 2090; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Provincial G. Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges in the province was called. The minutes of the last Provincial G. Lodge was read for verification and confirmed, with the addition of a suggestion by Bro. Thrupp, Dep. P.G.M., expressing the regret of the brethren at the absence, through illness, of the Prov. G.M., Sir F. Burdett, for the first time since the province has been under his rule. The Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were received and adopted. The election of Prov. G. Treas. being the next business on the agenda, Bro. TICKLE, P.P.G. Reg., nominated Bro. J. Hepburn, 1702, for the post, and alluded to the high position attained by that brother, not only in Masonry, but in the mercantile world. Bro. Tickle said that in making the nomination he wished to mention that Bro. Hepburn was a member of the blue brigade, and his appointment would enable the Prov. G.M. to place the purple on one who had not already received it. Bro. ARCHER, Prov. G. Treas., heartily seconded the nomination. Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., was proposed by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, who said that in the Grand Lodge they found the office of Grand Treasurer of the Craft and the Royal Arch combined, and as it worked very well, and Bro. Lovegrove was the Prov. G. Treas. for the Prov. G. Chap. of Middx., he was eminently suited for the post. Bro.

AXFORD having seconded the proposition, a poll was taken, and resulted in favour of Bro. Hepburn by a large majority.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp having been re-appointed Dep. Prov. G.M., the following Prov. G. Officers were appointed and were invested, with the exception of Bros. Devereux, Col. Blunt, and Maple, who were unavoidably absent:

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, 1460	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. E. Cooper, 1494	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Jos. Baker, 2024	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Dr. Lindsay, 1237	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Hepburn, 1702	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" P. A. Scratchley, 708	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. F. H. Woodward, 1691	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Briggs, 1503	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. M. Jones, 1415	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. T. Gurney, 1309	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Etherington, 1310	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Iron, 1579...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S of W.
" W. Beard, 946	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. R. Strutt, 1702	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. W. Devereux, 1423	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. A. Cooper, 1637	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Job Gillingham, 1238	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Blackburn, 1733	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. T. Eyre, 1691	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lee, 1897	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. S. Dunkley, 1777	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. Woodman, 1897	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Col. Blunt, 2094...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. T. Bing, 1597	...	...	...	
" G. Gregory, 2087	...	...	...	
" W. Sweetland, 1460	...	...	...	
" W. Maple, 1293	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. Roy, 1549	...	...	...	
" J. Gilbert	...	...	...	

The PROV. G. MASTER, in re-appointing Bro. J. F. H. Woodward to the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, heartily thanked him for the excellent services he had rendered the province, and expressed his personal obligation to him for again undertaking the arduous work. Since Bro. Woodward had occupied the position, he had by indefatigable energies perfected the organisation of the province, which now reflected the highest possible credit on his exertions.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., on behalf of the Henry Levander Lodge, presented a standard (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) to complete the regalia of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The members of the lodge he represented took a lively interest in the Craft, and were at all times ready to do their utmost to advance the interests of the province. They also esteemed it an honour to be under the rule of the present Prov. Grand Master, whom all the brethren had learned to love and respect.

The PROV. G. MASTER said it was with pride and gratification that he accepted the standard on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge. He looked upon the Henry Levander Lodge as a flourishing lodge, and although he was present at the consecration, he regretted the number of lodges in the province prevented his attending there more frequently. In the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, he accepted the standard, thanking them heartily for the gift.

On the motion of the PROV. G. MASTER, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of fifteen guineas should be granted to each of the three Masonic Institutions.

Bros. Briggs, Pearce, and Scurrah were elected members of the Audit Committee. The Prov. G.M. nominated Bros. Maple, Etherington, and Sweetland for the Charity Committee, and Bros. Scurrah, Lee, and Tickle were also elected.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said he was glad to know the province was now working in a systematic manner. They all knew the difficulties the Prov. G. Sec. had to contend with, and the vast amount of work in consequence of the increase in the strength of the province, and he wished to impress upon the W.M.'s the importance of seeing the Secretaries' and Treasurers' duties properly carried out. If those duties were done systematically, the work of the Prov. G. Secretary would be easy. There had been certain transgressions, but all was now set right, and the W.M.'s had come forward and cleared their lodges from disagreeable reflections. He sincerely hoped the W.M.'s and Secretaries would exert themselves in a manner that would be creditable to their lodges, and relieve the Prov. G. Secretary and Prov. G. Treasurer from a great amount of trouble. He asked them to assist the Executive in rendering the work of the province far easier than it had been hitherto.

Bro. TICKLE, P.P.G. Reg., said it would be in the memory of many that on the retirement of Bro. Buss, a Committee was formed to present him with a suitable token of appreciation for the work he had rendered and of the esteem with which he is regarded. The Deputy P.G.M. was the Chairman, Bro. T. Archer, P.P.G. Treas., the honorary Treasurer, and with the assistance of the Prov. G. Secretary, he (Bro. Tickle) undertook the work of the honorary Secretary. He was pleased to say they raised the sum of £50, and, having consulted the feelings of Bro. Buss, the money was devoted to making him a Vice-President, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The sum therefore of 50 guineas was invested in his name and called "The Buss Vice-President Fund." The votes will be in his possession while he lives, and when he passes away they will revoke to the Prov. G. Lodge, and will be in the hands of the Prov. G.M. Bro. Buss was also presented with an address illuminated on vellum, and those who visited the house of that brother to make the present could testify to the delight with which it was received.

On the motion of Bro. TICKLE, seconded by Bro. DR. RYLEY, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Archer for his services as Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bro. ARCHER having briefly returned thanks, the Prov. Grand Lodge was formally closed.

A procession was then formed to the parish church, where a special service was held, and an eloquent address given by Bro. JOS. BAKER, Prov. G. Chaplain.

The brethren subsequently dined at the King's Head Hotel, where a substantial repast was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the worthy host, Mr. Charles Tomkins.

The usual toasts were afterwards given and received with the customary heartiness.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been duly honoured.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Grand Officers." They all knew the work done by the M.W.G.M., and were aware he could not carry on the duties if he were not so ably supported by the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. Those two noble men were able and energetic Masons, and, in addition to their work as Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M., performed their duties as Prov. Grand Masters of their respective provinces to the satisfaction of all. In coupling with the toast the name of one they had present that evening, he was confident it would be warmly received, for he was well known and beloved by all. He referred to their esteemed Bro. Thrupp, P.G.D. He was sure the mention of the name would be the signal for an enthusiastic reception, and he was pleased to find he was not mistaken, for Bro. Thrupp rendered him great and special services.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., in reply, said it was always an honour to have his name coupled with the names of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. He was sure every Grand Officer, although he be but an humble representative like himself, exerted his utmost to support those two Grand Officers in their work. All present were aware that most of the Grand Officers were appointed by the M.W.G.M., and he felt sure they would all agree with him that it was very seldom his Royal Highness made a mistake by promoting the wrong man. Wherever he had gone in Masonry he always heard that toast proposed and received with acclamation, and he thought it deserved it. If they turned to the executive officers they would find them a hard-working body of men. Take, for instance, Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, who was engaged in a great task that would tax the brains of many men. He thought there were a large number who would shrink from the task of attempting to seat many thousands of Masons in their proper places by a given time. He believed, however, they would find that the meeting at the Albert Hall on the 13th inst. would be conducted in the eminently satisfactory manner that characterised the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He had the honour of being a Steward on that occasion, and it would never be effaced from his memory. He hoped the brethren would attend in large numbers, and show that it was not only the Grand Officers, but the Craft generally, who wished to prove their devotion to their Queen and attachment to the M.W.G.M. He thanked them for the loyalty shown to the Grand Officers, and for the cordiality with which the toast was always received. He would now ask them to support him in the toast of the evening—"The Health of R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master." If it ever afforded a Mason pleasure to propose the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, it certainly gave him extra pleasure on that occasion. Most of the brethren present would recollect that last year Sir Francis was prevented by illness from attending, and no one regretted his absence more than himself. They all missed his genial and kindly manner, and sincerely sympathised with him. Sir Francis was, however, very pleased to hear from him a few days afterwards how successfully the Prov. G. Lodge was carried out, but at the same time they all felt they were performing the play of "Hamlet" without a Hamlet. They were all heartily pleased to have him with them again that evening looking as well as ever, full of energy and spirit, full of that geniality and courteous manner which had won the hearts of all, and full of that devotion to the Order which had earned for him his name in the Craft. He asked the brethren to join him in hoping their present Prov. G.M. would be with them for many years to preside over them.

Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G.M., said he might have considered his duties were acquitted, and he might also have thought that he had got through them successfully, but he felt the duty he had now undertaken was more arduous than anything he had previously performed. The hearty manner in which the Dep. Prov. G.M. had proposed his health was far more than he could expect, and far more than he could return thanks for. They were all aware that he had a love for the Order, and that he was anxious to do his duty to the province. He would always carry out his duties as far as lay in his power, and hoped for a few years to come to continue amongst them, and see the province flourish. He did not think that since he had presided over them he had seen a more genial number of members, and he hoped to meet them again during the next twelve months. It was his anxious wish to visit them as often as he could, and he would do his best to accept as many invitations as possible. His best wishes were with the brethren in the province, and when he was away he could assure them they were not forgotten. He begged to thank them for the kind manner in which they had received his health, and he only wished they would often again meet happily in the future.

In proposing "The Visitors," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said there were not many occasions on which they could show their hospitality, but they were always happy to receive those who so kindly visited them. There would have been a larger attendance of Grand Officers, as several invitations were sent, but they were unfortunately engaged elsewhere. They, however, had with them a number of other brethren, including Bro. Wynn, whom they were pleased to see, and Bro. Chas. Greenwood, who would no doubt endorse the remarks he had made respecting the Secretaries of lodges.

Bro. CHAS. GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast, and he could only say that he accepted with avidity the invitation to be present. Although it was difficult for him to visit lodges not in his own province, he thought he might get a wrinkle from the manner in which the business was conducted, which would be of service to him in the Province of Surrey. He had learnt one thing from the proceedings, and that was the immense amount of good that might be done from the enthusiasm of a body of Masons. He sincerely thanked them for the great pleasure it had afforded him to visit the sister province.

"The W.M., Wardens, and members of the Harrow Lodge" was proposed by the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. HEPBURN.

Bro. ETHERINGTON, Prov. J.G.D., in reply, said that he felt greatly gratified at the kind manner in which his name had been coupled with the toast. He assured the Prov. G.M. that what he had done in the past was but an earnest of what he would do in the future to promote the welfare of the Harrow Lodge. He took the present opportunity of expressing his deep thanks to the Prov. G.M. for the honour he had that day conferred upon him, which he valued as much for the prestige given to his lodge as for the distinction conferred upon himself. The Harrow Lodge had passed through

a period of difficulty, but he was pleased to say that as every dark cloud had a silver lining, so he could now see a time of renewed prosperity approaching. He was pleased to hear the Prov. G.M. was satisfied with the arrangements made for his reception, and he hoped that at a future time not far distant the lodge would again have the honour of receiving the Prov. G. Lodge under its banner.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. John Read, Prov. G. Org., assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, Stanley Smith, and G. S. Graham, P.P.G. Org.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the various lodges in the Province of Northants and Hunts was held under the banner of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 445, Towcester, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Especial interest attached to the meeting, as this year is the Jubilee of the Lodge of Fidelity, and also the Jubilee year of Bro. George Osborn, the senior Past Master now in the province, and one of the founders of 445, and a large attendance of brethren testified to the general desire to honour the occasion. The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met at the Town Hall at 12.30 a.m. At one o'clock the Lodge of Fidelity was opened, and punctually at 1.30 Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Butler-Wilkins, the Dep. Prov. G.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. the Duke of Manchester. The brethren present numbered nearly a hundred, including representatives from most of the lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at Kettering, were confirmed, and the roll of lodges called, and minute books examined.

Bro. GEORGE OSBORN proposed the re-election of Bro. J. U. Stanton as Treasurer to the Province, and paid a warm tribute to the zeal and energy with which Bro. Stanton had carried out the duties of the office for some years.

This tribute was emphasised by Bro. HERBERT HART, who seconded the re-election, which was unanimously adopted.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers of P.G. Lodge for the ensuing year. The first installation was that of the Earl of Euston to the chair of Prov. S.G.W., an appointment which was greeted with Masonic enthusiasm. The officers appointed and installed are as follows:—

Bro. Lord Euston, 445	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ G. H. Percival, 1911	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ the Rev. G. B. Hooper	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ J. U. Stanton, 360	...	(re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ A. Jones, 1764	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ F. G. Buckle, 442	...	(re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. J. Hart, 360	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ George Burtord, 445	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ J. H. Martin, 607	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ G. Ellard, 360	...	(re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ R. Canham, 466	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ T. Coote, 373	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ R. Payling, 442	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
„ E. P. Toller, 455	...	...	...	
„ W. Simmonds, 445	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. Worley, 737	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ J. Snow (Pomfret)	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ T. Whited (St. Peter's)	...	...	...	
„ A. P. Kingcombe (Fidelity)	...	...	...	
„ T. Hart (Merit)	...	...	...	
„ H. Dainty (Wentworth)	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler
„ H. Hodges (Eleanor Cross)	...	...	...	
„ T. Cook, 442	...	...	...	

The grants made by the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, and 30 guineas were voted to the Boys' School, on the suggestion of the W.D. P.G.M. Other Masonic business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a procession was formed to attend the special service in the parish church. The unwonted spectacle attracted a large attendance of sight-seers. The open Bible, a valuable black letter edition, being dated 1634, the property of the Fidelity Lodge—with the square and compasses thereon—was borne by four comely boys, the children of members of the Fidelity Lodge: they were Masters Alfred E. Jones, William Oldham, Willie Greville, and Willie Newett. A large congregation assembled in church. "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" was sung as a processional. The prayers were read by the Rev. M. T. Brown, curate. The Rev. Harcourt Powell (Wollastan) read the first, and the Rev. T. Grabham (Irthlingborough) the second lesson. The anthem was "Oh how amiable are Thy Dwellings" (Psalm 84, 1, 2, and 4 verses). The solos were sung with much power, expression, and sweetness by Mrs. Kingcombe (wife of Bro. A. P. Kingcombe); and the choir acquitted themselves admirably. The musical part of the service, which was under the direction of the organist, Mr. Hunt, went exceedingly well.

The Rev. G. B. HOOPER, Prov. Grand Chaplain, preached from 1 Kings vi., 7, "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building."

He spoke of the admiration which King Solomon's Temple had excited throughout all ages, and of the traditions of its magnificence having been faithfully handed down from generation to generation. The preparation and building of the Temple was a pattern of what all work for God should be. Their work might be a work of preparation. That might be the part which they would have to play. Work was not to be judged by the outward show. Some sowed and others reaped, some built and others got ready for the building; and if they found that their work in life was a work of quiet preparation he exhorted them to go on patiently and steadily, for though



it might not attract the admiration which men were apt to give to showy work it would gain the approval of the invisible King. Work which appeared in the eyes of men to be a perfect failure might yet be doing real good in the way of preparation. Christ when he was crucified between two robbers, reviled on earth, and apparently forsaken by Heaven, appeared to be a lamentable failure. But the history of the world since had proved that the judgment which regarded it as a failure was mistaken. He noted that the stones were prepared so that no hammer or axe was heard in the Temple—the work was carried on in silence. And so it often was with the work of God—it was carried out quietly, silently, slowly. Each stone was carefully prepared and then brought and reverently laid in its appointed place, and the magnificent work in that great building was executed in silence. It was a grand thought this silence and majesty of the great work of God. It had been well said that no great work was ever done in a hurry, and for themselves, if, when their race was run, they could feel they had been quietly working for God, though silently, they would have reason to be thankful. The silent work, the silent sympathy, the silent alleviation of distress and suffering, the silent helping hand, the silent Charity, never to be added up in this world, and rarely, if ever, seen, were methods by which they strove to do the work of God. Their silent and unostentatious work—work which the world never saw—made it all the more true. Then he noticed that every part of the building was put together, all the carving and metal work was done according to a well-ordered plan—there was nothing too simple; the work, even in its most insignificant details, was carefully finished, and they in their lives should aim at the perfection which was characteristic of the work of the Great Architect of the Universe. Nothing, however insignificant it was, that was worth doing at all, should be slurred over, but all should be carefully done. Honest and true work right through should be the aim of every true Mason, and their lives as Masons and Christians were utterly useless if they were not true all through. They would all be happy if they could but be true to their work, for what was their life's work but to present themselves as well squared stones, with all the imperfections and rough edges turned off by trials, it might be, and then, when they were tried and proved, to be placed in the Heavenly Temple.

The offertory was then made, the hymn "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost" being sung meanwhile. The amount collected was £8 2s. 4d., part of which goes to the Towcester National Schools and part to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. "All people that on earth to dwell" was sung as a recessional.

The procession re-formed, and a return was made to the Town Hall, and subsequently a banquet was held at the Pomfret Hotel.

An excellent repast was provided by "mine host" of the Pomfret, Mr. Perry.

The cloth withdrawn, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. Butler Wilkins (who presided), gave "The Queen and the Craft," and also "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," particularly referring to the admirable manner in which H.R.H. performed not only his Masonic but also his public duties.

The Rev. W. A. HOWES proposed "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England (the Right Hon the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, who is P.G. Standard Bearer England, briefly replied.

The Rev. G. B. HOOPER gave "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Duke of Manchester, and the W. the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins," and regretting the frequent absence of the P.G.M., he spoke highly of the efficiency with which his duties were discharged by the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Loud cheers).

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, after a brief reference to the absence of the Prov. G.M., stated that their next meeting was arranged to be held at Thrapston. (Hear, hear.) He thanked them for the kind way in which they had received his name. It was twelve years since he had first responded to that toast. Many changes had taken place in the province during that period. They had lost many brethren; nevertheless, they had increased in numbers. They had increased, too, the number of their lodges, and they might fairly say Masonry had prospered amongst them. (Hear, hear.) There had been such an amount of good feeling, brotherly love and harmony amongst them that no province could excel them (Cheers). He trusted that the harmony which prevailed, and the unity they enjoyed, would continue unbroken in the future. (Hear, hear.) When he first responded to this toast he asked the assistance of the brethren, and he thanked them for the cordial way in which they had rendered it. He referred to improvements he had endeavoured to bring about in the choice of officers for Prov. Grand Lodge, and other steps, and hoped that both the spirit and working of the lodges would be maintained in harmony, and expressed the indebtedness they all felt to Bro. Hooper for the excellent and exceedingly appropriate discourse he had given them that day. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. CAMPION gave "The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past." He spoke of their indebtedness to the men of the past for the privileges which they of the present enjoyed; and in connection with the past, remarked on the portrait of the late Bro. Samuel Inns, which hung in that room. Bro. Inns, who for some years filled the office of Deputy Prov. G.M., now so worthily occupied by Bro. Butler Wilkins, was a sturdy Englishman, whose memory those who had had the pleasure of his acquaintance would cherish. His association with the Fidelity Lodge was one of the memories of the past which would naturally spring to their minds in connection with this the fiftieth year of its existence. On behalf of the brethren of other Lodges, he offered their sincere congratulations to the Fidelity Lodge, with every good wish for its future prosperity. (Cheers.) Touching on the present officers, they would all wish them health in their endeavour to keep up the best traditions of the past, and noting the regrets which were expressed at the too frequent absences of the Prov. G.M., suggested that if his Grace the Duke of Manchester were unable to attend to the duties of the province, as his absences seemed to denote, and contemplated retirement—(Hear, hear and laughter)—then in case he should retire, he felt satisfied it would give unbounded satisfaction to the province to see Lord Euston succeed him. (Loud and enthusiastic cheers.) They had seen something of the thoroughness and other admirable qualities of Lord Euston in the command of their county regiment of volunteers—(cheers)—and they felt satisfied, from what they had seen and known of him in Freemasonry, that he would not only adorn such a position, but that he would give a great impetus to the Craft in that province. (Cheers.) It was with this conviction and in the belief that if the Duke of Manchester should feel it desirable to retire, from inability to discharge the duties of his high office, they would have a worthy successor in Lord Euston, that he had great pleasure in coupling the name of Lord Euston with the toast. (Loud cheers.)

Lord EUSTON, who was enthusiastically received, fully agreed with the previous speaker in his tribute to the services of their past officers, and said he should try to emulate, and if possible excel, those who had gone before. He had found the greatest readiness on the part of past officers to help their younger brethren. He was glad to find that in the Province of Northants and Hunts they worked heart and soul together, and long might it remain so. (Cheers.) With regard to a remark that had been

made about the future, he would only say whatever position he might hold, or if he should be honoured by being nominated to high office as had been suggested, he should make it his pride, as it would be his privilege, to do all he could to promote the interests of the Craft, and especially in the province of Northants and Hunts. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. ALFRED COCKERILL felicitously proposed "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," to which Bro. GEO. OSBORN, the only survivor of those whose names were contained in the warrant of the Fidelity Lodge 50 years ago, briefly, but feelingly responded.

Bro. W. WHITTON, in a spirit of thorough hospitality, gave the "Visiting Brethren," which Bro. SAUNDERS, 1536, acknowledged.

Bro. J. J. HART proposed "The W.M.'s and Brethren of the various Lodges," and Bro. W. H. SPENCER and Bro. Lord EUSTON replied. Lord Euston referred to the strong and personal interest he felt in Towcester and neighbourhood, as he had been brought up in that part of the country, and expressed his readiness to do anything in his power to promote the interests of the lodge. (Cheers.) He was a very young Mason, and people had asked him what he saw in it, what was the secret. (Laughter.) He had told them there was no secret, except Charity, and that was no secret. (Cheers.) Those who joined he hoped would get to see that Masonry was no farce, but one of the greatest Charity organisations in the whole world. (Loud Cheers.)

"The Ladies," proposed by Bro. A. P. KINGCOMBE, and acknowledged by Bro. J. J. HART, and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

An excellent programme of music was carried out during the evening, under the direction of Bro. Simmonds, P.M., P.G.O., assisted by Bro. J. J. Hart, to which the following brethren contributed: Bros. G. Burford, W. B. Newton, W. H. Tarry, J. J. Hart, George Butcher, W. H. Linnell, and others.

Later in the evening a Masonic dance took place at the Town Hall, when some 80 or 90 ladies and gentlemen were present. The gathering was a most pleasant one. Bro. W. H. Spencer officiated as a very efficient M.C., and he had the advantage of the assistance of Bro. W. H. Linnell.

The proceedings throughout the day were greatly enjoyed, everything passing off most satisfactorily. It should be said that Bro. J. C. Jones, of the Fidelity Lodge, acted as Hon. Sec. to the local Committee, and the completeness of the arrangements reflected infinite credit on him and all who assisted in them.

There is no doubt the popularity of Freemasonry would increase in Northants and Hunts even more than it has hitherto done if the Prov. Grand Master could attend more frequently than he has during the past 20 years.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE DOROTHY VERNON LODGE, No. 2129, HADDON.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., there was a great gathering of Freemasons at the baronial Hall of Haddon, where, by kind permission of his Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G., the ceremony of consecrating the new lodge for the Bakewell district was performed with full Masonic ritual in the oak-panelled ball-room so intimately associated with fair Dorothy Vernon. As the W.M. elect remarked in the course of the proceedings, this room, which bears the arms of Manvers and Vernon for the first time united, is as nearly as possible three centuries old, and it was, therefore, peculiarly appropriate for a ceremony so ancient as the consecration of a Masonic lodge, more especially one which has to bear the name of sweet Dorothy Vernon as its distinguishing title. The attendance of Masons from all parts of the province, and from several adjoining provinces, was extremely large, including about one hundred Past Masters and other advanced Masons, and a similar number of Craftsmen.

The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge mustered in full force, and having been marshalled by the P.G.D. of C., entered the hall in procession, the R.W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W. of England, taking the chief ceremony on behalf of the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. G. Master, who was unable to attend, and who wrote in the kindest manner to Bro. Cokayne expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence.

The lodge having been fully opened, Bro. Percy Wallis, P.S.G.W., took the S.W. chair, and Bro. Vernon J. Greenhough, P.J.G.W., that of J.W. The Prov. G. Secretary announced that the petition of Bro. Andreas E. Cokayne and others for the formation of the lodge, which was endorsed by the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, had been granted by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the warrant for its constitution was duly read. At this time the scene was very striking; the sun was shining brightly into the charming old room, and the rich Masonic costumes worn by a great part of the long lines of brethren had a brilliant effect, to which the music of the Masonic chants and responses gave an additional power. Bro. S. S. Waddington, P.G. Org., presided at the Organ.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. HERBERT PRICE, then delivered an admirable oration.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremonies, Bro. Andreas E. Cokayne, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. R. B. Orme, S.W.; C. H. Glossop, J.W.; Garner, Sec.; James Harrison, S.D.; C. J. Millward, J.D.; and W. S. Frost, I.G.

The W.M. was made a Freemason in 1864, and became the W.M. of his lodge in 1868, and again in 1878. He has twice received provincial honours in the Royal Arch and Knights Templar Degrees, and in Craft Masonry he is one of the founders of a Royal Arch Chapter, a Trustee of the Masonic Hall at Congleton, and a Past E.C. of a Knights Templar Preceptory in the Province of Cheshire, and also in the Provinces of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. He holds at present the rank of P.G.H. in Cheshire, the office of P.G. Superintendent being vacant owing to the resignation by illness of Lord De Tabley.

The banquet was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Bakewell, Bro. Cokayne in the chair, and the Senior and Junior Wardens in the vice-chairs. The room was filled to its utmost capacity. Unfortunately, Bro. Okeover was obliged to leave before dinner, owing to the exigencies of the train service.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the first Masonic toast, remarked in conclusion that the example the Queen had set as daughter, wife, mother, and Sovereign, had been such that not only the present generation but generations yet unborn would live to bless her name. (Applause.)

The toast having been received with all the honours, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England," speaking in high terms of his Royal Highness, and remarking that the Queen was the daughter, niece, mother, and grandmother of Freemasons.

The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present," which was duly honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Health of the Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington," and remarked that they were in hopes Lord Hartington would have done them the honour of being present, and from the tenor of his answer he (Bro. Cokayne) was satisfied Lord Hartington would have come if possible, but his multifarious duties absolutely prevented him. He had great pleasure in proposing his health, and was perfectly certain they would all rejoice to do honour to the toast.

The toast having been received with full honours,

Bro. MARSDEN proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover." It was a toast which came home to all their hearts. They had seen that fine specimen of a real English gentleman, one of the finest they had amongst them, taking the leading place that day, and they knew his heart was with them, and his services were always at their command. When the date of that ceremony was originally fixed for a period some months back, Bro. Okeover was in the Mediterranean and could not come here, so that it was fortunate the postponement secured his attendance, whilst it had also given them a day when the weather was such as they could congratulate themselves upon. Bro. Okeover amongst Derbyshire Masons was a man who was simply revered. The speaker passed on to remark that the attendance that day had quite taken Bro. Okeover by surprise at its magnitude, for there were about 100 Past Masters, and 200 Masons in all, which was a very large gathering, and far more than they had at all expected. They had now had an experience of Bro. Okeover extending over 25 years, and they knew his heart was in the right place. They were all proud of him, they loved him, and if they had a wish for him it was that he might go a step higher.

The toast having been warmly received,

Bro. MARSDEN again rose and referred to the forthcoming marriage of the Hon. Maude Okeover, and said that as the Masons had seldom an opportunity of showing their esteem towards the D.P.G.M., it was proposed to seize the present occasion to compliment Bro. Okeover, through his daughter, by presenting her with a diamond bracelet on her wedding. A small subscription from each Mason would be enough.

It was subsequently announced that the sum of £10 5s. 6d. had been subscribed in the room, and the W.M. stated that any brethren desiring to subscribe could forward their donations to Bro. Naylor, Prov. Grand Sec., Derby.

Bro. ORME proposed "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire," and remarked that, whilst they could not all attain to the purple, they could all try for it, and the members of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge intended to do their best in that direction. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Percy Wallis.

Bro. WALLIS, in reply, congratulated the W.M. upon the auspicious features of the consecration ceremony that day, and especially on the weather, for after the persistent gloom of the spring the W.M. must have made special arrangements with the Clerk of the Weather to secure so bright and genial a day. Every surrounding of the occasion of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge coming into the Masonic world had been auspicious, and it seemed she was a favoured child, like her prototype. He thanked Bro. Orme for his proposal of their health, and assured the brethren that the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken great pleasure in coming to assist in the ceremony that day. It was not every year that they had to take part in that ceremony, but they all felt, from Bro. Okeover downwards, that it had been a day well spent, one they had enjoyed, and one which their successors might enjoy also. A lodge had been long wanted in Bakewell, and he congratulated them that the corner stone had been laid for the development of Masonry in that district by the consecration of a lodge bearing, as the P.G. Chaplain had so well said, "the sweet name of Dorothy Vernon." (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. WILSON, P. Prov. J.G.W. Cheshire, next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, and Success to the Dorothy Vernon Lodge." He remarked that Bro. Cokayne had been followed into Derbyshire that day by a dozen members of his old lodge in Cheshire. It was often asked what character a man brings from his last place. (Laughter.) Well there was the answer. (Hear, hear.) They were present that day not only to testify to their appreciation of Bro. Cokayne, but to show their regret at losing him, although they congratulated Derbyshire Masons on having his services transferred to their county. For 25 years he had been showing them in Congleton that a tradesman may be every inch a gentleman, as every good tradesman is, and ought to be. He had not only been a good and honourable citizen amongst them, but he had given a remarkable stimulus to Masonry amongst them—a stimulus which they regretted to lose, but which they rejoiced his friends here would gain. It happened often to

him (the speaker) that if there was anything very good it was his evil destiny to have to send it away, but in this case it was the gain to those he saw about him, and he hoped that they would have Bro. Cokayne's services for twice 25 years, if it so pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe. (Applause.) He did not deal in flattering expressions, and his speech was more than half one of regret, but their brother had left them for his own good, and he hoped it would prove so to him, and his interesting family, and to them as Masons. With regard to Bakewell, he had interesting and pathetic memories, and it was known to some of them that he had reason for being specially interested in that town, and therefore it was with additional pleasure he came there that day to assist in the ceremony. Nothing could have been happier than the idea of inaugurating this lodge in the gallery at Haddon Hall, and to him it had been inexpressibly touching and pleasant to be there on such an occasion. After some further remarks, the venerable speaker concluded by turning to the W.M., and invoking a blessing upon him in his new post, and expressing an earnest wish that he might do as much good to Masonry in Derbyshire as he had in Cheshire.

The toast having been drunk with full Masonic honours,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER was received with applause on rising to respond. He said it had been his lot during his Masonic career of nearly a quarter of a century to undertake some difficult duties, but on the present occasion he really felt more difficulty than he had ever felt before. His feelings were much mixed. He felt great gratification at the kindness shown to him amongst his friends and neighbours in that county he loved so well, and where his ancestors had lived for seven hundred years. With regard to his position in Masonry, it must have been accident which placed him in the chair, as there was a brother sitting on his left who would have been more suitable to the post, as he could have exercised more influence. He, however, was not living in the town, but for which fact they would have had Bro. Marsden as W.M. instead of him. As Bro. Marsden knew well, he would have most gladly, and with all his heart, have supported him, but it had been the wish of the brethren that the first Master should be a resident. With regard to the foundation of the lodge, they had had the warrant in their possession a long time, and no one could be more awake to its importance than he was to that fact. He knew all the difficulties that were before them, but he would say that the hearty way in which the lodge had been spoken of, and especially the good feeling with which it had been endorsed that day, gave him the greatest hopes for the future. There was no doubt he could do little for himself by his own Masonic zeal, but he had Wardens who were well known locally (applause) who would carry influence, and, although he was the Master in the chair, he should feel that their local influence would far exceed anything he could do. Then there were the other officers, who were brethren who would do all they could, and who were good men and true. It was not his province to trench on the toasts which would follow; but he did wish to thank them, and to express the satisfaction he felt in having such officers to support him in this important undertaking. The goodwill of their brethren in the neighbourhood they would deeply value, and he hoped it would not be the last time by many they would have the pleasure of meeting brethren of the province other than brethren of their own lodge. He believed they were making a good beginning, and although it was not in their power to command success, they would do their best to deserve it. As to the kind remarks of Bro. Wilson, it was dangerous ground, and he must not say too much to awaken those feelings of regret and love and affection for him and those connected with him. He thanked him for the great kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the manner in which they had received it. (Applause.)

Bro. GLOSSOP proposed "The Visiting Brethren" in a neat speech, and coupled with it the names of Bros. Marwood, Chadwick, and Blackshaw, of Congleton.

Humorous and appropriate replies were given by each brother, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Wilson, the Hon. Trollope, Blackshaw, and others.

The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," "The Wardens," "The Masonic Charities," "The Deacons and Assistant Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Each was appropriately honoured, and a pleasant evening thus came to a close, everything having passed off with signal success.

The members of the new lodge already include the following brethren, in addition to the officers already named: Bros. Vernon J. Greenhough, P.J.G.W.; R. Greenhough, Jno. Wilson, LL.D., P.J.G.W. Cheshire; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.M., P.G.C. of England; T. A. Daniel, P.M. 533; and W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Bro. Marsden takes a special interest in the lodge, and several other Derby brethren have promised their valuable help in its new career.

Much of the success of the opening day was due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Garner, Secretary, whose genial aptitude for the work and great interest in Freemasonry were much appreciated.

About 200 brethren were present, and we regret that the space at our disposal will not admit of our giving a list.

The above lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, London.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SHADWELL CLERKE ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 107.

This very interesting ceremony took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at 8A, Red Lion-square, in the presence of the following Rose Croix Masons, viz.: Very Ill. Bros. General H. Clerk, Grand Treasurer General, 33°; H. D. Sandeman, Grand Secretary General, 33°; Major Geo. Lambert, Warden of Regalia, 33°; Col. H. T. Somerville Burney, D.C., 33°; Ill. Bro. C. F. Matier, 32°; the following founders: Ill. Bro. J. Reid, 30°; Excellent and Perfect Bros. H. Lovegrove, 18°; H. H. Shirley, 18°; W. A. Scurah, 18°; W. R. Palmer, 18°; and T. P. Doman, 18°. Visitors: Ill. Bro. G. P. Field, 20°; Excellent and Perfect Bros. Major P. J. Dunbar, 18°; Alfred Tisley, 18°; and R. de Lacy, 18°.

The chapter was opened by the Supreme Council, 33°. Very Ill. Bros. H. D. Sandeman, as M.W.S.; General H. Clerk, as Prelate; Major Geo. Lambert, 1st General; Excellent and Perfect Bro. W. A. Scurrah, 2nd General; Very Ill. Bro. Col. Burney, D.C.; Ill. Bro. Matier, Raphael; and Ex. and P. Bro. E. J. Mills, Equerry. The following candidates were approved and duly perfected by the M.W.S., having signed the required declarations: Bros. Nathaniel Goodchild, Edwin Storr, E. C. Mulvey, C. B. Cooper, and G. J. Dunkley, the ceremony being most impressively and ably performed.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed by Very Ill. Bro. General H. Clerk, 33°, in his usual able and impressive manner. After which the ceremony of installing the M.W.S. took place under the auspices of Very Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, 33°, when he installed E.P. Bro. H. Lovegrove, M.W.S., who appointed E.P. Bros. H. H. Shirley, 1st General; and W. A. Scurrah, 2nd General; Illust. Bros. Reed, Recorder; W. R. Palmer, Grand Marshal; T. P. Doman, Raphael; N. Goodchild, M.D., D.C.; E. Storr, Herald; E. C. Mulvey, Captain of Guard; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; and C. B. Cooper, Stwd.

A very cordial vote of thanks was given to Supreme Council for their kindness in consecrating, and they were all made honorary members of the new chapter by acclamation, as was also Bro. Matier.

Very Ill. Bro. General H. Clerk, 33°, responded and apologised for the unavoidable absence of both Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°.

A Committee was appointed to draw up by-laws. The third point being given, the chapter was closed with prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to the banquet.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.W.S., and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements were under the direction of that able and very distinguished brother and good Mason, Ill. Bro. John Reid, and were highly appreciated. Bro. Reid acted as Organist at the perfection, and also at the consecration, and played as only Bro. Reid can play, well and impressively. Bro. E. de Lacy also acted as Trumpeter during both ceremonies, and the cornet was a most agreeable addition.

We predict a bright future for the Shadwell Clerke Rose Croix Chapter. They have a capital man at the helm of the new ship. The M.W.S., Bro. H. Lovegrove, who has been installed into 12 different chairs in Masonry, and who knows his work well. He has also a capital staff of officers, all good Masons, and who all know their work well, and are always ready and willing to take any part in Masonry. It is a curious thing that so many brethren of the Invicta Rose Croix Chapter were present, viz.: Bros. Lovegrove, Shirley, Palmer, Doman, Reid, Major Lambert, Major Dunbar, and last the father of the Invicta Chapter, the very Ill. Bro. General H. Clerk, 33°. Everything connected with consecration and banquet went off well and without a hitch, and all the brethren went home delighted with the ceremonies, the banquet and the music and singing. We wish them every success and every prosperity.

## GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

It is seldom we hear anything Masonically from Ireland, we, therefore, welcome the more heartily the Grand Treasurer's account for 1886. This account is cheering, as it shows apparently a balance of £1313 11s. 2d. in bank on the 31st December last, being an increase of £8 19s. 9d. over the balance carried forward; but this balance is only an apparent one, as, on examining the Auditors' certificate, we find there is payable out of that sum for a debt "due to the Charity Fund," £179 3s. 5d.; and page 7 gives the particulars of amounts "due by Grand Lodge" to its creditors, £406 5s. 3d., these amounting to £585 8s. 8d., thus leaving only the sum of £728 2s. 6d. available for Grand Lodge purposes.

It appears from the Auditors' certificate there are also debts due to Grand Lodge amounting to £1044 10s. 7d. More than half of this amount being due by foreign lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

There appears to have been received only £18 18s. fees of Grand Officers. This we do not understand, as the annual fees of Grand Officers, as appears by schedule of fees annexed to the laws and constitution of Grand Lodge, amount annually to £29 8s., this we presume is an error. For surely no brother would be allowed to hold office in Grand Lodge who did not pay his annual fees. We have, however, been informed on good authority that at least two Grand Officers did so, although they had not paid fees for several years. We think it right thus to call the Grand Treasurer's attention to this so as to prevent a repetition. He should also see the large arrears are as speedily got in as possible. We find 383 lodges holding under this Grand Lodge.

The Charity Fund appears to amount to £567 11s. 5d., including a balance of £96 13s. 4d. carried forward from the previous year. Of this the sum of £245 11s. was distributed in Charity during the year, and a balance of £119 3s. 5d. is carried forward. We remark a strange item on both sides of this account, under the heading on the debit side—"Amount received for Committee dinners from Dublin lodges, £170 10s.;" and on credit side—"Amount paid Committee dinners, £122 17s.;" schools, in lieu of two dinners, £20;" total, £142 17s., showing a gain to the Charity Fund of £27 13s. It appears by the Constitution of 1738 this Committee was founded for the purpose of the Masters of the several Dublin lodges meeting and consulting as to what would be most for the advancement of Freemasonry; but we have been unable to ascertain when or how these dinners originated. Can any brother inform us?

As before stated, the account shows clearly a balance of £728 2s. 6d., besides the sum of £1044 10s. 7d. arrears due for fees to Grand Lodge. We would call the Grand Treasurer's attention to this amount, also to the fact that Grand Lodge has been for nearly 20 years paying a rent of £600 per annum to the Masonic Hall Company of Ireland (Limited), this being, in fact, interest at 5 per cent. on £12,000 spent in the erections of the halls and buildings in Molesworth-street.

From the Articles of Association of the Masonic Hall Company (Limited) now before us, we find that company was formed on the 7th day of October, 1865, with a capital originally of £8000, divided into 1600 shares of £5 each, and which, under Article 4, were only "to be allotted to the members of the Masonic Order, except by special authority of the directors." Article 33 authorises an increase in the capital of £2000.

We are glad to find that out of the 40 original directors of this company there are (after the long space of nearly 22 years) fifteen still living, including amongst them our esteemed and valued R.W. Bro. Judge Townshend, who was one of the originators of the company, and at the time D.G.M. We wish these brethren many happy years to come.

We have been informed by a very senior brother that it was understood at the formation of the company that as the Grand Lodge prospered, the shares of this company should be bought up, and thus, in time, leave the hall and buildings rent free, and the lodges paying only sufficient rents to cover expenses. It is clear this intention has not been carried out, as we find only the sum of £9 18s. 2d. in the Grand Treasurer's account, being the interest (less income tax) on but two shares of £5 each. The Masonic Orphans' Schools have not benefited, as the Masonic Female Orphans' School only holds 268 shares, representing £1340, and the Masonic Boys' School only 317 shares, representing £1585. Thus, accounting for 585 shares showing in the hands of the members of the Masonic body 1015 of the original shares, and 400 of the increased capital shares, these members thus getting from the funds of Grand Lodge interest at £5 per cent. on £8075, while our School Charities can only get 4½ per cent. on £1700, and 4 per cent. on all their other investments, instead of 5 per cent. if it were invested in the Masonic Hall Companies' shares. It also appears the Grand Treasurer has a very considerable amount lying apparently unproductive "in bank," which surely could be invested in the company's shares and thus rendered productive to Grand Lodge. Now the Grand Treasurer being one of the leading Dublin merchants, will, we are sure, accept our suggestions that it is ample time this matter should be looked into and attended to. We congratulate our Irish brethren in having such a handsome building, and used only for Masonic purposes, and on their Grand Lodge being in so flourishing a condition, and we hope prosperity may long attend the Craft in Ireland.

## NOTES ON THE MINUTE BOOK OF AN EARLY ATHOL LODGE.

Bro. G. B. Abbott, in alluding to this subject in the *Freemason* of May 28th, has (unwittingly, I have no doubt), mistaken the scope of my reference to the Lodge No. 1. My object was to point out that a lodge known as "No. 1" was referred to in the old Minute Book of the Ancient Lodge, No. 20, as early as July, 1753, being three years earlier than the first reference to "No. 1" in the Grand Lodge Minutes, namely, of 2nd September, 1756, and I considered that it was an interesting and instructive fact and worthy of being more generally known. I did not mean, and had no intention of leading any one to consider (as Bro. Abbott understands I did) that I meant the present "Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1," which was not warranted until 13th August, 1759. That there was, however, a prior lodge bearing that number, I have very little doubt.

It is clear from the records I have already published\* that the early lists of Athol Lodges of 1751, 1752, and 1755 do not contain any reference to a Lodge No. 1. At the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients on 17th July, 1751, the only lodges that took part in that important ceremony were Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and as a matter of fact No. 1 does not appear in the official records until 2nd September, 1756, and 13th March, 1759, and then only incidentally in the Grand Lodge Minute Book.

It may be, as Bro. Abbott says, that the No. 1 was either the "Grand Committee" or the "Grand Lodge," but there does not appear to be any reliable evidence that such was the case; and considering how much, on Bro. Abbott's own showing, the "Ancients" copied from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, I am of opinion that the "No. 1" did not refer either to the Grand Committee or to the Grand Lodge, but that it was a lodge composed entirely of Grand Lodge Officers, as was the case with the Grand Masters' Lodge in Ireland from 1749, and on this supposition, it is easy to account for the lodge having no existence in 1751, when there could not possibly have been a sufficient number of Grand Lodge Officers to constitute a lodge, and likewise for the fact that the number was reserved in 1751 when the other lodges had distinctive numbers assigned to them, commencing with No. 2.

We do not, at present, know the circumstances that led to the issuing of a Warrant on the 13th August, 1759, and of the subsequent proclamation of "The Grand Masters' Lodge" on the 5th September following, when it "took the first seat accordingly as No. 1," but when the history of the Grand Master's Lodge comes to be written (as I hope it speedily will be) we may be enabled to decide whether or not there was any connection between the "Original No. 1" (Ancients) and the present "Grand Master's Lodge," which bears the same number.

JNO. LANE.

\* "Masonic Records," pp. 6, 7, 8.



**THE MEETING AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.**

The following order of proceeding has been issued by the Grand Director of Ceremonies:—  
IN CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

**ORDER OF PROCEEDING**

**at THE MEETING**

Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington,  
ON MONDAY, THE 13TH JUNE, 1887,

Under the presidency of

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,  
Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The doors of the Hall will be opened for the admission of the Brethren at 2.30 o'clock, and be closed at 3.30 precisely, after which no Brother will be admitted.

The East to be reserved for the Grand Officers and Visitors of distinction.

The Brethren are to enter the Hall by the doors indicated on their respective Cards of Admission, and take their seats in the several blocks assigned to them, as directed by the Stewards on duty.

A seat is provided for every Brother to whom a Ticket has been issued. Brethren are therefore expected to proceed at once to the places assigned to them, and are requested not to leave their seats after once occupying them.

The Brethren are to appear in Black Morning Coats, Black Ties, White Gloves, and full Masonic Craft Clothing as defined on the Cards of Admission.

At a quarter before Four o'clock the following Procession will be formed in the Grand Corridor, viz:—

- The Grand Stewards of the Year.
- Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
- Past Grand Pursuivants.
- Grand Pursuivant.
- Assistant Grand Secretary.
- Past Assistant Grand Secretary.
- Past Grand Organists.
- Grand Organist.
- Past Grand Standard Bearers.
- Past Grand Sword Bearers.
- Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
- Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Past Grand Deacons.
- President of the Board of Benevolence.
- Grand Sec. for German Correspondence.
- Grand Sec. President of the Board of General Purposes.
- Past Grand Registrar.
- Grand Registrar.
- Past Grand Treasurers.
- Grand Treasurer.
- Past Grand Chaplains.
- Grand Chaplains.
- Past Grand Wardens.
- Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
- Provincial and District Grand Masters.
- Visitors of Distinction.
- Junior Grand Warden.
- Senior Grand Warden. { Junior Grand Deacons.
- Deputy Grand Master.
- Pro Grand Master.
- Grand Standard Bearers.
- Grand Sword Bearer.

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER. { Senior Grand Deacons.

Two Grand Stewards.

The Procession will enter the Hall, headed by Trumpeters, who, on reaching the auditorium, will sound a Fanfare, at the conclusion of which the Procession will pass through the centre of the Arena to the Dais. A Grand March will be played on the Organ, during which His Royal Highness will be conducted to the Throne, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Albert Victor, (who, it is hoped, may arrive in England in time to be present), and supported on the left by the Pro Grand Master, and on the right by the Deputy Grand Master, the other Grand Officers will take their respective seats.

His Royal Highness will be pleased to explain the object of the meeting.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, will then by request of His Royal Highness move an address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which will be seconded by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master.

His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, will submit the Earl of Carnarvon's Resolution for approval.

The address having been signed by the M.W.G.M., the Brethren will rise and the Grand Organist will play the first half of National Anthem, at the conclusion of which, and at the signal of the Grand Master, the whole of the Brethren are requested to join heartily in singing "God save the Queen." The words are as follows:—

I.  
God save our Gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.

II.  
Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign,  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.

III.

O Lord our God arise,  
Scatter her enemies,  
And make them fall.  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks,  
On Thee our hopes we fix,  
God save us all.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master will then be pleased to confer Masonic Honors on certain Brethren, and at the conclusion of the proceedings His Royal Highness will be conducted to his room. The Trumpeters will again sound a Fanfare, and a Grand March will be played on the Organ.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,  
ALBERT W. WOODS, G.D.C.

The following regulations for the convenience of all will be rigidly enforced:—

Brethren, unless provided with Tickets, cannot, under any consideration, be admitted to the Royal Albert Hall.

Brethren must show their Tickets to the Assistants of the Grand Director of the Ceremonies and the Stewards, when required.

Brethren cannot be permitted to remain in the Corridors or in any of the Approaches to the Hall.

The Assistants to the Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and the Stewards, will be stationed at the Entrances and in various parts of the Building, and will each be distinguished by a Rosette.

Colours and Numbers corresponding with the various Tickets issued will be affixed to the several Entrances, to indicate the doors by which the Brethren are to enter.

The Brethren are to clothe in the Vestibule at the place indicated.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren are to remain in their places until the M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Officers have left the Hall.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The General Committee held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Stephen Richardson, Joseph Harding, H. Young, C. Belton, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D.; Geo. P. Gillard, Thos. Griffiths, Chas. Daniel, G. Ward Verry, C. H. Webb, W. Paas, H. W. Hunt, F. Adlard, C. H. Driver, Alfred Williams, C. F. Matier, T. Goode, T. Hastings Miller, S. H. Parkhouse, George Mickle, R. V. Davies, J. J. Berry, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; Geo. Cooper, S.G.D.; H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for confirmation, the House Committee as nominated were elected, but there was a contest for the Audit Committee. Bro. Scurrah's name, however, having previously been withdrawn, and Bros. Belton, Verry, Webb, and Parkhouse were appointed scrutineers.

Eight petitions were considered, of which seven were accepted, and the names directed to be placed on the list for the October election, while the other was deferred. Three applications in behalf of as many ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained.

The following were elected as the Audit Committee for the current year, namely: Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, C. E. Soppet, and H. Young.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The Committee of Management held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bower, Treasurer and Patron, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.F.; A. H. Tattershall, G. Bolton, C. H. Driver, S. Brooks, J. Newton, Alex. Forsyth, Joseph Freeman, W. J. Murlis, C. H. Webb, J. B. Daniel, J. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Horace B. Marshall, P.G.P.; W. H. Perryman, G.P.; C. G. Dilley, Hugh Cotter, W. Pierpoint, John E. Dawson, Henry Faija, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, W. Belchamber, Louis Stean, A. Durrant, E. West, C. J. Perceval, Charles Kempton, Chas. Belton, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., C. Harding, P.A.G. D.C.; A. Barfield, Albert Fish, George Mickle, C. Matier, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a Widow annuitant. The list of the House Committee, the Warden's Report for the past month, and the lists of the successful candidates at the election last month were read.

Bros. Tattershall, Murlis, Hogard, S. Brooks, and C. F. Matier, were elected as the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, and Bros. R. W. Stuart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and Edgar Bowyer, were re-elected the House Committee.

It having been arranged that the summer entertainment of the residents at Croydon, should be left in the hands of the House Committee, the proceedings were brought to a close with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

**MASONIC JUBILEE BALL IN MAIDSTONE.**

A grand Masonic ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Charities, under the auspices of the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, and in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, was held at the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., and passed off with great éclat. All the rooms of the building were called into requisition for the purpose, and the Exchange proper, the concert hall, and the corridor and entrance leading thereto had been decorated in a most appropriate and artistic manner, evergreens, flowers, flags, and vari-coloured drapery being used in great profusion. At one end of the Exchange was the old banner of the Belvidere Lodge, presented in 1844, when the number of the lodge was 741, and portraits of distinguished members of the Craft were hung at intervals on the walls. The

room could scarcely have borne a more attractive appearance.

A portion of the concert hall was heavily carpeted and set apart for a retiring room when the votaries of Terpsichore required rest; it was luxuriantly furnished and tastefully decorated with evergreens and bunting, and with the banners and crests of the various Masonic lodges, which were surmounted with tiers of flags. The hall was also used as a reception room, the W.M., Bro. G. Baker, receiving the guests under the new banner of the Belvidere Lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), presented by himself and bearing the inscription—"Jubilee Vic. R. et L., 1887," together with the arms of the borough. The corridor and approach thereto were richly adorned with evergreens, plants, and flags.

Dancing commenced at about nine o'clock, at which time the guests began to arrive. In all there were about 200 present.

The dancing was kept up to the strains of the excellent band of the Royal Engineers till one o'clock, when the concert hall was cleared for supper. During the interval, the W.M., Bro. G. Baker, who presided, proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," to whom he alluded in highly eulogistic terms. The toast, it is almost superfluous to remark, was drunk very heartily with "Kentish Fire," and was followed by the singing of "God save the Queen." Subsequently dancing was resumed and continued with much zest till five o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the gathering broke up.

**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. E. Y. JOLLIFFE, I.P.M., No. 1657, S.G.W. MIDDLESEX.**

The members of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, entertained Bro. and Mrs. Jolliffe at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday last. Among those present were Bro. and Mrs. Anderton, Bro. and Mrs. White, Bro. and Mrs. Renals, Bro. and Miss Farmaner, Bro. and Mrs. Froom, Mrs. Bro. Dr. Benton and Mrs. Benton, Bro. George Kenning and Mrs. Kenning, Mr. Henry Mason and Mrs. Mason, Bro. Woodward, The Mayor of Brighton and lady, Bro. Alderman Soper and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, Bro. and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, jun., Bro. and Mrs. Shotton, Bro. and Mrs. Rawlingson, Bro. Hudson and lady, Bro. Crockford, Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Scrivener, Mr. and Mrs. Spreat, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland, Mr. Owen and lady, Mr. Paling and lady, Bro. Allcroft, and several others were at the last moment unable to attend.

Bro. ANDERTON, W.M., proposed "The Health of her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, the guest of the evening."

Bro. JOLLIFFE, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Anderton." A most enjoyable evening being spent, interspersed with music, speeches, and singing.

**LINCOLNSHIRE FREEMASONS AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.**

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held at Lincoln on Thursday, the 2nd inst., on the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Witham Lodge and the St. Hugh Lodge. The brethren numbering 330, assembled at 10.45 at the Masonic Hall, when the lodge was opened by the W.M. and brethren of the Witham Lodge. At 11 o'clock the Prov. G. Master and the Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered the hall, and were received with grand honours. At one o'clock the brethren again met at the Masonic Hall, and afterwards walked in procession, headed by the band of the Lincoln Rifle Volunteers, to the cathedral, where a special service was held in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

The sermon was preached by the Dean of York, Bro. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Past G. Chaplain of England.

After the service, the procession was re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, where the lodge was re-opened, and the Prov. G. Master moved that the following address be presented to her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee:—"May it please your Majesty,—We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, consisting of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., officers and brethren of 22 lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, humbly approach your Majesty as the patroness and head of our Order. As representatives of 1000 members of this province, we tender most sincerely our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the happy attainment of the 50th year of your Majesty's prosperous and glorious reign. And we earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to long spare your Majesty to reign over your vast empire, and over the various races of mankind who have gratefully enjoyed your Majesty's beneficent rule."

The motion was unanimously adopted. An adjournment was then made to the Corn Exchange, where a banquet was held.

In the evening a Masonic assembly, restricted to Masons and their families, was held in the Masonic Hall.

We hope to give a more detailed account in our next issue.

On the occasion of the Incorporated Law Society's banquet, at the Royal Courts of Justice, the corridors at the northern, or Carey-street, end of the building were used as reception rooms for the more distinguished guests. The floral decorations were excellent, but a great charm was added to their appearance by 150 incandescent electric lamps of various colours run round the arches, so as to appear to peep through the foliage of the plants. This part of the work was entrusted to Bro. A. Grundry, of the firm of Bailey and Grundry, of Amberley Works, Paddington, and was very satisfactorily carried out.

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**THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.**

**TABLE D'HOTE,**  
On **MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 1887.**

**MENU.**

- SOUPS.**  
Portuguese.  
Clear Turtle.
- FISH.**  
Salmon, Shrimp Sauce and Cucumber.  
Whitebait.
- ENTREES.**  
Civet de Venaison Chasseur.  
French Beans.  
Ducklings and Peas.  
Sauté Potatoes.
- REMOVES.**  
Braised Ham, Madeira Sauce.  
Cabbage.  
Lamb and Mint Sauce.  
Potatoes.
- SWEETS.**  
Apricots à la Conde.  
Merletons de Rouen.  
Macedoine Jelly.  
Ice Pudding and Small Ices.
- Cheese. Salade à la Française.

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The late Bro. Andrew Kerr, P.M. No. 8 (S.C.).

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Cadiz Masonico," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "La Perseverancia," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Liberal Freemason" "The Era," "Masonic Era and Analectic," "New Zealand Freemason," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "New Zealand Mail," "Sunday Times" (London), "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "New York Dispatch," "Lincoln Gazette," "Court Circular," "Voice of Masonry," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," and "Cleveland Globe" (Cleveland, Ohio).



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1887.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**ENGLISH MARK MASTERS IN THE U.S.A.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the very brief discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge, the real point at issue does not seem to have been noticed by any one; and it has been also missed in your brief editorial notice last week. The point is this. Masonry is a science, a system of morality, a religion, in so far as it binds men to the Most High and to one another. Our Chaplains in their orations are never weary of insisting on this. But if this be so, it follows not only that every Mason has a right to practise Masonry wherever he is, but it is his duty to do so, and it is part of his duty to attend his lodge, so that he may be fortified and stirred up for its better fulfilment. But if this be so, what is to happen when the Masonic authorities in any country—say the U.S.A.—forbid all English Masons, or any other body of Masons, to attend their lodges? What did Daniel do when Darius forbade him to say his prayers? "Dare to be a Daniel" is now one of our most popular hymns. I do not see how, logically, we can escape the conclusion that, as Daniel said his prayers in spite of Darius, so any body of foreign Masons who found themselves debarred from practising Masonry in the country of their temporary sojourn, by the arbitrary and un-Masonic action of the authorities of that country, are bound to "dare to be Daniels," and work in lodges of their own. The whole blame and responsibility rests upon the governing body which plays the odious part of Darius. This is the principle asserted in the report of the General Board. It has nothing to do with "retaliation." If we were to "retaliate" on the G.G.C. of the U.S.A. we should forbid their men to enter our lodges, and so be acting the part of Darius here. On the contrary, we welcome all Mark Master Masons, from wherever they hail. The principle which I maintain then briefly is, the right and the duty of every Mason of whatever Degree to work his Degree. And all organisations (call them G.L.'s, G.C.'s, or what you will), are for the purpose of promoting and not hindering this right and duty. If, instead of helping they hinder, on account of petty jealousies, and petty squabbles, on them must fall the consequences of whatever inconveniences may ensue.

At the same time, had I been able to attend the last Mark Grand Lodge, I should most gladly have concurred in the postponement of the question, urged as it was by so worthy a brother as Bro. Hughan, representing so old an ally of our Grand Lodge as the G.C. of Pennsylvania.—I am, yours fraternally,

G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M.

**LEGITIMATE CANVASSING.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There appears danger of the line between fair and unfair canvassing being so often overstepped as to become obliterated; and when canvassing papers are distributed at the very door of Grand Lodge, as has been done in the Craft, and was done only last week in the Mark, it really seems time that some steps should be taken to uphold both the dignity and purity of election.

It is true that last week when the attention of the acting G.M.M. was called to the fact, he used words of well merited condemnation, but should not some action be taken to prevent the possibility of such an improper proceeding, which has surely reached a climax when brethren permit themselves to state (as was done on the 31st ult.) that the papers requesting votes for certain names were issued with the entire approval of certain high authority.

I purposely abstain from mentioning names, but regret to add that the same reticence was not displayed by the enthusiastic partisans I have referred to, and it may well be considered matter of congratulation that such questionable tactics were eminently unsuccessful.—Yours fraternally,

A. H. BATEMAN,  
G.M.O. Kent.

June 6th.

**GRAND MARK LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your report, in your last week's issue, of the appointment of Grand Officers my name appears as "H. C. Jepps," probably owing to my undecipherable autograph in the Grand Tyler's book. Will you permit me to correct it, and to subscribe myself yours fraternally,

HENRY JEFFS, G.I.G.,

P.M. 10, P.P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire.

Gloucester, June 6th.



**AN OLD WORLD FREEMASON.**

I had no notion when I sent the transcript of Cadeby's will, and two or three jocular remarks of my own thereto appended, that any of your readers would have read the latter "au serieux." The only point noticeable in the entire extract is the fact of the appearance of the particular letters on the Zona (I won't call it apron this time). Of course, as suggested, they may have been intended to stand for anything, "Bob and Jerry" for instance—only I do not myself think that they were.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



**Craft Masonry.**

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Dicker, W.M.; Todd, S.W.; F. Izant, J.W.; Poole, Treas.; Hall, Sec.; Haynes, S.D.; Scarth, I.G.; H. Jacobs, P.M.; Maidwell, P.M.; Cuthberton, P.M.; W. H. Tibbies, P.M.; J. Green, P.M.; R. Pascoe, R. Smith, and F. Hoskins. Visitor: Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M. 1326, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.

The business was to initiate Mr. Frank Bull, who is leaving England for a few months, and, the ballot proving unanimous, he was introduced and initiated into ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very business-like manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening, all wishing Bro. Frank Bull a pleasant trip across the ocean and a safe return to England.

**MOUNT MORIAH LODGE (No. 34).**—On the 26th ult., this lodge met for the last time before the adjournment for the summer months, and though the members did not attend in the usual strength, those who were present, and the visitors also, had much to interest them and profit by in the excellent working displayed. Bro. Gribbon, W.M., opened lodge with the aid of the following officers: Bros. T. Blance White, S.W.; A. C. Thorpe, J.W.; Lincoln Turrell, acting S.D.; E. Postans, J.D.; H. Matthews, acting I.G. Bro. Havelock Collins, was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Bowley was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The solemnity of the ritual was greatly enhanced by the perfect working of every officer. The very important part played by the Deacons fell in each ceremony on the J.D., who displayed a thorough knowledge also of the duties of the S.D. A word in passing is also due to Bro. Matthews for his efficient service as I.G. He is but young in Masonry, and the correct way with which he officiated showed that he diligently seeks, and is not above, instruction. The ordinary business did not present much of interest to the outer world, and the concise way in which Bro. Hales, Secretary, put voluminous correspondence and circulars before the lodge greatly facilitated business. We may mention, for the early information of absent brethren, that it was resolved to have the usual summer excursion on the fourth Thursday in June, the rendezvous being the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, the attraction to which is as ever great. (The italics will be understood.) Bro. Perkins, Treasurer, reported a satisfactory financial condition, and ten guineas were voted to Bro. Atterbury's list for the Boys' Festival. Bro. Hales read letters explaining the absence of the worthy brother last named, and also of the S.D., each having had a loss in his family circle. The Secretary, in very touching language, referred to the affliction which had fallen upon those brothers, and he was requested to write them in the name of the lodge, offering consolation and sympathy. Bro. Hales undertook that duty, remarking that he knew from his own experience how such expressions from brethren helped to assuage grief.

After the greetings of the visitors had been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which fully maintained the name of Mount Moriah for hospitality. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the excellent music contributed by members of the lodge and some of the visitors, the songs being accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Southgate, whose extemporised accompaniments to songs of which he had no copy were marvellously good. The last addition to F.C. proved

himself a great acquisition to the musical strength of the lodge, while, if we mistake not, the new W.M. will be found an adept on the cello. Many pleasant evenings are therefore anticipated, and Bro. Southgate, when acknowledging the thanks tendered to him by the W. Master, said he should be most happy to do all he could, so far as his musical powers were concerned, to add to the gratification of the members and enhance the beauty of the ceremonies.

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE** (No. 1745).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Simpson, W.M.; J. Lister, S.W., W.M. elect; Schultz, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., acting S.D.; Sherer, I.G.; J. Young, I.P.M.; and many others. There was also a numerous attendance of visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, three brethren were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M. The ballot having been taken for a Mr. Herbert, he was ably inducted into Craft mysteries by the I.P.M. Bro. James Lister, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Young, who, in an admirable manner inducted him into the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. Lardner, as S.W.; E. Lardner, as J.W.; T. C. Walls, as D.C.; and Kent, P.M., I.G. Among the officers appointed were Bros. Herbert, S.W.; Schultz, J.W.; Lardner, Treasurer; Jackson, Secretary; Suakind, S.D.; Sherer, J.D.; Falck, I.G.; Walls, D.C.; Lott, Mus. Doc.; Organist; Prower, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. T. Simpson, I.P.M. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Young, for his services as installing officer. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; Dr. Lott, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts received full justice.

An excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music followed. Bros. Scharten, J. Young, P. Lardner, and Schultz, being the principal performers.

**QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE** (No. 2076).—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. From various causes the attendance was rather small, but the proceedings proved of great interest. Among the brethren and visitors present we noticed Bros. R. F. Gould, P.S.G.D., in the chair; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, W. H. Rylands, J. Lane, W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland; W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; J. Liddell Macgregor Mathers, J. Leach Barrett, C. Kupferschmidt, W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; and G. W. Speth, Sec.

The somewhat voluminous minutes of the preceding lodge meeting having been confirmed, the following brethren were balloted for as joining members, and unanimously elected, viz.: Bros. Jno. Lane, Torquay, author of "Masonic Records, 1717-1886;" Wm. John Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., G. Steward of Grand Lodge of Ireland, and a member of the Senate of Dublin University; and E. T. Budden, of Wimborne, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset and Hon. Sec. of Dorset Masonic Charity. Bro. Lane, being present, returned thanks for himself and fellow candidates.

The report of the Special Committee on lodge meetings was approved, and a motion in conformity therewith passed, by which the lodge meetings will in future be held on the first Fridays in January, March, May, and October, and on the 24th June and the 8th November. The next business was the announcement of the election to the membership of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle of 41 candidates, who had applied for admission since the last meeting in March. The names follow in order of application, viz.: Bros. W. J. H. Saunders, Grand Haven, Michigan; H. Riddiford, Newton, Kansas; P. Temples, member of G.O. and S.C., 33, Brussels; J. Adger Smyth, G.M. of South Carolina; W. Tesseymann, Hull, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks; G. L. Shackles, Hull, P.P.G.R. North and East Yorks; Eboracum Lodge Library, York; C. F. Hogard, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; S. M. Brice, Philadelphia; J. Da Silva, P.M. 205; Ed. Macbean, Glasgow; J. M. Levey, New York; C. T. MacClenachan, New York, Representative of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; L. E. Daniels, Mazon, Illinois; T. Poore, Clapham, P.M. 720; R. Camp, Peabody, Kansas; Wm. Lake, Editor of *Freemason*, London; G. F. Lancaster, Gosport, P.G.R. Hants; A. H. Walters, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; T. S. MacNair, Past D.G.M. Pennsylvania; T. R. Patton, Philadelphia, G. Treas. of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Pennsylvania; S. J. Dickey, Philadelphia; J. F. Knight, member of Library Committee Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Gen. Charles Roome, Past G.M. New York; T. Francis, Havant, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; Ed. Contveras, Madrid, Editor of "España Masonica;" the Honourable Sir Henry J. Burford-Hancock, Chief Justice and District Grand Master of Gibraltar; Herm. Groothoff, Gr. St. of Grand Lodge of Denmark, Copenhagen; B. G. L. Bremner, Colombo, Ceylon; C. T. W. Mouatt, Port Elizabeth, P.P.S.G.W. South Africa, East Division; the Supreme Council 33<sup>rd</sup> for Belgium; A. E. Austen Cradock, Cape Colony, P.P.J.G.W. South Africa, East Division; J. Chapman, Sheffield, P.P.G.D. Devons.; H. W. Dieperink, Somerset West, Cape of Good Hope, P.G.W. of South Africa, Dutch Constitution; N. D. Arnold, Grand Master of Rhode Island, U.S.A.; J. Sartain, Philadelphia, Director of Art Department, American Exhibition, London; Rev. J. W. Robins, D.D., Philadelphia; R. Lambert, New Orleans, Grand High Priest (i.e. G.Z.) of Grand Chapter of Louisiana; G. J. Pinckard, New Orleans, Rep. of Grand Lodge of England; John Yarker, Manchester, P.S.G.W. Greece, &c.; Col. Sir Norman W. D. Pringle, Bart., Gibraltar; A. Hohn, Berlin, Pres. of the Inner Orient of Grand Lodge Royal York, Berlin; C. Schulze, Librarian of the National Grand Lodge of Germany at Berlin; F. Burghardt, Cœnnern on Saal; C. L. Mason, Leeds, P.P.G.T. and P.P.G.H. (Arch) of West Yorks.; S. H. Simonsen, Copenhagen; A. W. Guthrie, Port Elizabeth, Cape, D.G. Sup. of W. East Division South Africa; A. Walsh, Port Elizabeth, D.J.G.D. East Division South Africa; K. Wiarda, Port Elizabeth, the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 711, Port Elizabeth, South Africa; and W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B. of England.

The Worshipful Master in the chair, in commenting on the foregoing list, pointed out its satisfactory character, as evincing the interest taken in the work of the lodge by eminent brethren in all quarters of the world. He thought the quality of the new members was no less encouraging than the quantity, as the list contained the names of many well known students, of six Grand or Past Grand Masters, of a large number of high Masonic officials, and of two lodges and one Supreme Council. Indeed, hardly a name mentioned but was distinguished for one cause or another, and he wished to emphasize the fact that the success of the lodge thus far was greatly owing to the energy and administrative ability of the Secretary, in whose fertile brain had originated the idea of forming an outer, or correspondence circle, the ever-growing members of which afforded the happiest augury for the promotion of Masonic research. In saying this, however, he had no wish to detract from the eminent services Bro. Speth acknowledged he received in carrying it out from several members, notably Bro. Hughan, to whose exertions, carrying such deservedly great weight from his well-established reputation, the adhesion of so many American brethren must reasonably be ascribed.

The Secretary then announced a no less satisfactory and remarkable list of donations to the lodge library. By Bro. Cramer, of Berlin, the current numbers of "Latomia;" by Bro. Riddiford, Kansas, the report of Kansas Grand Officers for 1887, proceedings of Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1886, proceedings of Grand Chapter, Kansas, 1886; by Bro. Lane, Court Rolls of the Manor of Paignton, Devon, Jno. Lane, 1887; by Bro. MacCalla, Philadelphia, Masonic catalogue of library of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1884, ditto for 1885, Dr. Franklin's Newspaper accounts of Freemasonry, 1730-1750, C. P. MacCalla; Life of Col. Daniel Coxe, the father of Freemasonry in America, C. P. MacCama; by Bro. Beck, Dresden, a collection of past numbers of the "Dresdener Logenblatt," proceedings at the centenary of the L. Zum Goldenen Apfel, Dresden, Nov., 1876; by Bro. Conteras, Madrid, several numbers of the "España Masonica," the "Manuel del Maestro Mason," proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Gran Oriente de España, March, 1887, "Anuario Masonico Universal," for 1887; by Bro. Moennel, Leipzig, "Vor hundert drei und vierzig Jahren," Dr. R. Maennel, 1887; "Veraenderung der Oberflaeche Italiens in geschichtlicher Geit," Dr. Rud Maennel; by Bro. Austen, Port Elizabeth, his "Treatise on the Ancient Landmarks, 1886;" by Bro. Gould, his "Athol Lodges," 1879, and his "Four Old Lodges," 1879; by Bro. Begemann, "Mecklenburgisches Logenblatt," April, 1887; by Bro. Speth, his "Royal Freemasons," 1885, and his "History of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183," 1887; by Bro. Watson, Leeds, his "Record of the Installation of Bro. T. W. Tew, &c., with historical notes of Yorkshire Freemasonry," 1885; by Bro. Crawley, Dublin, Report of Masonic Boys' School, Ireland, for 1886, Report of Masonic Girls' School, Ireland, for 1886; and by the various Editors, "Luce e Concordia," Naples, "Freemasons' Repository," Rhode Island, "La Verdad," Jamaica, and "Masonic Tokens," Portland, U.S.A. The Secretary was instructed to suitably acknowledge these presents.

Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford had also forwarded his photograph for the lodge album.

The following brethren were proposed as joining members of the lodge from the chair, and seconded by the acting S.W., viz.: Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ball, B.A. Oxon, Chaplain of Lincoln's Inn, author of a Hebrew Grammar, Hebrew Primer, "Articles on the Syriac Authors in the Dictionary of Christian Biography," and many other learned treatises; and the Hon. Sir Henry J. Burford-Hancock, Chief Justice and District Grand Master of Gibraltar, author of a "Treatise on International Fishery Laws," 1886, which was awarded a gold medal by the late Emperor Napoleon III., and of many contributions to periodical literature.

The usual amount of lodge correspondence was next attended to, and the brethren were at length enabled to settle down to the chief business of the evening, viz., the consideration of a paper read by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, P.G.D., on the "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry from a Non-Masonic Standpoint." It is needless to say that the lecture received the intelligent attention which the world-wide repute of our brother entitled him to. The object of the paper, as indicated by its title, was to demonstrate that no thoughtful enquirer, even if unaided by Masonic teaching, could refuse to candidly acknowledge that our present system of Craft Masonry is directly derived from the building fraternities of the Middle Ages; that its connection with mediæval Freemasonry is unbroken, its title to the inheritance indisputable, and the proofs thereof palpable to all the world, and independent of esoteric aid to their comprehension. A perfect master of all the details, Bro. Hughan marshalled his facts, documents, authors, and proofs with consummate skill, as was evinced by the total inability of a critical audience acquainted with the subject to pick a single hole in his argument.

An interesting discussion on some subsidiary points nevertheless arose, and was maintained by Bros. Speth, Rylands, Gould, Lane, Mathers, and Kelly, in the course of which Bro. Hughan had many opportunities of demonstrating his intimate knowledge and ready grasp of every phase of the subject, and his accurate memory of dates and other minutæ.

A vote of thanks was, of course, tendered, and gracefully acknowledged.

The W.M. in the chair desired to express, on behalf of the lodge, their gratification that since the last meeting two of their members had received the collars of Grand Officers, Bro. Bywater having been appointed to the office of Grand Sword Bearer, and Bro. W. H. Rylands having been sent up by the Lodge of Antiquity as one of the Grand Stewards of the year, and to both these brethren therefore he tendered the congratulations of the lodge on their well-merited preferment.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to partake of a frugal meal in common.

**UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE** (No. 2128).—The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, occupied the chair. The other officers present were Bros. W. Masters, P.M., S.W.; J. L. Cooke, J.W.; J. L. Potts, S.D.; E.

Carr, P.M., acting J.D.; S. B. Bolas, I.G.; H. J. Giller, P.M., and G. B. Davis, Stewards; and W. H. Bullock, Sec.

Bro. Geo. Ratliffe, P.M. 979 and 840, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, was elected as a joining member. There were three candidates for initiation, all of whom were successful at the ballot, and afterwards received their First Degree, the ceremony being gone through in an impressive and able manner by the W.M. The lodge was honoured by a visit from Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain of England. Two Committees were appointed—one to consider and report on lodge affairs generally, and the other to arrange for a picnic this summer.

Two candidates for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at the Inns of Court Hotel, where a most agreeable evening was spent.

**REGENT'S PARK LODGE** (No. 2202).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. H. P. Cama, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, J.W.; N. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; N. J. Goodchild, S.D.; J. Powdrell, J.D.; W. H. Hosegood, I.G.; Jas. Kew, Stwd.; R. Whiting, Tyler; Kew, P.M.; G. Lane, W. H. Embley, N. D. Fracis, P.M.; J. Palmer, J. Passingham, W. J. Hall, H. Jordan, H. J. Hazel, W. E. Lane, J. P. Poynter, H. C. Coffin, W. J. Holden, F. J. Holden, and C. Clampitt. Visitors: Bros. J. Gladwell, P.M. 1470; Ed. Ebrun, P.M. 85; H. Palmer, 1044; E. Clare, 1732; W. Blunt, 957; H. Dickie, W.M. 1744; J. Hemming, J.W. 1287; G. W. Osborn, W.M. elect 704; H. Rose, W.M. 704; S. Spokes, P.M. 1470; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1744; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2040, G.S. of Works for Middx.; and J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744.

The lodge was opened in due form. By request of the W.M. of the Cama Lodge, Bro. R. H. Cama, who will shortly be leaving England, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony, by permission of the W.M., being performed in a most perfect manner by Bro. James Kew, P.M. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. F. J. Holden, W. J. Holden, and G. Clampitt, which proving unanimous, they were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. N. D. Fracis, P.M. Bro. R. H. Cama returned thanks to the W.M. for his kindness in allowing him to be raised to the Third Degree in that lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. D. P. Cama, W.M., for his very handsome presents, which consisted of a bible and cushion, and square and compasses, in silver, to Bro. Kew, P.M., for three pedestals for the candlesticks, and to Bro. F. J. Holden, their first initiate, for a very handsome banner, which was admired by all.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table, where ample justice was done to the good things provided for them by their worthy host. After the removal of the cloth the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in usual Masonic style.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2040, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx, who afterwards proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. D. P. Cama, in reply, said as this was only an emergency meeting he was extremely pleased to see how well he was supported by the members and visitors. This was only the second meeting of the lodge, but he hoped it would be a representative one, he had been W.M. of six other lodges, but he felt prouder of being W.M. of this lodge than any other, and if the brethren would only work in harmony with him and amongst themselves he was sure it would be the most successful in London; and as for the working, he could see that there were few to touch it. They had amongst their members some of the best workers in Freemasonry, and men who, by their example, would make others do the same. He felt that he was only the ornamental member, but they would find that he would be a working one in the future. He knew he belonged to a country which was a conquered one; but he was proud to belong to it, and to claim as his Sovereign the beloved Queen and Empress of India. She had been a good mother and a good Queen, and they as Freemasons should feel proud of being under her rule.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and said he was pleased to see that the Regent's Park Lodge had such good members as they appeared to be. He had noticed them during that evening, and had seen how the ceremony had impressed them, and hoped they would think of what they had gone through that evening.

This toast having been responded to, the toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and received in the usual hearty manner, their responses showing their appreciation of the welcome accorded to them.

During the evening several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings with some capital songs and recitations.

**HUDDERSFIELD.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when the following officers and Past Masters were present with other members of the lodge: Bros. A. Armitage, W.M.; John Dawson, S.W.; James Brierley, J.W.; Charles K. Hare, Treas.; John W. Turner, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; George Jackson, S.D.; Samuel Crossley, J.D.; William Wood, as I.G.; Geo. Hardy, Tyler; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. E. Jowitt, P.M.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; John Burgess, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; George Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and William Hy. Jessop, P.M.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked as follows: Bro. John Shoesmith, P.M. 1783, Preceptor; First Section by Bro. Wm. Wood; Second Section, Bro. George Jackson, S.D.; Third Section, Bro. Jas. Brierley, J.W.; Fourth Section, Bro. R. Williamson, P.M.; Fifth Section, Bro. A. Armitage, W.M.; Sixth Section, Bro. John Dawson, S.W.; and Seventh Section, Bro. Samuel Crossley, J.D.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to the supper room, and paid due honour to the usual toasts, separating after spending a pleasant and instructive evening.



**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the High School for Boys', Brook Hill, Bro. E. Palmer, I.P.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers and brethren—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., Sec., P.P.J.G.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M., [D.C., P.S.G.D. Kent; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec., P.P.J.G.D. Kent; Barry, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, S.W.; W. D. Keeble, J.W.; W. G. Lloyd, J.D.; W. Sanders, A.D.C.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; W. Busbridge, I.G.; W. C. Taylor, Stwd.; W. Larder, Tyler; Jas. Griffiths, A. Lock, G. Frost, W. Young, Jas. Mitchell, D. Davies, Jas. Franking, Jas. Randall, C. Clapham, H. Towns, E. M. Taylor, A. D. Capon, W. B. Ledger, D. K. Summers, Jas. Farrier, E. Lewis, A. Moore, C. W. Scantlebury, H. Morris, J. O. Cook, R. E. Saunders, W. Pryce, H. Steward, J. J. Collins, H. Shaw, F. Hoar, and Batchelor, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. A. Cleale, W.M. 13; J. Sanderson, W.M. 700; W. Tailby, J.W. 13; W. Doddrell, S.W. and W.M. elect 615; W. Lorange, 615; L. Hancock, 13; C. Woods, 1869; G. Woods, 296; and H. Palmer, 700.

The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Stratton, and proving unanimous he was initiated. Bros. Swiss and Bull were then raised, both ceremonies being ably worked by Bro. Palmer and his officers. The ballot was then taken for W.M., and Bro. Lawson, S.W., was unanimously elected amid the warm congratulations of every member of the lodge. Bro. Coupland was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Larder, Tyler, Bros. Scantlebury and Collins were elected to serve on the Audit Committee, and it was unanimously resolved "That, as some recompense for his valuable services as acting W.M. during the past 12 months, Bro. Palmer should be presented with a Life Governorship of one of the Institutions."

Bro. Palmer at first objected to receive that which he considered too much out of the lodge funds, but ultimately did, and suitably returned thanks. A circular was read from Bro. Spencer, Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent, relative to a wish of the Provincial Grand Master that 1000 guineas should be raised in the province for a perpetual presentation to one of the Institutions, and it was resolved—"That the proposal receive the hearty support of the lodge." It was also resolved, and carried unanimously, that a vote of sympathy be tendered to their esteemed Bro. James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., on the great domestic affliction he has recently sustained in the loss of his wife. There being nothing further before the lodge, it was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of refreshment.

The usual loyal and Grand toasts having been honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master," was drunk with real enthusiasm.

Bro. Penfold responded for the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing said he had been a Provincial Grand Officer for two years, but would shortly have to retire among the Past Grand Officers. All things changed except Grand Lodge, for "men might come and men might go, but Grand Lodge went on for ever." It certainly was a very great honour and privilege to be a Provincial Grand Officer, and he felt that he was indebted to the lodge for having that dignity conferred upon him. There was always a great difficulty in selecting officers, and it might be some years before they had another collar in the Pattison Lodge. He did not know by what rule officers were selected by; but he knew that their noble Provincial Grand Master tried to give a fair share of the purple to every lodge in the province. At times the toast was drunk in a perfunctory manner, yet he knew that unless their Provincial Grand Master and Bro. Eastes were in accord with all in the province, and especially with the Pattison Lodge, it would not be drunk with the enthusiasm that it ever received at the hands of the brethren. With respect to their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, he felt sure that their sympathies were with him in his bereavement, and they one and all sincerely hoped that T.G.A.O.T.U. would strengthen and support him under it.

Bro. Palmer (who is a genial and enthusiastic Mason) was loudly cheered when he rose to respond for a hearty reception of his health. He said it was pleasant to know that his endeavours to carry out the duties entrusted to him met with their approbation, and he desired to thank them for the assistance and support he had always received from them during the present year. He was also pleased to know that it had been a very successful year, although not so successful, numerically, as the preceding one, as during that year he had initiated 16 good and worthy men into Masonry. In the present year he had initiated nine, and two had joined the lodge. The Pattison Lodge had of late years been making great strides, as the following figures would show: In the years 1882-3-4 the members numbered 93; the following year, 95; last year they had 110 members; and this year they numbered 121 members good on the books; this increase would show the great progress the lodge had made, especially during the last two years. During the time he had presided over the lodge he had endeavoured to carry out the duties appertaining to the office in the best possible manner, trying to maintain the dignity of the chair, striving to preserve pure and unsullied the prestige of the lodge, endeavouring to keep the unity and brotherly love which should at all times distinguish men and Masons, and, above all, to hand down to his successor the warrant as unsullied and as unstained as when he received it.

Several other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first meeting (after the long recess) of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the Railway Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Wm. Robert Vassila, P.G. Std. Bearer Middx., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. J. Lawrence, S.W.; E. A. Smith, J.W.; Fredk. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; C. W. Baker, S.D.; W. Walters, J.D.; W. H. Walters, I.G.; J. A. Wilson, D. of C.; J. C. Goslin, A.D. of C.; R. J. Morley, Org.; A. Lawton and J. R. Cox, Stwds.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., I.P.M.; E. J. Whelan, W. H. Davey, R. H. Sworn, L. Schofield, W. Kite, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Louis Beck, P.P.G. Org. Middx., P.M., &c.; J. J. Pakes, P.M., Sec. 871, P.Z. 140, &c., and others.

The minutes of the lodge held on September 18th, 1886, and of the emergency meeting held on February 4th, 1887, were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken in favour of the admission of Messrs. Luther Schofield and Wm. H. Drew, and Mr. Luther Schofield, being in attendance, was introduced and initiated. Bros. W. H. Davey and R. H. Sworn were afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C., the work being admirably done. The deaths of three old members were announced, viz., Bros. Henry Potter, P.M. 11, late W.S. for many years to this lodge; Edwin Gilbert, P.G.P. Middx., P.M., and for several years Treasurer; and Stephen Corson, who, in consequence of his professional duties as a mariner's engineer, never took office. Letters of sympathy and condolence were ordered to be sent to the widows and families of the deceased members. With very great regret it was announced that Bro. Rev. R. Sedden had resigned his membership of the lodge. Several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. Bro. W. R. Vassila, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M., was unanimously chosen as the member whom the lodge would recommend for promotion for higher honours in the Province of Middlesex. Notices of motion were given by Bro. J. Lawrence, S.W.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., I.P.M.; and Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.—"That, in addition to the usual seven guinea P.M.'s jewel, a P.M.'s collar and jewel be added; the 10 guineas to purchase those articles to be taken from the lodge funds." The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., P.Z. 73, and an old Royal Arch Mason, whose exaltation took place on May 1st, 1856, announced that their dear and highly esteemed friend and brother, Comp. Joseph John Marsh, M.E.Z. 1326, had on 14th May Provincial Grand Chapter honours bestowed on him by being appointed P.A. G.D.C. He stated he was certain that that honour had been given to one whose conduct justly entitled him to it. Only the day before he had been assisted by their Bro. J. J. Marsh in securing the election of the widow Mrs. George (whose late husband—Bro. J. W. George, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and P.M.—died at his post, being also Sec. 1309, on 22nd December, 1886) on the Female Annuity Fund. He (as was usual with him whenever he took up a case) arrived early before mid-day at Freemasons' Hall, and worked zealously with other friends to secure her election. Everyone seemed very pleased at his appointment, and he was warmly congratulated by all present. The Treasurer was absent, caused by a heavy domestic calamity. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent him expressing the unanimous sympathy of the lodge. The Secretary made an eloquent appeal for support to the Masonic Charities. He told them in forcible terms he must and would have Stewards for all three Charities in 1888. There was, as usual, a prompt and hearty response. Subject to certain conditions of Secretary's support these members were accepted as Stewards for 1888—Bros. James Clark Goslin, A.D.C., Benevolent; James Lawrence, S.W., Boys. The Girls', being its centenary anniversary, he intended to make a direct and special appeal for several Stewards—he hoped to be helped by the Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges—whom he trusted to see present next time. There were those who were not present he knew would stand. He could not hope to again secure two members next year who would become Stewards to all three Charities as they had done this year.

Business ended, the lodge was closed. In consequence of illness at home the W.M., Bro. W. R. Vassila, was unable to preside at the banquet table, and Bro. J. J. Marsh, I.P.M., presided. All the toasts were duly given and responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual meeting of this lodge, for the purpose of installing Bro. Geo. Lowden as W.M. for the ensuing year, was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. J. I. Lace, W.M., supported by his officers, members, and visitors. The minutes confirming the election were read, and Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was invited to take the chair, when the W.M. elect was presented and installed with all the honours, and listed the following as his officers: Bros. Dr. Lace, I.P.M.; H. J. U. Kitbrick, S.W.; J. Bewley, J.W.; Jas. Routledge, Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. J. Harvey, J.D.; J. Dickson, D. of C.; D. Tolson, I.G.; and J. Gordon, Tyler. Among the brethren that signed were Bros. Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. T. Allatt, A. Cross, J. Wakefield, and others. Bro. B. Craig delivered the customary addresses in a very able manner. The Treasurer intimated that a statement of accounts would be ready for next regular meeting.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due form, and, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, all sat down to an excellent supper, and with a long toast list, songs, and recitations, a very enjoyable evening was spent, ending with the Tyler's toast.

**TONBRIDGE.**—Medway Lodge (No. 1678).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when Bro. W. B. Hughes was installed W.M. by Bro. G. D. Warner, the I.P.M. The newly-installed Master appointed the following officers—Bros. D. Cornfoot, S.W.; W. G. Stidolph, J.W.; A. Dunk, S.D.; B. Wadmore, J.D.; S. W. Shaw, Treas.; R. Preston, Sec.; M. Jackson, D.C.; A. Burslem, Org.; G. Tyler, I.G.; and W. Austen, Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Norton, M.P.; C. H. Hogben, P.M.; J. Court; E. Monckton, P.M.; J. Abrey, P.M.; B. S. Wilmot, P.M.; W. C. Punnett; F. S. Warne, Prov. S.G.W.; A. Spencer, Prov. G.S.; N. Strange, Holmesdale and Pantiles Lodges; the W.M.'s of the Holmesdale and Hythe Lodges; G. F. Vartey, Weald of Kent Lodge; and J. E. Lovett, P.M.

After the transaction of the usual business the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown, where a banquet was held, at which the newly-elected W.M. presided over a good attendance.

"The Health of the Newly-Elected Master" was proposed by Bro. Hogben, and drunk with full Masonic honours.

Other toasts were duly honoured and there was some excellent singing.

**THORNTON HEATH.**—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. H. Ranson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Charles Tarry, S.W.; F. T. Ridpath, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treasurer; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, Secretary; J. Kilvington, S.D.; E. Samuel, J.D.; G. S. Horsnail, Stwd.; R. G. Fleming, I.G.; J. Sargeant, P.M.; F. C. Baler, P.M.; F. W. Pascall, P.M.; C. Daniell, P.M. 65, and a numerous attendance of lay members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Fred. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; W. Pile, P.M. 1892, P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Dickson, 1829; J. P. Streeter, P.M. 463; J. E. Fox, P.M. 297; E. M. Mitchell, P.M. 720; W. Garnett, P.M. 720; W. Goode, 1604; R. W. Wilson, 2054; W. Burr, I.G. 880; E. T. Taylor, 1567; W. Staley, J.W. 1597; F. Hamplin, 1365; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; T. J. Cuthbert, Stwd. 1815; J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report, showing a substantial balance in favour of the lodge, was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Ranson. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; J. Kilvington, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treasurer; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; E. Samuel, S.D.; R. G. Fleming, J.D.; S. Clarke, I.G.; P. Budd, D.C.; C. Tarry, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Ranson, I.P.M., in a fluent and highly creditable manner.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial and well-served repast.

The usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured, and received with the customary heartiness.

The Worshipful Master having given "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," proposed "The Grand Officers," and said they were honoured that evening with the presence of one of that body in the person of Bro. F. West, P.G. Stwd. As they were all aware, he was also the D.P.G.M. of Surrey, and all would agree that he performs his duties with the utmost credit to himself and the satisfaction of the province. On many occasions it had been his privilege to thank Bro. West for various acts of kindness, and when they considered that there were thirty-two lodges and twelve chapters in Surrey under his guidance, they would all understand that he was specially indebted to him for his presence on that occasion.

Bro. Fred. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, P.G. Stwd., in reply, said it was a novel experience to have his name associated with the toast of the Grand Officers, for usually he was asked to respond for the province to which he belonged. However, the W.M. had been kind enough to call upon him to reply for the Grand Officers, and he believed he might respond on that occasion. The Officers of Grand Lodge had many important duties to perform for the Craft, and he hoped they would have the assistance of some of their number at the consecration of the chapter, in the formation of which the W.M. had taken such a great interest. He was quite sure the Grand Officers looked with pleasure upon any Masonic meeting where the Masonic ritual was properly worked and the principles practised. That was done whenever Bro. Hobbs was connected with the work, for although he was comparatively a young Mason, he had the capacity for working, and also had the facility for presiding over the lodge and engendering the true feeling of brotherly love. Under those circumstances he considered it a privilege to be present and be called upon to reply for the Grand Officers, although he regretted there was not a more important member of that body present upon whom the duty would have devolved.

Bro. Ranson, I.P.M., said the brethren were all aware that the toast he had to propose was "The Health of the W.M." He considered it an honour that that duty should have fallen upon him, as it was the first time he had had the privilege of proposing the health of the W.M. of that lodge. It afforded him considerable pleasure, for he had been associated with their W.M., and had worked with him in the interests of the Old England Lodge, and he was convinced the brethren would all join him in heartily drinking the health of Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, W.M., and wishing him a prosperous and successful year of office. They possessed in their W.M. a gentleman and a good Mason, who was at all times ready and willing to assist a brother in any Masonic work in connection with that or any other lodge, and one who was ever foremost in movements for charitable purposes. The work Bro. Hobbs had done in Masonry was known to all present, and he could remember with pleasure that when their W.M. was initiated he (the I.P.M.) performed the interesting work of J.D. He had for some time carried out the duties of Secretary in a manner that was beyond praise, and no further comment would be needed to ensure the toast an enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M., in reply, said that to a nervous man his position presented many difficulties, but it was with the greatest pleasure that he found himself W.M. of his mother lodge. It mattered not how many lodges one belonged to, there was always a peculiar feeling of regard and attachment for one's mother lodge, were the light of Masonry was first seen. Up to the present time he had received nothing but kindness and consideration from every member of the lodge, and he was especially pleased at this opportunity of noticing this interesting fact. He could not say, as was usually the case with occupants of the chair, that he had filled nearly every office in the lodge, for the only post he had held was that of Secretary. It was a most unexpected pleasure, a short time ago, to find there was a likelihood of his occupying his present position. He then heard that Bro. Tarry had found his business engagements so heavy that it was impossible for him to go on, and he considered it was very much to his credit that he had decided to wait and stand on one side until he was able to give time to the duties. Bro. Tarry was a young man, and if in time he came to them and expressed his desire to work in office, they would be only too pleased to see him in the chair, when he would no doubt carry out the duties in the same satisfactory manner he had the other offices he had held. On more than one occasion when Bro. Tarry was S.D. he



was highly complimented on the way in which he had performed the important duties. Bro. Ridpath would have been in the chair, but was W.M. of another lodge. All he could say was that he would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. He was afraid that as their I.P.M. had had plenty of work he should not have any candidates, but was glad to hear their Secretary propose a gentleman for initiation who was well known. He begged to tender his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they had received him on that, the first occasion, as W. Master. Before he resumed his seat he would give them "The Visitors." They were favoured with a numerous body of visiting brethren whom they were delighted to see, and he asked the members to show them, by the hearty manner in which they received the toast, that they were heartily welcome. It was a good thing to visit a lodge, and he had learned many things by those visits. It was carrying out one of the principles of the Order—"Brotherly Love," and the more they visited the more likely they were to carry out that great principle.

Bro. J. Streeter, in reply, said he was flattered by the honour conferred upon him by coupling his name with the toast, and begged to return sincere thanks for the hearty reception accorded the visitors. It was not the first time he had visited them, for he was invited some time ago, when he spent a very pleasant evening, and made up his mind to accept every invitation he received to attend their lodge. He had been very pleased at the way in which the work had been carried out, and the installation of the Worshipful Master had been performed in a highly creditable manner by the I.P.M. Bro. Ranson, I.P.M., was a young Mason, and the difficulties he must have gone through in acquiring the necessary knowledge to perform that ceremony were very considerable, but to render it in such style reflected great credit upon him. Before he concluded he would pay a tribute of respect to one of the founders. Their lodge had risen to its present high position under the guidance of the old veteran, his esteemed friend, Bro. Foulsham, P.M., Treas. So long as the lodge was guided by such men, so long would it continue to occupy a prominent position in the Craft.

Bro. Pile, P.G.S.B. Surrey, also responded.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, having replied for "The Charities," and made a strong appeal on behalf of the Institutions,

The W. Master said it was his duty to propose "The Health of the Immediate Past Master." He was sure they would all agree with him that perseverance, industry, and love of Masonry were characteristics of Bro. Ranson, I.P.M. There was no brother whom he knew that took a greater interest in the Craft or devoted more time and energy to it than the I.P.M. He had also paid some attention to the Charities, having represented them as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, when he took up £63. He had introduced into their lodge the work of rendering the charge to the Initiate, and the tracing board lecture in the Third Degree. He was also the first W.M. of the Old England Lodge who had installed his successor with the exception of Bro. Foulsham. He had not over estimated his ability, but had now distinguished himself for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. Bro. Ranson left the chair with the esteem and regard of all, and he (the W.M.) had the great pleasure of presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the lodge. It was the earnest wish of all the members that Bro. Ranson would long be spared to wear it, and to assist the W.M. in carrying out the work of their lodge.

Bro. W. H. Ranson, I.P.M., said he did not know how to respond for the toast, for he was afraid he hardly deserved all the praise bestowed upon him by the W.M. They all knew how hard he had worked in Masonry, and that he had spent a great deal of time in it. He could remember that when Bro. Foulsham came to him and asked him to take the office of I.G., he told him he must work if he accepted the collar. He could safely say he had done so, for he started to work from that moment, and had been in office for the last six years. He had been a Mason seven years, and he felt a gratification that he had done as much as he had. He was proud to be standing between two men like the W.M. and the Treasurer, and he hoped to be connected with such Masons for many years. He thanked them heartily for the handsome jewel, which he should be proud to wear as a token of the regard felt for him by those he saw around the table.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Kilvington.

**SHANKLIN (I. of W.)**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—At a meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 26th ult., the following were present: Bros. Alfred Greenham, P.M., W.M.; John Bailey, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; F. Rayner, S.W.; James Conner, P.M., as J.W.; F. Cooper, P.P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; L. Colenutt, Sec.; A. F. Swayne, S.D.; H. A. Matthews, J.D.; J. W. Cantelow, I.G.; Mew, Tyler; G. H. Matthews, R. Young, J. B. Middleton, and A. W. Wadham. Visitor: Bro. H. Orchard.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. W. Wadham was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Alfred Greenham, W.M. The W.M. then rose and proposed a resolution for the transfer of the mortgage to Bro. McQueen at a reduced rate of interest, and entered fully into the details of the financial position of the lodge, showing the number of members a few years back was not enough to bear the expenses, or even the interest money and Grand Lodge dues. He pointed out that the efforts during Bro. Bailey's and his own two years of office would reduce the debt £400, so far as interest was concerned, and after this year £19 that was previously paid for interest would now be used to extinguish capital in the form of voluntary loans, lent free of interest. The loan of last year by Bro. Bailey and himself he hoped to extinguish by a method which he should announce at the banquet table, and which would free the lodge altogether of that liability, and he tendered Bro. Bailey his very sincere thanks for the earnest manner which he helped to carry out his various schemes to reduce the debt. This year he was determined to get the £100 under the Jubilee Commemoration Fund, and if any balance was required subsequently to be made up, he intended to create a voluntary loan of £2 10s. only, which would be repaid by the interest now paid to the present mortgagee, and be voted half-yearly. This would in no way rob the lodge of its

funds, and soon extinguish this small loan, if it becomes necessary in the autumn to raise it. The W. Master then announced that he had received a donation and the patronage from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Upper Lanarkshire, Bro. Captain Hector M'Lean, to the Chine Lodge Jubilee Commemoration Fund, and read a letter, in which he expressed his pleasure to help the lodge. Bro. Hector M'Lean was also a patron of the Masonic Exhibition, and attended the opening of it. He was also present at the banquet, and it was a proud assertion to make that three Provincial Grand Masters sat on either side of him. Bro. Conner was his Provincial Grand Secretary when he lived in Scotland, and introduced him by letter last year. This letter read proved to him that his interest in the Exhibition and his reception by the lodge has not been forgotten, and he felt proud that, in addition to the honour of the name of their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., on the marble memorial to be erected, they would have a Scotch Prov. Grand Master also. He had also the pleasure to announce a similar donation from Bro. Count des Geveys, P.M., whose interests in the exhibition and that lodge it would be impossible for him to speak too highly of; also a very old friend of the lodge, Bro. George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middx. Bro. Kenning's kindness to that lodge since he first visited them, and the hearty approval given to all their efforts, was very gratifying to him as Master, and must be to all of you. Another similar donation, and another honour to the lodge, remains to be told. The present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Eve, has sent his patronage to their Fund, that was a very great honour, for they had the singular position that Bro. Cama gave his patronage when he was Grand Treasurer, which entitles him to rank on the memorial as such, and now Bro. Eve does the same. He should, therefore, put them both as Grand Treasurers, with the year, after their title, in which they held the office. That was, indeed, a great honour to the lodge and to him, and he felt grateful and proud that their efforts to help themselves were not only recognised, but aided by such Grand Masters as they would have on their Commemoration Fund.

Bro. John Bailey, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., seconded the motion of the W.M. He had no fear that the balance would be forthcoming now the amount subscribed amounted to nearly £80, and several prominent members of the lodge would yet subscribe when they returned to Shanklin. He did his best to help the W.M., and he looked on the future of Chine Lodge with more hope and far less anxiety than ever he did before.

The Worshipful Master then rose and said it gave him much pleasure to present from Bro. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon, his photograph. It had been promised him some time ago, and he felt sure it would be one valued by all. Bro. Chapman had visited their lodge several times, and this highly complimentary letter shows his remembrance of Chine Lodge will be a pleasant one. He should always remember his kindness to him, coming from Ventnor at some risk to his health to deliver his lecture on the "Great Pyramid," and which resulted so financially favourable. Again at his installation this year he generously gave £5 5s. to the Jubilee Fund, and he believed to their brethren at Ventnor he was equally generous and joined their lodge. He only wished it had fallen to their lot for him to have resided here, for he felt quite sure they could have relied on his aid in any enterprise for the reduction of the debt, which he had had several conversations with him about, and he heartily approved of his effort, and was helping him among his friends in the North. He proposed that they convey their thanks to him, and assure him he is not likely to be forgotten in Chine Lodge.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., and carried unanimously.

The W.W. having proposed a candidate for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the banqueting room to their usual repast.

**HANLEY**—Gordon Lodge (No. 2149).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge, Bro. J. Lovell Hamshaw, took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Bromley, P.P.S.G.W., the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Piercey, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Mountford, P.P.G.O.; and J. B. Ashwell. The following officers were subsequently appointed: Bros. H. Palmer, S.W.; J. West Jones, J.W.; John Warner, Treas.; J. B. Piercey, Sec.; T. Taylor, D.C.; J. Charlesworth, S.D.; W. H. Jackson, J.D.; Inglis Bervon, Org.; G. W. Bradford, I.G.; W. J. J. W. Heath and W. N. Wilson, Stewards; and W. Wood, Tyler. Amongst the visitors at the ceremony was the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster S. Gough.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided by Mr. Higgatt, of the Piccadilly Restaurant, Bro. Munro supplying the wines. The W.M. presided. After the repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

The Silverdale Glee Party added to the pleasure of the proceedings by contributing choice musical selections. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Bickley, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Tooth, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Folker, P.P.G.R.; J. Webberley, P.P.G.R.; Rev. E. D. Boothman, P.P.G.C.; G. C. Kent, P.A.G. Sec.; D. Smith, P.J.G.D.; J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Weston, P.G.S.B.; J. Smith, W.M. 460; and A. S. Walters, W.M. 546.

Some who are outside the pale of Freemasonry are prone to declare that gastronomy engrosses the attention of its members. The brethren of the ancient Craft know better, and that the noble cause of Charity, without which we are told religion is a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, is one of the foremost objects of the great organisation which in England has at its head the Heir Apparent to the Throne, who a few years since, on the occasion of a visit to Portsmouth, was received by the members of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, in whose inaugural ceremonial the Duke of Connaught, now Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, took a leading part. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, which is to be held in London next Wednesday, a brother will propose a grant of £6000 to the Masonic Charities (three in number), another £1000 each, as a special Jubilee offering, in addition to the large sum anticipated as the result of the great meeting to be held on the 13th proximo.—*Portsmouth Times*.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511)**.—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. N. H. Hosegood, 1044, 2202, W.M.; J. K. R. Cama, 2105, S.W.; J. L. King, 657, J.W.; A. Giddings, 1194, S.D.; W. Ruffe, 650, J.D.; H. J. Hazel, 1693, I.G.; J. Kew, P.M. 179, acting Preceptor; C. A. Litter, 1897, 2191, Asst. Sec.; J. Bartlett, 1637; T. Bore, 1275; Dr. J. Powdrell, 1744, 2202; F. J. Holden, 2202; and H. Bangs, 1648, 2202.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bartlett acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bros. W. Rule, 651, and F. J. Holden, 2202, were elected joining members. The S.W. was duly elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489)**.—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Dutton, W.M.; Draper, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Gray, Treas.; Lowe, Sec.; Green, S.D.; Larter, J.D.; Hart, I.G.; Forss, Preceptor; Saint, P.M.; and Bishop.

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. Draper, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Draper was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting; and he promised, after the usual business of the lodge, to give a lecture on the tracing board.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540)**.—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 7th inst., when there were present Bros. Roots, W.M.; Austen, S.W.; Renaut, J.W.; Fullick, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; Ladds, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Arrowsmith, Chapman, and Emblyn.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Roots requested Bro. Austen to occupy the chair and work the ceremony of initiation, which he did, with Bro. Ladds as candidate. Bro. Austen then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Roots, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Austen was presented as W.M. elect, and received the benefit of installation, and after being duly saluted he invested his officers, and again vacated the chair for Bro. Roots to close the lodge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor proposed the S.W. as W.M. for the next meeting—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of every brother, 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 1st inst., when there were present Bros. W. Richards, W.M.; W. Wingham, S.W.; A. Buller, J.W.; F. G. Swan, S.D.; E. F. Debenham, J.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. A. Fowler, H. Newland, H. Sammons, Carlo Grassi, A. Cogliati, R. Kirk, F. Kedge, C. Lambert, G. H. Reynolds, W. Hancock, F. M. Noakes, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Grassi. Bro. H. Newland having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Hancock, offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Richards resumed the chair as W.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. J. A. Farlow, W.M. 28, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. E. F. Debenham, and seconded by Bro. H. Newland. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Wingham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767)**.—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Pembroke-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Dresden, S.D.; Swann, J.D.; Greelish, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; Rayner, P. J. Davies, Fayers, W. C. Williams, W. B. Neville, and Tucker.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Tucker and Neville candidates respectively. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Greelish was elected a joining member. Lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012)**.—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; J. H. Wood, F. Craggs, J. Worth, and C. Hopkins.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. J. Worth offering himself as a candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. A. Williams, offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams being candidate. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. Davies proposed, and Bro. W. W. Williams seconded, that Bro. Wood be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. J. Davies proposed the formation of a Committee to carry out the duties of Stewards to the supper, to consist of Bros. G. Gardner, W. W. Williams, J. Sims, F. Craggs, and J. Davies, to meet at 9.30 on Monday—carried unanimously. After hearty congratulations, given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE**.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Wood, W.M.; Ruffe, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Gibbs, S.D.; Partridge, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Coe, Boulton, and Hetherington.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Ruffe, assisted by the brethren. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Hetherington as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ruffe, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Ruffe returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be inscribed on the minutes to Bro. Wood for the able way he had rehearsed the ceremony of the evening for the first time in his Masonic career. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced the working of the Fifteen Sections at the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, Mire Tavern, Chancery-lane, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

**DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. A. Bovey, W.M.; C. Powling, S.W.; C. Hind, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M. Preceptor; C. Hind, Hon. Sec.; W. Greig, W.M. 299, S.D.; F. Snowdon, J.D.; March, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; T. Willis, P.P.G.S. of Wks., P.M.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343; P. Jones, P.M. 1837; J. Call Weddell, P.M. 1837; and F. Barton. Visitors: Bros. E. T. Lancaster and Edwards, 93 (S.C.).

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The questions were put to the brethren and answered. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lancaster candidate. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Barton proposed, and Bro. Light, P.M., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. A. Bovey for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony—carried unanimously. Bro. Bovey returned thanks. The Preceptor proposed, and Bro. Greig, W.M. 299, seconded, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Powling thanked the brethren, and informed them that he would work the Second Degree, Tuesday, the 21st inst., being Jubilee Day, Bro. J. C. Weddell, P.M. 1837, proposed, and Bro. Jones, P.M. 1837, seconded, that the lodge of instruction adjourn after the next weekly meeting until Tuesday, the 4th Oct., as per bye-law No. 2—carried. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.**

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on the 6th instant. Among those present we noticed Sir Knights Mickley, M.P.S.; John Mason, V.E.; H. J. Lardner, Jun. General; W. Lake, Heard, Thomas Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treas.; George Powell, P.M.P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S.; Proudfoot, N. Prower, M.A.; J. Harris, Perratt, H. Harris, and others. Sir Knight James Terry was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight John Mason was ably installed into the chair of M.P.S., and Sir Knight H. J. Lardner was inducted as V.E. Among the officers appointed and inducted were Sir Knights W. Lake, S.G.; Ward, Jun., G.; Cubitt, Treas.; Shirley, Recorder; and the minor offices were conferred upon Sir Knights Heard, Perratt, E. A. Harris, W. W. Codd, and J. Harris. A Past Sojourner's jewel was presented to Sir Knight Mickley, I.P.M.P.S. The sum of five guineas was voted to the relief of a distressed member of the conclave.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served at the Freemasons' Tavern. Before the removal of the cloth the long array of toasts received full justice. The most notable speeches were made by Sir Knights J. Mason, G. Powell, and James Terry. The proceedings which were throughout most enjoyable terminated at an early hour.

**Order of the Secret Monitor.**

**ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE.**—The third meeting of the members of this conclave was held on the 4th inst., when Bros. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., 33°; Edgar Bowyer, 18°; A. M. Broadley, 18°; C. H. Driver, 32°; A. Gammon, 18°; Webster Glynes, 30°; F. H. Gottlieb, J.P., P.D.D.G.M.E.A., 32°; Sir Robert Harley, K.C.M.G., 18°; R. Gresley Hall, 18°; George Mickley, M.D., P.P.G.W., 30°; J. Sampson Peirce, General C. K. Randolph, 32°; H. D. Sandeman, 33°; and F. West, 18°; were regularly admitted.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. the Lord Chancellor, P. de Lande Long, A. F. Godson, M.P., Sir John Monckton, R. Berridge, Capt. Phillips, and Sir Bruce M. Seton candidates, and it was ordered that their initiation, together with that of Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, F. Binckes, H. E. Cousins, Baron de Ferrieres, A. J. Layton, P.M. 1601, Sir Love Jones-Parry, J. Barker, Rev. W. Weldon, Augustus Harris, A. E. Sansom, M.D., Chas. Gross, M.D., R. W. Sindall, and several other distinguished candidates should stand over until the next meeting, which was fixed for 15th July.

The S.R. reported that applications for many warrants for new conclaves had already been sent in, and that he hoped very shortly to be able to comply with the request of the petitioners. The Secretary was ordered to forward to Bro. Morell Mackenzie, M.D., a member of the conclave, the following resolution, moved by Bro. Dr. Zacharie, and seconded by Bro. Lennox Browne: "That this conclave desires to congratulate Bro. Dr. Mackenzie upon the distinguished honour conferred upon him and through him upon English medical science, in that he has been consulted and has so successfully performed the operation upon H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Germany, a life so dear to her Majesty, and therefore to the English people, and trust that, as a result of his skill, the Prince may be blessed with many more happy years of long life."

It was decided that all who had at present sent in their names as candidates, and all who might do so before the next meeting (if elected), should be entitled to be designated Founders of the Order in England. Communications should be addressed to Bro. W. J. Spratling, 74, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E.

The conclave was closed, and by the invitation of the S.R., Bro. Dr. Zacharie, the members present partook of his bread of plenty, and the cup of good cheer.

**Gibraltar.**

**ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.**

**GIBRALTAR.—Europa Chapter (No. 14).**—This chapter which has, since its foundation in 1861, given perfection to so many companions, distinguished no less in the world than in the annals of Masonry—amongst whom may be enumerated H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was perfected in this chapter—was, on the evening of 31st May, the scene of a most interesting ceremonial, when H.R.H. the Prince Albert Victor of Wales was perfected in the Rose Cross Degree by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, 30°. The chapter was opened shortly after 9 p.m., the following officers of the chapter being present: Ill. Bro. Sir H. Burford-Hancock, M.W.S.; and Ex. and Pt. Bros. Bryant, Prelate; Roberts, P.M.W.S., 1st Gen.; Major O'Malley, 2nd Gen.; Cottrell, P.M.W.S., Treas. and Recorder; Thornton, Grand Marshal; Major Wylie, Raphael; Creswell, D. of C.; Jerome, Capt. of Guard;

Henry, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Glassford, P.M.W.S.; Dantze, P.M.W.S.; E. T. Thornton, Col. Tweedie, Capt Davenport, Major Owen, Lieut. Burford-Hancock, B. Carver, Jun., P.M.W.S.; and Surgeon-Major Gillham Thomsett, who kindly officiated at the organ in the absence of the Organist.

His Royal Highness arrived at the Masonic Hall at 9.30, attended by his equerry, Capt. the Hon. A. K. F. Greville, and, after the usual preliminaries, was, in company with Captain Greville and Bro. J. A. Deiguino, perfected in the Rose Cross Degree with all the beautiful and imposing ceremonies peculiar to the A. and A. Rite. Those who were present will not easily forget the occasion, which was one to impress itself upon the most careless participator. The perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual, the harmonious working of the officers, the absolutely correct and appropriate arrangement of the rooms (the zealous work of that indefatigable Mason Bro. Cottrell, the Recorder) formed a "tout ensemble" which evidently sunk deeply into the hearts of the candidates.

After the ceremony, his Royal Highness honoured the brethren by joining them at the banquet, which was enlivened by the vocal talent of some of the brethren, among whom Bros. Thomsett, Cottrell, Bryant, and O'Malley, specially distinguished themselves.



The visit payable by the Festival Stewards of the year to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has been arranged to take place on Friday, the 24th inst.

The Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when the final touch was put to the arrangements for next Tuesday's meeting.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller is a candidate for representing the Ward of Billingsgate in the Common Council.

The Prince of Wales has contributed £100 towards the fund which is being raised for the Jubilee celebration in Hyde Park on Wednesday, the 22nd inst.

The Gazette of Tuesday contains the announcement that the Queen has been pleased to confer the honours of a baronetcy of the United Kingdom, on Bro. the Right Hon. Sir R. Hanson, Lord Mayor of London.

**THE LATE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**—We have received several letters from brethren for insertion in the *Freemason*, thanking their supporters who recorded their votes in their favour. As all the candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, are presumably equally thankful, it seems invidious to give a space for special cases, but we may perhaps be allowed to say that our advertising columns are open to any brother who desires to express his gratitude to his friends through the pages of the *Freemason*.

The seventh annual dinner of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, will take place on Wednesday next, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m., at the Restaurant, 1, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the catering for the Children's Jubilee Gathering in Hyde Park on the 22nd inst., has been entrusted to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who will be in sole charge of this portion of the arrangements. A better selection could not have been made. Messrs. Spiers and Pond, with their array of establishments in town and country, and, above all, with their tried conveniences and the army of attendants whose services can be made available, will be just the firm to deal successfully with such a vast programme as that of providing bountiful supplies for 30,000 children, and we have no doubt that when the celebration is over, it will be found that Messrs. Spiers and Pond have carried out their contract with complete success.

The annual preparatory meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, under the presidency of Earl Amherst. The D.P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, was unavoidably absent through a domestic affliction. Among those present were the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. A. Spencer, the Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. Thorpe, and Bros. C. P. Cox, C. Holtum, Adamson, Russell, J. Plant, P.G.O.; W. H. Donaldson, H. D. Naylor, and Warne, P.S.G.W. There were also in attendance brethren from the various lodges in Kent to the number of 105. The business of the gathering having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. H. Ward. The noble Chairman was supported by about 70 members of the Craft. The Provincial Grand Festival is fixed to take place at Dartford, on Wednesday, July 6th.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was established in 1785, celebrated its centenary festival in the Concert Hall of the Academy of Music, Baltimore, on Tuesday, the 10th ult., the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from which Maryland derived its Masonic organisation, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts being the most honoured of the Grand Lodges which were represented at the important gathering. Grand Master Shryock, of Maryland, who presided, was presented in the first place with a magnificent jewel, which had been forwarded by command of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, to Bro. Shryock as the Representative of the United Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Maryland. He was then honoured by his brethren of Maryland with a fine bronze bust of himself, which Bro. the Hon. Richard Vaux, Past G. Master of Pennsylvania, acknowledged on his behalf and at his request. The proceedings were continued on Wednesday and the day following, the whole concluding with a grand banquet. Not the least important circumstance to be recorded in connection with this meeting is that the Grand Lodge of Maryland voted a sum of 1700 dollars (£340) towards the completion of Bro. Schultz's admirable "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," of which there are ten more parts to be issued, and which, when concluded, will be found to embrace a full and complete sketch of the Craft in that jurisdiction, down to, and inclusive of its centennial celebration.

The presentation to Bro. Frederick Binckes has been postponed from the 14th to the 25th inst., at the distribution of prizes and Stewards' visit to the Institution, at Wood Green.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller rendered efficient service as Organist at the Grand Lodge last week, in the absence of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Grand Organist.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to become patrons of the Volunteer Officers' Ball, which will take place at the Royal Albert Hall on the 29th inst.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has kindly consented to lay the foundation-stone of the Victoria Jubilee Wing of the Dublin Hospital for Incurables on the 29th inst.

The Speaker and between 400 and 500 Members of the House of Commons have accepted Bro. Lord Charles Beresford's invitation to witness a series of torpedo experiments and a sham fight at Portsmouth, to-morrow (Saturday).

The Queen has been awarded by the Council of the Society of Arts the Albert Medal for distinguished merit in promoting arts, manufactures, and commerce, and the Prince of Wales, as President of the Society, has announced her Majesty's acceptance of the distinction.

Upwards of eighty boys of the Yorkshire Society Schools, Westminster Bridge-road, attended at Lords on Monday, and enjoyed a day watching the match, Middlesex v. Yorkshire, at the invitation of Bro. Lord Londesborough and Lord Wenlock, who also saw to the satisfaction of their appetites.

The early history and proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is almost ready for issue, the Index to the work being in course of preparation. There is no doubt that this history when it makes its appearance will be read with avidity, the *Keystone* of Philadelphia stating that every care is being taken in its compilation.

A Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee will be held at Bristol Cathedral, by permission of the Dean, on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st inst., at 4 p.m. The brethren will walk in procession from Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, wearing their Masonic clothing, to the cathedral, where a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, M.A., the Prov. G. Chaplain.

Dr. Morell Mackenzie performed a second operation on Bro. the Crown Prince of Germany on Wednesday, when he removed a further portion of the fungus like growth on his Imperial Highness's vocal chord. This will be subjected to the most careful and minute inspection by Dr. Virchow and other German specialists. The Crown Prince's health is in other respects entirely satisfactory.

The Honorable Artillery Company held their Jubilee Church Parade on Sunday last, when they marched, preceded by their band, from the headquarters in the City-road to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, the rector of which, the Rev. W. Rogers, is Chaplain to the Regiment. The Prince of Wales as Colonel and Captain General of the Company, and Bro. the Duke of Portland, Lieut.-Col. Commanding, were present, and the parade muster, which included light cavalry, artillery, and infantry, amounted to over 350, irrespective of the veterans.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that a new, and what is likely to prove a very important work, is in the press. The author is Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge, and the subject relates to the origin of the section of English Masons which designated itself the "ancient" society. Bro. Sadler will throw new light on the schism, and as he is known to be a careful student of our archives, to which he has such facilities of access, there is good reason to anticipate that his work will contain the development of a new theory on the subject, and for that reason is likely to prove a valuable addition to the works which have already appeared. The price to subscribers will be 6s. or 6s. 6d. carriage free to all parts of the United Kingdom.

The Freemasons have, I am glad to see, decided upon a most practical way of commemorating her Majesty's Jubilee. On Wednesday last the Grand Lodge voted £6000 as a Jubilee offering, which sum is to be divided between the three large Masonic Charities, viz., the Institution for Girls, the Institution for Boys, and the fund for providing pensions for distressed Freemasons or widows of Freemasons. In addition to this there is to be a monster gathering at the Albert Hall on the 13th inst., to vote an address of congratulation to the Queen, and as every Freemason attending it will have to pay one guinea, it is expected that a further sum of £6000 or £7000 will thus be raised; and this, too, is to be devoted to the same Institutions, all of which are admirably managed. Freemasons who wish to see how their charity is dispensed could not do better than pay a visit to the Institution for Girls. They will there find Charity coupled with cheerfulness, economy with comfort, and discipline with kindness.—*Truth*.

At the banquet after the recent meeting of Grand Mark Lodge a special toast was honoured to Bro. Colonel Patrick Stirling, of Kippendavie, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Perthshire, one of the Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and second Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. In reply to the toast, which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, Bro. Colonel Stirling said, as a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and an office-bearer in it, and also as an office-bearer in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, it had given him most extreme pleasure to be able to be present and see the work of Grand Mark Lodge of England. When he passed the Border he wanted to see the working of English Masonry. Thanks to Lord Kintore he had been able to see it, and he had taken to heart its lessons as seen in the working of the Benevolent Fund and the Benevolent and Educational Institutions, and he only hoped that this would be well followed up by the Masons of Scotland. As to the hospitality of Scottish Masonry, which had been kindly acknowledged by the proposer of the toast, he could only say that there was a geographical lesson to be learned, for however warm the hospitality was in the North, it seemed to him to get warmer the further he went South.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 18, 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, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 " 1440, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.  
 " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton.

## 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, JUNE 13.

- JUBILEE MEETING, ALBERT HALL, 3.30.**  
 Lodge 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.  
 " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham.  
 Chap. 58, Fidelity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.  
 Mark 239, Royal Naval, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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., Southwick Park-rd., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,  
 Piccadilly, W., S.  
 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, Baron's 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, at 8.  
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 14.

- Festival, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,  
 Crystal Palace, at 5.  
 Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
 " 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 2127, Drury Lane, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.  
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton 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.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington  
 Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, S.  
 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, JUNE 15.

- Lodge 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall Hounslow.  
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.  
 Chap. 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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., Ham-

- mersmith, 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, Vic-  
 toria 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.  
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16.

- Lodge 227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
 " 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.  
 " 1681, Londesboro', S, Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1385, Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hot., Barnet.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's  
 Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-  
 well, 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 Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., S.  
 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, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-  
 rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-  
 rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17.

- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 957, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond  
 Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William st., Woolwich.  
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 " 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.  
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey.  
 " 1897, Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.  
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Mark 205, Beconsfield, Chequers, Marsh-st., Waltham-  
 stow.  
 " 354, Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham-Cross.  
 " 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hot., Kew-bridge.

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